

***THE FIGHT FOR PUBLIC LANDS ISN'T OVER***



# America's Public Land Educational Toolkit



## Utah's Push for Control over Federal Lands Continues

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear Utah's original lawsuit—and the removal of a proposed land sale amendment from a broader legislative package—state leaders remain undeterred.

## What to watch for:

### Renewed Legal Action

Although the Supreme Court declined to hear Utah's case, the state can still refile in a lower federal court or pursue new lawsuits aimed at gaining control over federal land.

### Legislative Strategy

In 2005, Utah created the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, tasked with implementing the state's public land priorities and influencing decisions at all levels of government. Expect further attempts to insert land transfer language into unrelated congressional bills or pass new state laws undermining federal control.

### Misinformation Campaign

In 2024, Utah launched a \$2 million taxpayer-funded PR effort, Stand for Our Land—Let Utah Manage Utah Land intended to spread misleading narratives through newspaper ads, billboards, TV, and social media, both locally and nationally. Outreach targeted Washington, D.C. officials, national media, and public opinion.

### Influencing Federal Policy

Utah officials are lobbying Congress to shift federal land management policies in the state's favor—by partnering with aligned lawmakers, advocating for national-level policy changes, and challenging federal land agency decisions.

**Don't Be Fooled.**

Don't let slick marketing and misleading legal claims obscure the facts.

Use this toolkit to learn the truth about America's public lands.

Share the information with friends and family nationwide.

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## **Learn about Public Land Issues**

3-Minute Video: Public Land Transfer Myths

Feature Film: The History and Future of America's Public Land

Shorts Playlist: Excerpts from the feature film

National Wildlife Federation: Your Land

Patagonia Film: Public Trust

## **Understand the Backstory**

Utah's "Stand for Our Land" Campaign Called Misleading by Legal Experts

What History Tells Us about Utah's Push for Federal Land Control

Inside Utah's PR campaign to seize public lands

How Public Backlash Stopped Sen. Mike Lee's Public Land Sale Plan

## **Tell your Senators and Representatives:**

**America's Public Lands are NOT FOR SALE or TRANSFER!**

America's Public Land is a group of concerned citizens interested in raising awareness nationwide about the critical threats facing our shared public lands.

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