

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.

SUPERSTITION VISTAS

[Superstition Vistas](#) is 275 square miles of state trust land located in northern Pinal County in Arizona. It represents one of the crown jewels in the portfolio of the Arizona State Land Department. The Sonoran Institute-Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Joint Venture is proud to continue serving on the Superstition Vistas Steering Committee, a group of public and private community leaders committed to realizing the fullest potential of this unique parcel of land. As expressed in the mission of the Steering Committee, "the Superstition Vistas area presents an unprecedented opportunity to become a global model for sustainable communities over a 50-year planning horizon". In collaboration with the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), the goal is to "create vibrant communities with a sense of place anchored by community values establishing Arizona as a leader in sustainable development." The Superstition Vistas Steering Committee wanted to think in new ways about how to develop this parcel and meet the fiduciary mandate of the Arizona State Land Department. To realize the full potential of this land, Superstition Vistas needs more than a development plan – it needs a vision and a plan that can serve as a global model for sustainable community building in an arid landscape. Therefore, the Steering Committee is seeking a [Senior Project Consultant](#), who will be responsible for undertaking a comprehensive visioning and planning process for this critical parcel. The Committee also seeks an experienced, part-time consultant to serve as the [Director of the Superstition Vistas](#), who will work with the Senior Project Consultant and handle the day-to-day aspects of the planning process.

If you know any qualified potential candidates for either of these positions, please forward the information to [Roc Arnett](#) at 480-834-8335 or contact us at [Sonoran Institute](#).

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](#): Arizona State Land Department recorded its [highest dollar amount](#) for any land sale in its history on April 17, 2007.

[New Mexico](#): Commissioner of Public Lands, Patrick Lyons, announced that the state Land office collected \$114,443,884 from oil and gas activity on trust lands during the [second quarter](#) of fiscal year 2007.

[Washington](#): The State Board of Natural Resources is considering reducing the sustainable harvest level for [Washington's forested trust lands](#).

Announcements



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

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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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