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The [State Trust Lands Project](#) quarterly 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.

TRUST LAND REFORM EFFORTS BEGIN IN ARIZONA

Stakeholders in Arizona are once again moving forward on a constitutional amendment to reform aspects of trust land management in the state. A citizens' initiative has been filed that would:

- Designate approximately 570,000 acres for conservation purposes, which would remain held and managed for compatible uses by the Arizona State Land Department.
- Require cooperation between the Arizona State Land Department and local jurisdictions around the planning of state trust land parcels.
- The state would be allowed to consider nonmonetary consideration in connection with the appraisal and sale of state trust lands and rights of way.
- The Arizona State Land Department would also be allowed to retain a percentage of the earnings on the trust for administration and management purposes, subject to legislative approval, and would publish an annual report detailing how the use of those funds is working to enhance trust land management.

If the initiative proponents are successful in gathering the required signatures to place the initiative on the ballot, it will go before the voters in November of this year.

BLM AND UTAH TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION COMPLETE IRON COUNTY EXCHANGE



Photo: SITLA

The School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently completed a land exchange involving nearly 1,000 acres of school trust land. That land, now part of the Three Peaks Recreation Area, becomes public

land while Utah's school trust receives 330 acres of federal land. The federal land outside the recreation area has greater potential for future development and thus higher potential earnings for the trust.

For a copy of the full press release please contact [SITLA](#).

Across the West

New Mexico: Phase two of Babcock & Brown's 200 megawatt Aragonne Mesa wind farm is expected to [yield nearly \\$13 million for public schools](#), according to an agreement signed this week by Commissioner of Public Lands Patrick Lyons which will enable the project to move forward on 20 acres of state trust lands in Guadalupe County.

Washington: The state Department of Natural Resources receives "[green certification](#)" in Western Washington.

Arizona: A Phoenix court rules that the Arizona State Land Department [will not receive right-of-way compensation](#) for uses of state trust land for easements issued between 1929-1967.

Announcements



The [WSLCA 2008 summer conference](#) will be held in Boise, Idaho July 13-17.

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](#).

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