

Federal lands should be changed into State Ownership. Here are the reasons why this should happen.

1. Idaho needs the increased business and tax income for the State's Budget. One of my daughters is studying to be a teacher and she doesn't know how she can make a living for herself and her children with the teachers pay in Idaho.
2. We have the infrastructure already to manage the lands if the State owned them. State lands are being managed far better than Federal lands.
3. Development of the non-scenic lands would provide jobs for our graduates instead of them moving out of State. Forty thousand dollars for a lot to build a home on is ridiculous when the Federal Government is locking up millions of acres of non-scenic lands that could be used for these purposes. Our young families will be paying the mortgage for these lands all their lives and of course the Banks will benefit.
4. Local control of these lands by our citizens is better for those who live here instead of management from Washington DC. Look at the mismanagement of the BLM and Forest Service lands in respect to the wildfires every year. Our air quality caused by these fires is terrible in the summer caused by the nonuse and mismanagement of the grass and forest lands.
5. The payment in lieu of taxes paid by the Federal Government is a paltry sum in comparison to the sums that would be paid by an owner or lessee. I will pay fifty times what the Feds are paying for lands I can farm.
6. This land transfer has been done before in other States such as North and South Dakota. Look at what is being done in North Dakota and Montana on private lands. All of this has been done on private lands and everyone in the Nation is benefiting from cheaper and abundant oil. I see the price of oil is in the eighty dollar range today.
7. This transfer is constitutional. The Federal Government was supposed to divest itself of these lands to private enterprise as soon as somebody wanted the lands. Government overreach has stopped this transfer into private hands at a huge cost to our economy and well being. Private Property ownership has been the basis for our prosperity all through our

history. Now the Federal Government policies have choked the wealth producing engine of this country. I guess we shouldn't be surprised this government is following all of the other countries who valued Freedom and Self Determination and became controllers. Idaho can stop this with this land Transfer to the State and we can control our own destiny.

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