

The Board of Trustees
of the
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Resolution No. 2011-01

Subject: WSLCA Selections
Legislation Proposal

The Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration met in open, public session on August 18, 2011, and by majority vote resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, the location of state school and institutional trust lands as inholdings within existing and proposed federal conservation areas has created long-standing management difficulties for state and federal land managers in Utah; and

WHEREAS, existing legal mechanisms for the exchange of state school and institutional trust lands out of federal conservation areas have generally proved ineffective, expensive, and time consuming; and

WHEREAS, the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) and its member states have worked for several years to develop proposed federal legislation that would grant states the right to select unappropriated federal public lands, to be held in trust by the states, upon relinquishment of title to state school and institutional trust lands located within federal conservation areas, as a means of eliminating conflicts between state and federal land management within federal conservation areas; and

WHEREAS, after extensive consultation among the WSLCA and its member states, including substantial input from the School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration, specific proposed legislation has been developed that would permit such selections;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration does hereby support and endorse the passage of the proposed legislation as presented to the membership of the WSLCA, and requests that the members of the Utah congressional delegation take all necessary actions to ensure the timely enactment of the proposed legislation into federal law.

Approved this 18th day of August, 2011.



Michael R. Brown, Chairman