

Building Trust

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The [State Trust Lands Project](#) monthly e-news alert, **Building Trust**, 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.

NEW TOOLS

[State Trust Lands: Ecosystem Services](#)

A fertile area for state-trust-land managers to explore is the marketing of ecosystem services.

Increased attention is being paid to the economic values provided by the protection and restoration management of natural systems and the utilization of mechanisms that enhance revenues for land owners and managers for conservation outcomes that create public benefit.

Ecosystem Services: Public benefits produced for human communities by functioning intact natural systems

OREGON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The trust-land management activities of the Oregon DSL are guided by an [Asset Management Plan](#). Recently updated, this plan provides policy guidance and management principles to shape short and long term management direction with a goal of establishing a balanced approach to revenue enhancement and resource stewardship.

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MONTANA: WHITEFISH COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

DNRC recently completed a collaborative, community-based land use planning process to develop a [Neighborhood Plan](#) for 13,000 acres of trust lands near the town of Whitefish, a gateway community to Glacier National Park. A growing resort destination that relies on the natural and scenic surroundings of the area, the state-trust lands are under increasing pressure for development, as well as for the preservation of recreational and conservation uses. The plan ensures development occurs only on trust lands where it increases revenue without harming the character of the community.

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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

Arizona: In her [State of the State Address](#), [Governor Napolitano](#) committed to protecting the state's important natural areas by holding off auctions of state-trust lands designated for conservation under the [Arizona Preserve Initiative](#) for other uses without local consent.

Idaho: IDL is accepting applications for its [Forest Legacy Program](#) to protect threatened forest land and promote forest-land conservation.

Montana: DNRC posted a [10-year summary](#) of K-12 revenue distribution from trust lands.

Washington: DNR is exploring proposals for developing an [organic farm](#) on state-trust property.

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 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. Send the Project and [email](#).

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