



WYOMING STATE LANDS PERSPECTIVE

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(The following are outline notes from Ms. Boomgaarden's presentation.)

Wyoming State Lands

- Landowner (absentee), not regulator.
- Trust lands, not public lands.

Challenges/Opportunities

- Educate the public of our responsibilities
 - Trust lands are known as state lands.
 - Ownership rests with the state.
 - Benefits accrue solely to the beneficiaries named in the grants.
 - Conditions imposed when state lands were granted require that the lands be managed for revenue purposes to benefit public schools and other institutions.
 - Office of State Lands and Investment (OSLI) is the administrative and advisory arm of the Board of Land Commissioners and the State Loan and Investment Board.
 - OSLI is responsible for the management and administration of programs affecting resource management, economic development and quality of life in Wyoming.
 - Overall management and protection of approximately 4.2 million acres of state surface estate and 3.6 million acres of mineral estate held in trust.
 - Management, protection and improvement of all forest interests and matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state of Wyoming.
- Collaborative Management (State Agencies, USFS, BLM, USFWS, Private Landowners)
 - Reconcile disparate missions and objectives.
 - Coordinate timing of resource availability (personnel, funding, etc.).
- Data Collection and Data Sharing
 - Timing.
 - Format.
 - Security.
 - Funding.
 - Credibility.
- Politics
 - Federal level.
 - State level.
 - Local level.

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