

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

The Nature Conservancy, in conjunction with Sonoran Institute and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, has developed a biophysical assessment including analysis and data regarding ecological values found on state-trust lands in the West based on the world-wide efforts of The Nature Conservancy and their partners to assess the specific areas of the landscape that if managed appropriately will conserve the biodiversity of the Earth. ArcGIS data CDs were sent to all State Land Trust Managers in February. We are currently developing an online version of the assessment data that will be available using Google Earth. We will advise you as soon as that system is available.

NEW PROGRAM

The Off Highway Vehicle campaign (OHV) is kicking off a "Tread Lightly" program in Arizona. The goal is to provide practical methods of leaving a good impression on public

The [WSLCA 2007 summer conference](#) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah July 22-26.



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: ASLD continues record-breaking land sales for real estate development, recently securing [\\$110.1 million for a 1,276-acre parcel](#) east of Phoenix in Fountain Hills.

New Mexico: The SLO sold 40 acres of its 12,900-acre Mesa del Sol parcel to the National Nuclear Security Administration—the third commercial tenant in this mixed-use community.

Oregon: Highlights DSL's wetland [mitigation bank](#)—restored wetlands to generate income—among other things in its current [newsletter](#).

Utah: Clashes between SITLA and wildlife and environmental groups about trust management philosophies [to maximize revenue and preserve important natural areas](#) are in the news.

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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