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**Action Plan for Public Lands & Education**
Percent Change In Expenditures Per Pupil over the last 20+ years

Note: calculations use constant dollars
Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics
The West’s Education Paradox
% Change in Projected Enrollment 2012-2018

- 13 Western States Average: 9%
- 37 Other States Average: 3.3%
The Problem: High Percent of Federal Land Ownership In The West

Enabling Acts

- A state enabling act is a congressional act that admits a state into the Union and outlines the agreements related to admission.

- Most western states’ enabling acts promise 5% of the proceeds from the sale of federal land to the state for public education.

- Federal government has abandoned its original policy to dispose of public lands.
Federal PILT Payments Compared To Annual Property Tax Revenue Lost

13 Western States

$4.2 Billion

$300 Million

Annual Property Tax Revenue Lost
FY 2010 Federal PILT Payments
Annual Property Tax Revenue Lost

States and Revenue Losses:
- California: $2.058 B
- Arizona: $208 M
- Nevada: $214 M
- Utah: $129 M
- Colorado: $256 M
- Wyoming: $87 M
- Idaho: $235 M
- Washington: $175 M
- Oregon: $73 M
- Hawaii: $1 M
The Solution:
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Authorize Western States to select five percent of BLM and Forest Service lands within their state to be sold or leased, with the generated revenue dedicated solely to public education.

NO wilderness areas designated by Congress, trust lands, National Historic Sites or lands located within a military reservation areas be included in the land selected by the States.