

Arizonans are against selling off or transferring their national public lands

IT'S UNPOPULAR

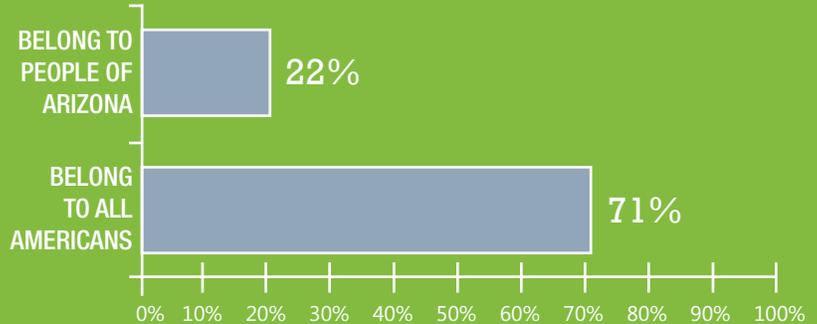
Arizonans love their federally managed land – but a few politicians want to assume state control.

Federal agencies manage approximately:

28.1 million acres or **38.6%** of Arizona land

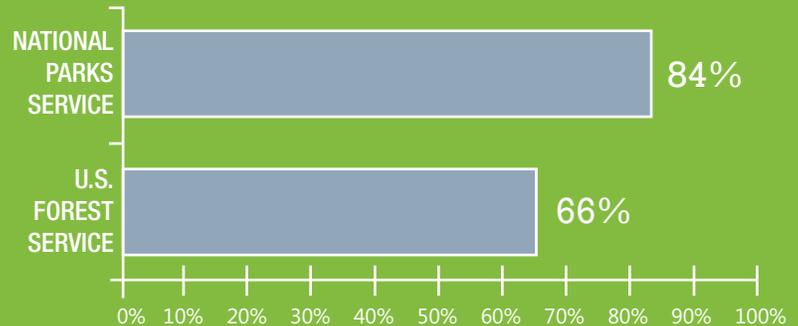
Arizona voters agree: The national forests, parks, wildlife refuges, and other public lands in Arizona **belong to all Americans.**

“Do you think of these public lands more as American places that belong to everyone in our country, or Arizona places that belong more to the people of Arizona?”



A vast majority of Arizonans **approve of federal land management agencies** in Arizona.

“Please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the job these federal agencies are doing at this time.”



WHAT STANDS TO BE LOST

Land transfer is impractical economically. What's at stake?

From 2001-2013, counties with at least 30% protected national land saw **job growth 4x faster** than counties with no protected land.

Arizonans recognize this – according to a 2013 poll:

88% of Arizonans believe that public lands are essential to the Arizona economy.

AZ OUTDOOR RECREATION GENERATES:

\$10.6 billion in consumer spending

\$3.3 billion in wages and salaries

104,000 jobs

IT'S UNFAIR



Places like Arizona's stunning

CANYON DE CHELLY NATIONAL MONUMENT

belong to every American, including future generations, to someday visit and enjoy.

IT'S EXPENSIVE

In 2014, the federal government spent **\$3.9 billion** on fire suppression and prevention.

If Arizona managed all of its public lands, it would have to cover this cost – to put it into perspective, the law enforcement budget for the entire state in 2013 was **\$220 million**.

State	FY14 USFS Suppression Costs	FY13 USFS Suppression Costs	FY13 State Law Enforcement Spending
AZ	\$50 million	\$36 million	\$220 million
ID	\$61 million	\$156 million	\$51 million
MT	\$26 million	\$83 million	\$47 million
OR	\$218 million	\$128 million	\$176 million

IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Article 4, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress **exclusive authority** over federal property, “**without limitation.**”

Arizona's Enabling Act **states**:

“That the people inhabiting said proposed State do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated and ungranted public lands lying within the boundaries thereof...”

Despite its questionable Constitutionality, states have spent massive sums of taxpayer money studying land transfer legality.

- Utah spent **\$450,000** on a study which concluded that a transfer would cost the state **\$280 million** annually.
- An Idaho legislative committee: “**Pursuing any type of litigation at this time would not be beneficial.**”
- University of Utah's Wallace Stegner Center: “**If states take over land management, fiscal realities will force more development.**”

“[Western] states have sold off 40 percent of their public lands. If the states acquired more land from the federal government why would anyone think that 40 percent of it would not be sold off too? And do we want federal lands being sold outright to the highest bidder?”

Public lands are what make living in the West living in the West.”

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