



WSLCA: State Trust Land Strategies & Opportunities for Collaboration

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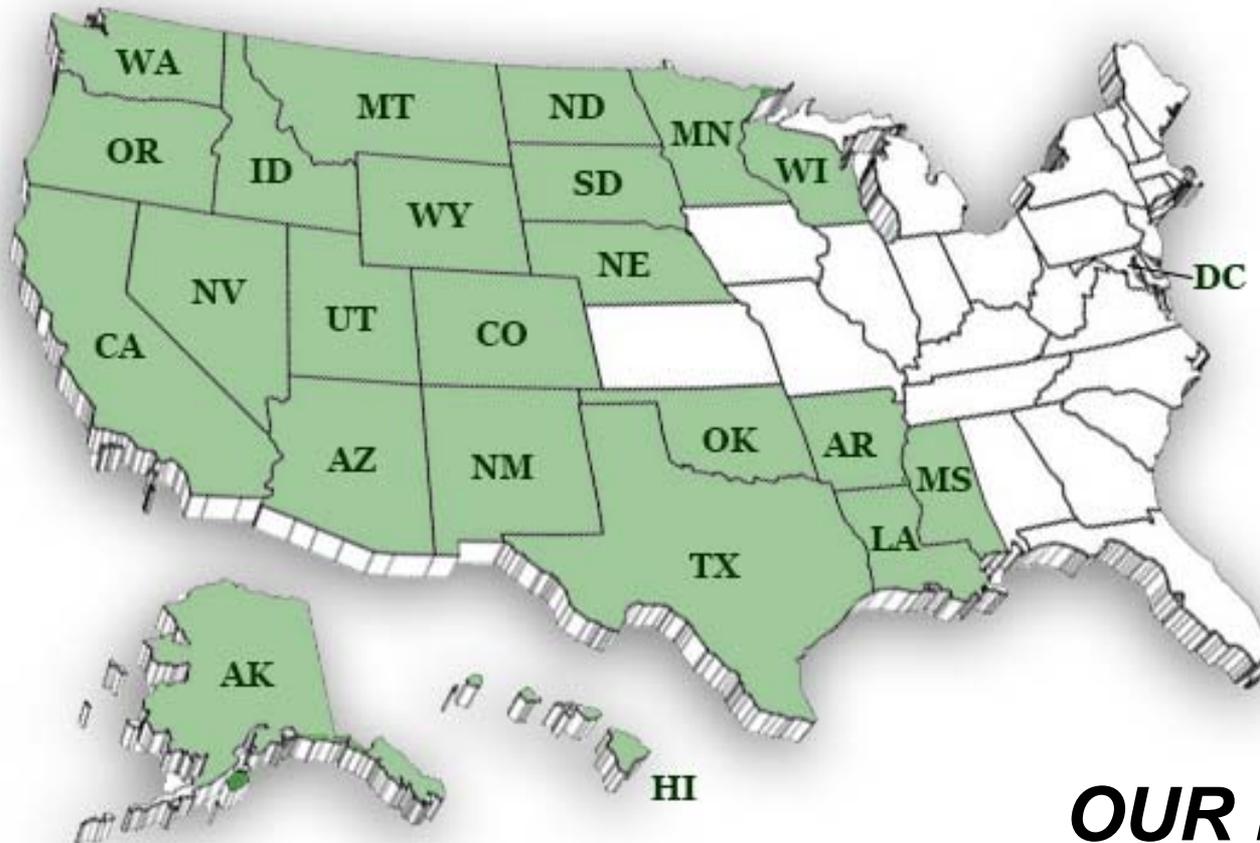
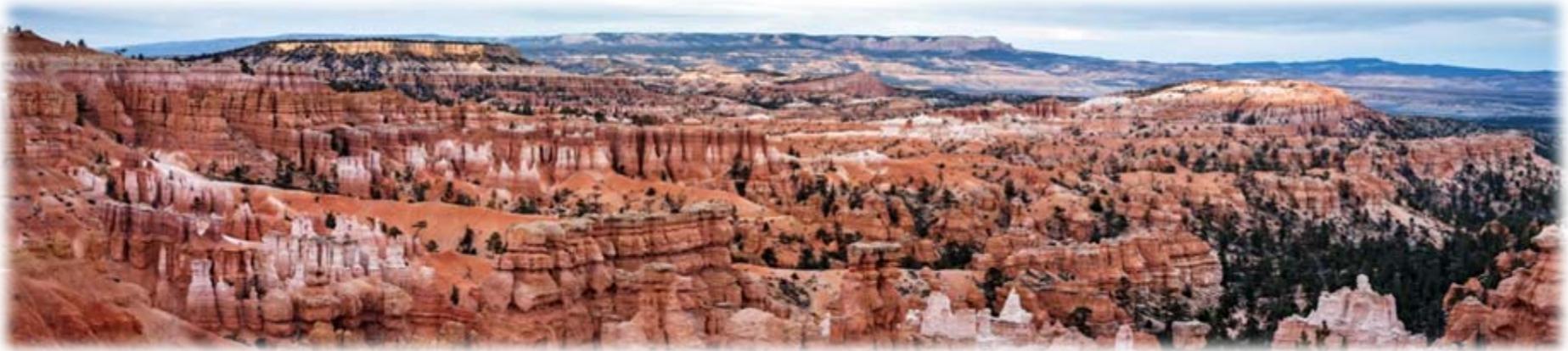


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OUR MISSION...

***to create value for our
beneficiaries through leadership,
education and sound land
management.***



OUR HISTORY...

Opportunities Abound...



Today...



ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR WSLCA

- WOTUS proposed rule
- NAAQS proposed rule
- ESA – “sue and settle” listing practices, lack of state and local science considered, etc.

FOCUS of today's discussion...

**Advancing Conservation &
Education**



Act of 2014 (ACE)



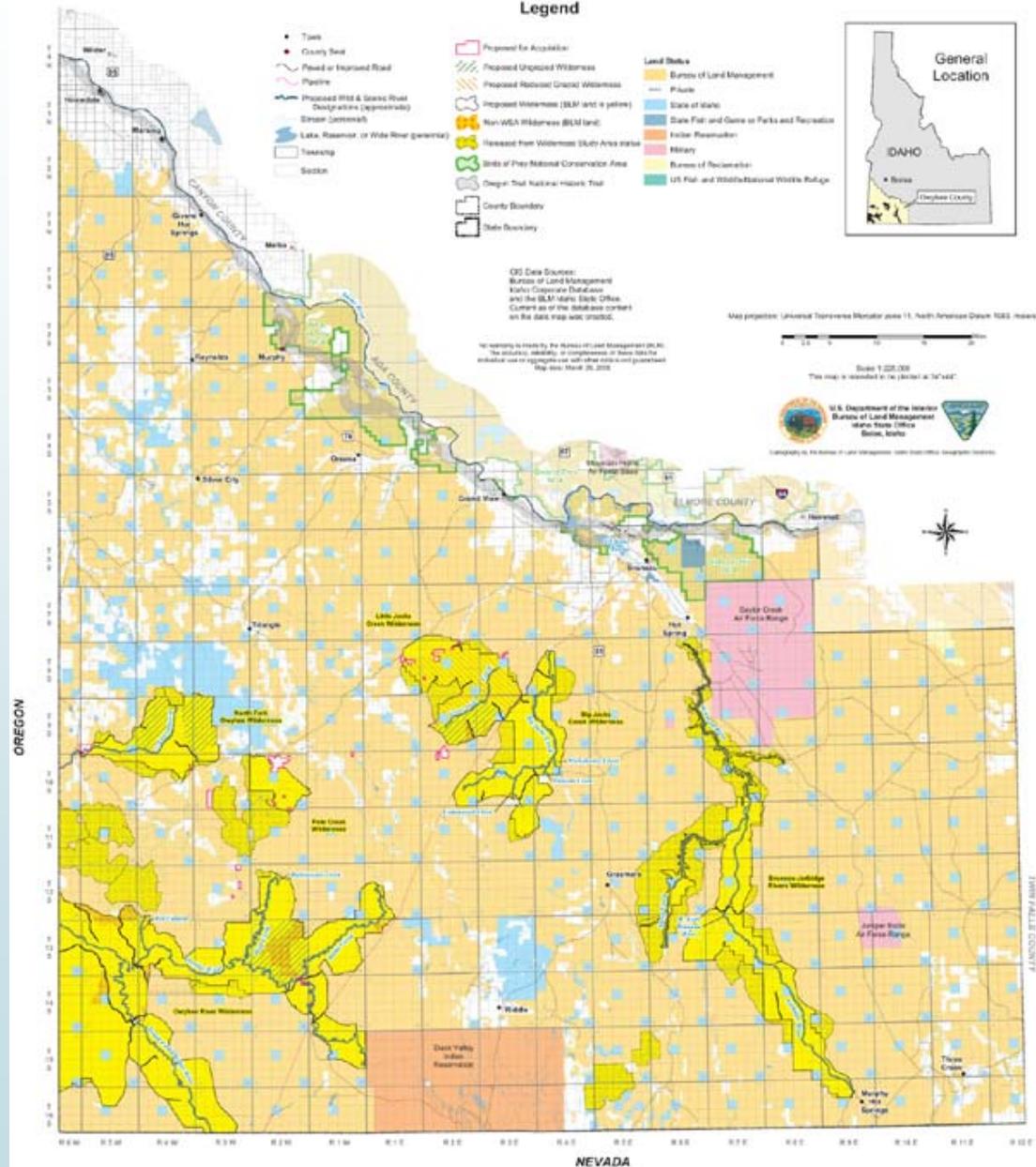
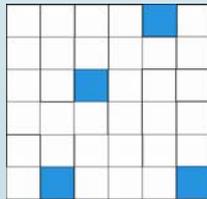
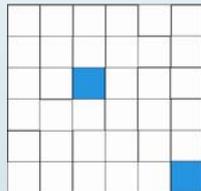
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The Statehood Bargain Broken

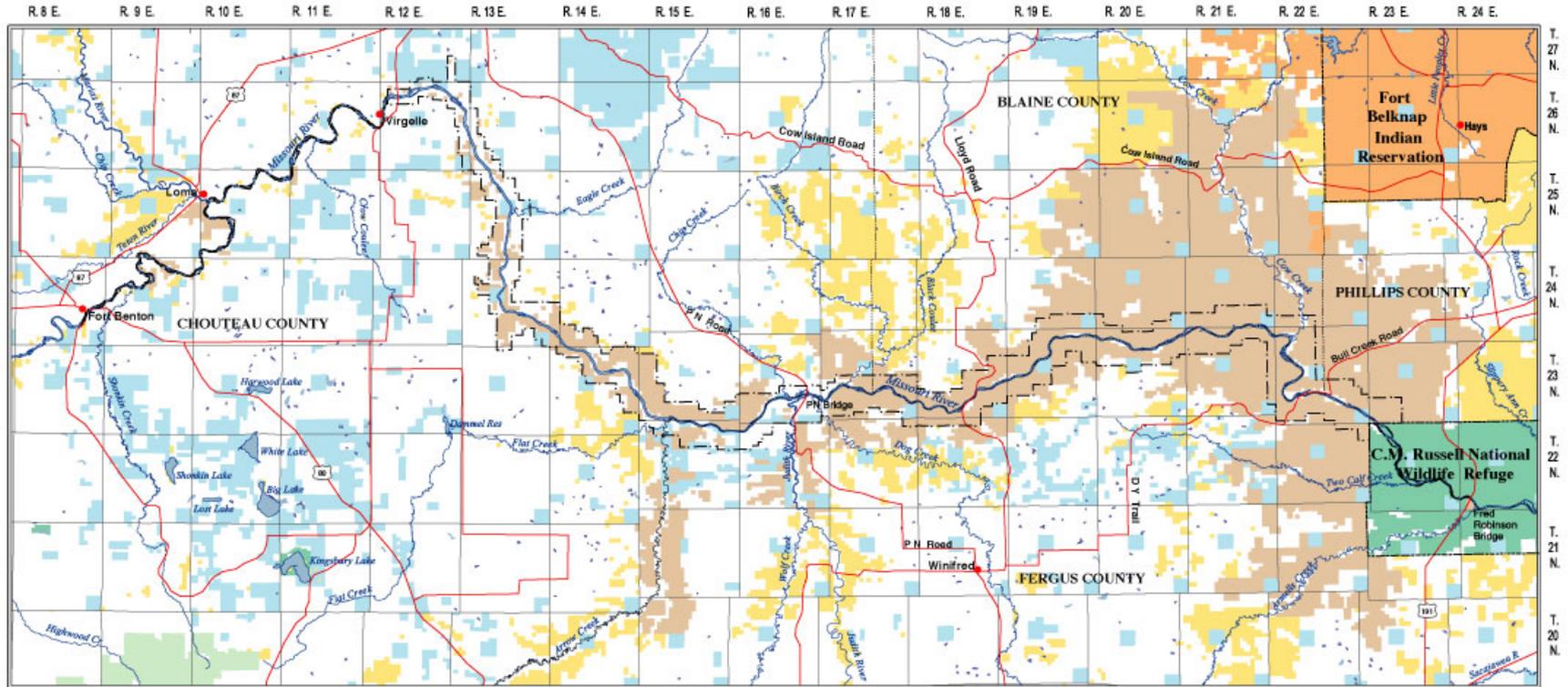
- Trend in federal management from multiple use to conservation.
- Conflict between federal conservation management and state mandate for revenue.
- State revenue from captured state trust lands affected by loss of practical access, economies of scale.
- Federal land exchange process is broken (administrative and legislative delay).

IDAHO EXAMPLE

The Checkerboard Isn't Just a Problem for the States



MONTANA EXAMPLE



Legend

- County Lines
- Wild & Scenic River Boundary
- National Monument Land
- Other BLM Land
- U.S. Forest Service Land
- Indian Land or Reservation
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Land
- State Land
- Private Land

The BLM has no jurisdiction over State or Private Land.

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT



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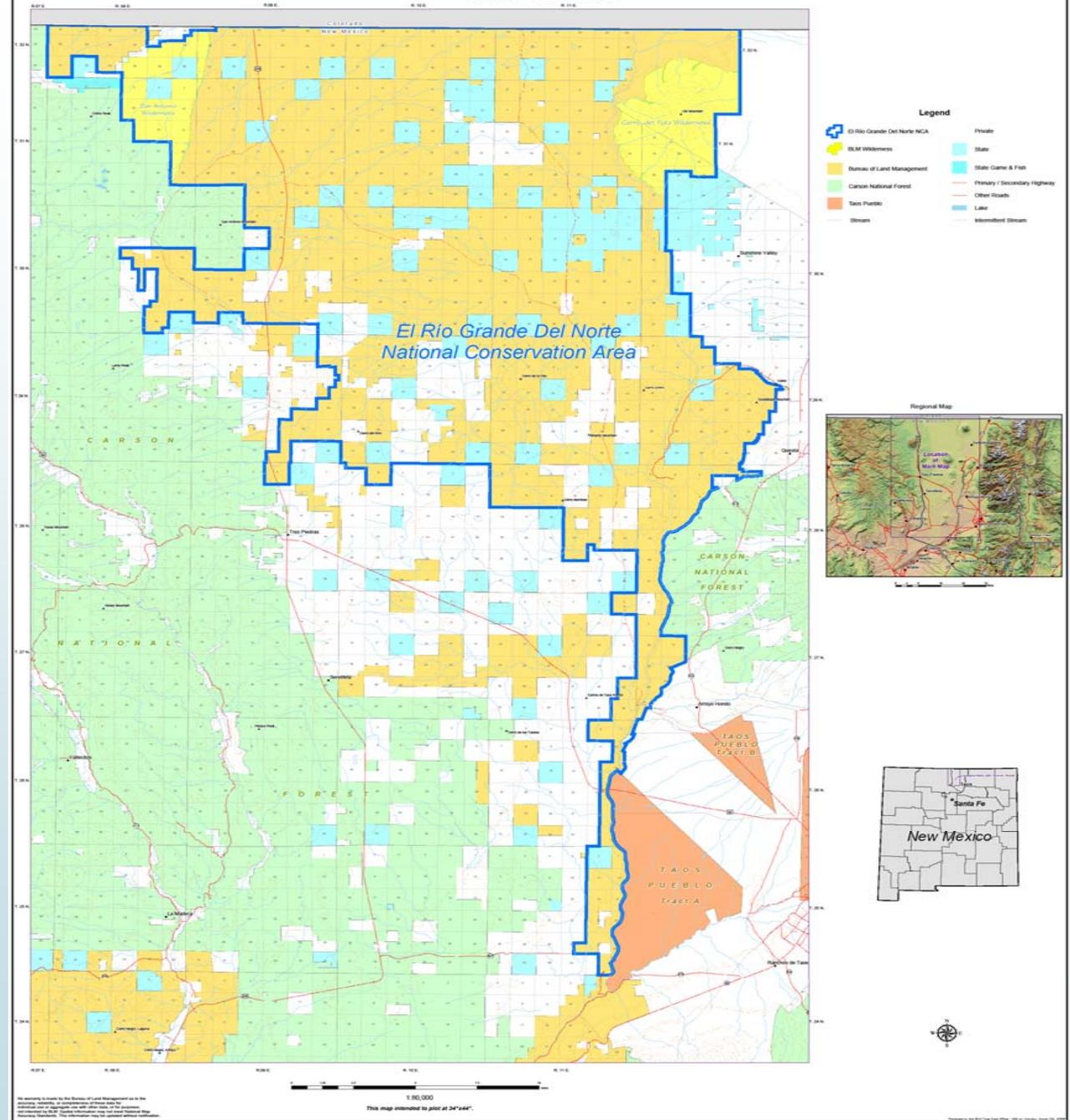


NEW MEXICO EXAMPLE

El Río Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area

March 23, 2009

This map prepared at the request of Senator Jeff Bingaman.



WHAT does ACE legislation do?

- ▶ Treats “in lieu” rights as a debt owed to the states – Provides new authority fashioned after existing selection process in 43 U.S.C. 851 to extricate and replace state lands in federal conservation areas.
- ▶ States relinquish title, select replacement lands.
- ▶ Considers disposition as in the nation’s best interest under section 102(a)(1) of FLPMA.

WHERE are we in the process?

- ▶ June 2014 ACE introduced in the House with broad bipartisan support
 - Congressmen Bishop (UT) & DeFazio (OR)
 - WGA, Wilderness Society, others
- ▶ Winter 2015 incorporated comments from Interior into the bill
 - See H.R. 4901, substantially the same
- ▶ **Within weeks we hope to have Senators Heinrich (NM) and Flake (AZ) introduce the 2015 version**
Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee



HOW and WHEN can interested parties support ACE and WSLCA?

- ➔ Once the Senate bill number is assigned
 - Letters of Support
 - Outreach to Energy & Natural Resource Committee Members directly
- ➔ Commitment from Chairman Bishop to again support ACE once the bill is

QUESTIONS

- ▶ THANK YOU
- ▶ LEARN MORE ABOUT WSLCA

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