



**TO:** Prospective Amicus Brief Partners  
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**RE:** Amicus Alert: Utah v. United States

## **URGENT CALL TO ACTION IN SUPPORT OF UTAH v. U.S.:**

The American Lands Council (ALC) urges State and local governments and other organizations to file amicus briefs or co-sign ALC's amicus brief in support of the landmark public land lawsuit Utah filed at the U.S. Supreme Court on August 20, 2024. Broad, swift, and serious support is needed ASAP to persuade the Court to accept this case.

## **OVERVIEW:**

After decades of legal analysis and attempts to seek relief through other means, the State of Utah is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to address whether the federal government can constitutionally hold unappropriated lands within a State indefinitely.

The scope of Utah's lawsuit does not include the national parks, national monuments, wilderness areas, national forests, Tribal lands, or military properties. The suit applies only to federal land that is "unappropriated", meaning that the United States simply holds the land without any designated purpose. Such lands are currently administered by the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In Utah, the case involves approximately 18.5 million acres which comprise 34% of the State. However, the Supreme Court's decision could apply to all the unappropriated federal land, roughly 245 million acres, spread across the Western U.S., Alaska, and a few eastern States.

## **HOW TO SUPPORT UTAH's LEGAL ACTION:**

Multiple amicus briefs are needed to persuade the Court to accept Utah's case. Local governments and other organizations can join ALC's amicus brief as co-signors and share in a small portion of the associated legal and advocacy costs. Entities with adequate legal and financial resources should file their own amicus briefs. In any case, ALC is willing to help. PLEASE NOTE: Amicus briefs must be filed at the U.S. Supreme Court by Oct 22, 2024.

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