



Land Trusts Protection & Advocacy Committee

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Lowest SCHOOL FUND

\$19 million

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COAL

OIL & GAS

LAND SOLD for a song



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**FEDERAL DESIGNATIONS
on hundreds of thousands
of acres with no payment!**

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STATE PARKS

Wildlife Areas

County & City needs

at low, low, low \$



REFORMS by Rep. Mel Brown

- **1990-1992** Chaired 2-year Task Force on Trust Lands
- **1992** School Fund to be invested in equities
- **1994** SITLA to make money for trusts
- **1999** School LAND Trust Program sends \$ to schools
- **2014** SITFO to invest professionally
- **2018** Protection and Advocacy Office created



RESULTS

BEFORE

- LAND
\$5 million/year
- FUND
\$19 Million (1983)
- \$ TO SCHOOLS
\$0 directly to schools

NOW

- LAND
\$160 million/ FY 2022
- FUND
\$3.1 Billion
- \$ TO SCHOOLS
\$96 million to schools

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Current Code

- Advocacy committee
- Committee comprised of former trustees & user groups
 - 2 appointed by SITLA Board
 - 1 appointed by SITFO Board
 - 1 appointed by SITFO Board Chair (State Treasurer)
 - State Bd of Educ staff who administers School LAND Trust Program
 - NO school beneficiary
 - NO non-school beneficiary
- NO rural representation
- Board appointed by very entities they are to oversee for breach of fiduciary duty
- Board members set with 4-year terms--not as flexible
- School LAND Trust Program administered by USBE with NO required accountability to school beneficiaries

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The Protection and Advocacy for the Utah Trust will be in the hands of the named beneficiaries with additional members with outstanding expertise in areas that generate revenue for the TRUSTS.