

Oregonians are against selling off or transferring their national public lands

IT'S UNPOPULAR

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

Federal agencies manage approximately:

32.6 million acres or **52.9%** of Oregon land

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

“Should these public lands belong to everyone in our country, or belong to the people of Oregon?”



Oregonians **don't think it would be fiscally responsible** to force Oregon taxpayers to foot the bill for managing America's public lands.

“Please listen to two different viewpoints and tell me which one comes closer to your own even if neither matches what you think exactly.”



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.

OR OUTDOOR RECREATION GENERATES:

\$12.8 billion in consumer spending

\$4.0 billion in wages and salaries

141,000 jobs

IT'S UNFAIR



Places like Oregon's stunning

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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 Oregon 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 **\$176 million**.

State	FY14 USFS Suppression Costs	FY13 USFS Suppression Costs	FY13 State Law Enforcement Spending
ID	\$61 million	\$156 million	\$51 million
MT	\$26 million	\$83 million	\$47 million
NM	\$33 million	\$74 million	\$114 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.”**



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.”**

“Public lands are a shared legacy of all Americans.... If transferring ownership to states and counties had become law in the Reagan years, there is a good chance that out-of-state corporations would by now control many of these local lands of significant economic value. That has been the pattern throughout U.S. history.”

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