

Teddy Roosevelt Approves - Protect America's Public Lands!

GREEN – State has made considerable efforts in opposition to national public land takeovers; passed pro-public land bills or defeated anti-public land bills; counties have opposed public land takeovers.

YELLOW – State has made some steps in opposition to national public land takeovers.

ORANGE – State has made little movement in opposition to national public land takeovers.

RED – **CAUTION!** National public lands in these states are in danger of disappearing! Anti-public land bills have passed through the state legislature and counties have noted their support of the public land takeovers by the state.

How do I raise my state's score?

- Check with your state wildlife federation for upcoming land grab bills. Contact you legislator and say vote "no."
- Push for your county to sign a resolution against large-scale land transfers.
- Highlight an exceptional leader with grit who stands up for our public lands.

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"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased; and not impaired in value."

—Teddy Roosevelt



President Theodore Roosevelt established our American public lands system in the early 1900s, and since then there have been a series

extremist efforts to dismantle our public lands legacy by transferring ownership to the states or private interests. The motivations for the latest attempts over the past few years have been the same: privatization and profit from exploitation. See how your state stacks up to the rest of the West.

Alaska

- Public lands: 61.8%
- Loss of state lands: 9%
- 3 land grab bills passed

AK sovereignty, US land transfer to Alaska (HB115), passed, 2016



Montana

- Public lands: 28.9%
- Loss of state lands: 13.56%
- 1 pro-public lands resolution failed

More than 12 land grab bills failed



Utah

- Public lands: 66.5%
- Loss of state lands: 45.33%
- 8 land grab or compromised management bills passed
- 2 pro-public land bills failed
- 2 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council

Salt Lake City passed joint resolution opposing public land transfers (+ 10)

Utah Public Land Management Act (HB276) positioned Utah for the transfer of public lands to the state, signed by Governor, March 2016

Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands and Private Donation for Public Lands Litigation (HB287), signed by Governor, March 2016



Arizona

- Public lands: 42.3%
- Loss of state lands: 12%
- 3 pro-public land bills failed
- 6 land grab bills failed
- 3 land/authority grab bills failed
- 4 land grab bills passed, 3 vetoed by the Governor the one remaining was for a study committee
- 2 county resolution supporting public land takeovers

Act to create committee to study land transfers (HB2658) was signed by Governor, April 2015



Nevada

- Public lands: 81.1%
- Loss of state lands: 99.9%
- 1 land grab resolution passed
- 2 land grab or compromised federal management bills failed
- 10 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council

US Senate bill passed to transfer title to certain public lands to the State of Nevada, (SJR1), May 2015



Colorado

- Public lands: 36.2%
- Loss of state lands: 35.56%
- 2 pro-public lands bills passed
- 2 bills failed for compromising federal management of national public lands
- 2 county resolutions supporting public land takeovers

Recognition of Public Lands Day Bill, SB 16-021, enacted into law May 17, 2016



New Mexico

- Public lands: 34.7%
- Loss of state lands: 30.77%
- 1 pro-public lands bill failed
- 3 land grab or compromised federal management bills failed
- 3 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council

New Mexico Public Land Legacy, Senate Memorial 11, passed by US Congress, February 2016



Idaho

- Public lands: 61.7%
- Loss of state lands: 33.34%
- 1 land grab bill enacted into law
- 3 land grab bills failed
- 1 pro public lands bill failed
- 1 county resolution supporting public land takeovers
- 1 county resolution pro-public lands



Oregon

- Public lands: 53%
- Loss of state lands: 89.66%
- 4 land grab or compromised federal management bills failed



Washington

- Public lands: 28.5%
- Loss of state lands: 10%
- 5 land grab or compromised management bills failed
- 5 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council
- 1 county resolution supporting public land takeovers
- 4 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council



Wyoming

- Public lands: 48%
- Loss of state lands: 16.67%
- 1 land grab or compromised management bill passed
- 5 land grab or compromised management bills failed
- 3 county resolutions opposing public land takeovers
- 4 counties support public land takeovers and provided funding to the American Lands Council



Study on transfer of public lands (SB56), signed by Governor, March 2015

Eastern States of note

Missouri

- Public lands: 3.8%
- 1 bill in attempted support of the transfer of national public lands to the western states killed

Ohio

- Public lands: 1.1%
- 1 pending bill in support of the transfer of national public lands to the western states

Tennessee

- Public lands: 4.8%
- 1 bill (resolution) passed and signed by the Governor in support of the transfer of national public lands to the western states

Puerto Rico

- 1 bill (Congress) that contained a provision to transfer Vieques National Wildlife Refuge to Puerto Rico - provision deleted from the bill