

## Toni Hobbs

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To the Federal Lands Interim Committee Members:

We do not believe that Idaho should attempt to "take back" Federal Lands that the state has never owned for the following reasons:

1. Idaho relinquished its rights to Federal Land when it became a state. Further the Federal Land Policy and Management Act declared that all public domain lands are owned by the Federal government.
2. Even if Idaho had a chance to get back Federal Land (which it doesn't), Idaho has not proven that it has done a great job of generating worthwhile leases on its own state lands. Why would we think that Federal Lands would be any different?
2. If Federal lands were leased or worse, sold, to private individuals, we Idahoans and all other visitors would be prohibited from enjoying those lands.
3. With climate change and the greater frequency of large forest fires, how would Idaho pay for these disasters when they are typically running into the millions of dollars?

It is for these reasons, we believe that this effort is misguided and will be an enormous waste of tax payer dollars. Funds that we desperately need for education and roads.

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