

ENLIBRA IN ACTION

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Environmental Management Principles

- National Standards, Neighborhood Solutions - Assign Responsibilities at the Right Level
- Collaboration, Not Polarization - Use Collaborative Processes to Break Down Barriers and Find Solutions
- Reward Results, Not Programs - Move to a Performance-Based System
- Science For Facts, Process for Priorities - Separate Subjective Choices from Objective Data Gathering

Environmental Management Principles

- Markets Before Mandates - Pursue Economic Incentives Whenever Appropriate
- Change A Heart, Change A Nation - Environmental Understanding is Crucial
- Recognition of Benefits and Costs - Make Sure All Decisions Affecting Infrastructure, Development and Environment are Fully Informed
- Solutions Transcend Political Boundaries - Use Appropriate Geographic Boundaries for Environmental Problems

Examples of Principles in Action

- Air Quality
- Land Issues
- Recreation
- Species Protection
- Water Planning

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument



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Unique Planning Process and True Partnership

- Planning team included five representatives of state government
- Multi-disciplinary and multi-agency development of GIS data
- CEDS Committee
 - Involving State and Local Government, Business Leaders, etc.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Partnership in Action: (The State/Governor influenced major issues in the final plan)

- **Water**
 - Allows for municipal water development and negotiation of instream water flows for the Monument
- **Wildlife**
 - Will not diminish the authority of the state for wildlife management
- **Group Size**
 - Group size increased and made more flexible
- **Filming**
 - Will allow more flexibility for filming consistent with zones
- **RS 2477**
 - Nothing in the plan extinguishes any valid existing right-of-way in the Monument
- **Wild and Scenic Rivers**
 - Allows for negotiated agreements on water rights

Utah School Trust Land and Federal Land Exchange

Governor Mike Leavitt and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt unveiled a historic land swap between the state and the federal government in May of 1998. The agreement implemented the largest public land exchange identified anywhere in the continental United States.

School Trust Land Exchange

The Federal Government Received:

- All state inholdings in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument 175,000 acres
- All state land inholdings in Utah's National Parks/National Recreation Areas 69,700 acres
- All state inholdings in the Navajo and Goshute Indian Reservations 45,200 acres
- Nearly all state inholdings within the National Forests 70,100 acres
- Alton Coal Field Tracts Previously Designated Unsuitable for Mining 2,500 acres
- Total Surface Acreage to be Received by the Federal Government 362,500 acres
- Additional Mineral-Rights-Only Acreage 90,900 acres

School Trust Land Exchange

The State of Utah Received:

- \$50,000,000 in cash immediately following enactment of legislation
- \$13,000,000 additional to be generated from the sale of unleased coal, for the benefit of the Utah Permanent School Fund
- More than 160 million tons of coal
- 185 billion cubic feet of coal bed methane resources
- A total of approximately 150,600 acres of land and minerals

School Trust Land Exchange

Benefits of the agreement:

- Diversified Portfolio for School Trust Lands
- Resolves Long Standing Disputes
- Environmental Protection for some incredible landscapes
- More Efficient Management of Lands
- Benefits Utah's Native Americans
- Existing Stakeholders and Users are Protected
- Fair and Equitable Exchange
- Economic Development Potential for State Trust Land obtained

West Desert Wilderness Land Exchange

Attributes of Exchange

- The school trust will acquire approximately 128,000 acres in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, Millard, Beaver, Iron and Washington Counties.
- **School trust administrators have carefully chosen the targeted lands** to be those that can be more intensively managed by the state for the benefit of the county economics. For example, the state will acquire BLM lands near the Intermountain Power Project, Brush Wellman and Continental Lime sites; land that can be made available to support local economic development. Other similar lands are near the towns of St. George, Cedar City, Beaver, Milford, Delta, Tintic, Tooele, and Snowville.
- **BLM will acquire 118,000 acres of school trust lands in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, Millard, Beaver, Iron, Washington and Kane Counties.**

West Desert Wilderness Land Exchange

Attributes of Exchange Continued

- Over 225 scattered school trust parcels will be consolidated into approximately 18 manageable blocks another step toward completing the goals envisioned by former Governor Scott Matheson's Project BOLD.
- **The state trust lands that will be traded to the federal government are in many cases special** – including lands in the heart of the Deep Creek Mountains and other wild West Desert areas. These lands have not generated significant revenue to the school trust in recent years. It is a win win solution for the people of Utah to protect these lands while obtaining federal lands that can be used to generate more revenue for our public schools.
- **The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve** will acquire \$6 million of school trust lands immediately outside the City of St. George to be permanently protected for open space and desert tortoise habitat.
- **The exchange will result in no net gain of federal surface acreage.** In fact, there will be a slight decrease in federal surface ownership.

San Rafael National Conservation Area

(Legislation Currently Before Congress)

- **Encompasses approximately 959,000 acres of BLM managed public lands.** Subject to valid existing rights, these lands will be withdrawn from mining, land laws, and mineral leasing.
- **Vehicular travel within the NCA will be limited to roads and trails designated for their use.**
- **The NCA encompasses six Wilderness Study Areas totaling 269,736 acres** and an additional 354,866 acres of lands with wilderness characteristics as determined by the BLM in its Utah Wilderness Inventory 1999.
- **Under the provisions of HR 3605, a four year planning process will be initiated to develop a management plan for the NCA.** The planning process will include participation from Emery County representatives and will consider the values of the Legacy District within the context of the management of the lands within the NCA.

San Rafael Western Legacy District

- **Encompasses the entire area of Emery County** (approximately 2.8 million acres). **The purpose of the Legacy District is to promote the history and cultural resources of the area** and to provide new economic opportunities to the local communities.
- **The bill establishes a Legacy Council which will provide the Secretary advice and recommendations for management of the entire area.**
- **The bill also authorizes a total of \$10 million (no more than \$1 million per year) to be available for matching grants and technical assistance.** These monies will be used for a wide range of projects, including: planning, historic preservation and educational and interpretive facilities.
- **Under the provisions of HR 3605, a three year planning process will be initiated to develop a management plan for the Legacy District.** The planning process will be largely driven by the local residents of Emery County, working in close cooperation with the BLM. The planning process will also include participation by the US Forest Service as well, since Forest Service lands are also included within the boundaries of the Legacy District.

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund

- Available to local governments, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and non-profit organizations
- Must be used to preserve or restore open and agricultural lands
- Easements must be held by a state or local government entity
- Fee interest purchases must be no more than 20 acres in size in counties of greater than 50% public land, a parcel of similar size must be transferred from public to private ownership
- Grants and loans must be matched by at least 50% of the total project value