

Building Trust

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WELCOME TO THE TRUST-LAND E-NEWS ALERT!

The [State Trust Lands Project](#) is pleased to launch our monthly e-news alert, **Building Trust**. This alert will provide land-use information and tools, share research and policy analyses, highlight innovative approaches to trust-land management, and discuss state-trust-land laws and regulations to assist trust-land managers and engaged stakeholders in meeting their fiduciary duty in the changing West. Please forward this alert to interested colleagues.

TWO NEW TOOLS

[State Trust Lands in the West: Fiduciary Duty in a Changing Landscape](#)

Highlights opportunities for adapting trust management strategies in the changing West that honors the unique purpose of state trust lands

[Building Trust: Collaborative Planning on State Trust Lands](#)

Shares best practices and recommendations for collaborative trust-land management decisions based on eight case studies

ARIZONA STATE TRUST LAND REFORM

A citizens' ballot initiative to reform state-trust-land management did not prevail with Arizona voters by the slimmest of margins in November 2006 (see [final election results](#)).

Supported by a broad coalition of teachers, business leaders, homeowners, outdoorsman, ranchers, elected officials, and conservationists, the measure would have amended Article X of Arizona's constitution relating to the management of state-trust lands by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD).



Trust lands surround many of Arizona's important natural lands and waters, including Picacho Peak, a landmark between Phoenix and Tucson.

The initiative would have protected 694,000 acres of state-trust lands, allowed local communities to better balance growth and conservation, and protected vital funding for schools.

[MORE DETAILS](#)

NEWS FROM THE FIELD: If your office has trust-land management information and tools in asset management, collaborative planning, real estate development, and/or conservation use that you'd like the Project to consider sharing through this e-news alert, send the Project an [email](#).

Across the West

Colorado: The SLB selected a developer and a conservancy for the real estate development and conservation use of [Lowry Range](#)—a 26,000 acre parcel of state-trust land southeast of Denver.

New Mexico: To help meet the growing energy needs of NM with renewable sources and to increase money for education, the SLO signed an agreement to develop a wind power facility.

Washington: The DNR Board recently approved a [trust-land exchange](#) with the Forest Board Trust for recreation and open space, creating the state's largest conservation area.

North Dakota: Voters approved Measure 1 in November to change ND's constitution to make all trust earnings available on an annual basis to the state's beneficiaries.

Announcements

[We need to hear from you.](#)

The State Trust Lands Project is considering offering a 2-3-day training course in collaborative planning based on the Project's research (see new tools, [Building Trust](#)) and led by Dr. Steven Yaffee, an experienced facilitator of collaborative land-use processes—would this training be of interest to you and your staff?

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A promising tool for state-trust-land management, collaborative planning brings multiple parties to the table with new perspectives and ideas to jointly search for solutions. Collaborative planning provides an approach to problem solving that can reduce conflict, produce enduring results, and yield higher value to the trust.

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