



2019 WSLCA Summer Conference Roll Call of the States – Report Summary

Member State	Presenter	Report Summary
Alaska	Not Present	
Arizona	Not Present	
Arkansas	Tommy Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office handles Tax Delinquent Real Estate • 40 employees - 75 county auctions • Processes land donations and property acquisition for public works projects, waterway and natural resource responsibility • Passed legislation to simplify redemption process; 65,000 mineral parcels - 9 redemptions last year • Using social media to promote auctions • On-line payments/redemptions • Mapping project to show state owned lands for public access purposes • Developing overlays for mineral interests • Helping counties with their mapping projects • Work with the state on mineral rights - reviewing and updating mineral right laws • Addressing flooding on Arkansas River levy - task force looking at a way to manage them better - only local control - no other government involvement • Looking into lithium extraction
California	Not Present	

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Colorado	Christopher Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd best year - \$178 million revenue: \$150M trust land income and \$28M from permanent fund • Renewable energy and affordable housing are current initiatives - goal of 100% renewable by 2040 – robust wind and solar activity and 164 housing units being constructed on Colorado Trust Lands • Lease 500,000 acres to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for hunting/public access – will be expanding by an additional 500,000 acres over the next five years • Legislation (SB 181) changed the makeup of the oil and gas commission and changed its mission from "fostering" growth to "regulating" growth, and to give more regulatory power to local governments
Idaho	Dustin Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest revenue generator is timber • 24 million total acres under management • Board of 5 elected officials - new Governor • 63 million acres of fire protection • \$734 million distribution to beneficiaries last fiscal year • Reinvestment - divesting of assets in commercial and residential properties - rolling that money into land bank to enhance timberland acquisitions • Updating leasing process to ensure transparency and to increase competition • Contemplating reorg of Department • Threading the needle of engaging the public on recreational access in a responsible manner - 97% of lands are open to recreational access
Louisiana	Jonathon Robillard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defending lawsuit reclass of largest freshwater lake into a river basin - other member states could be impacted by a loss of this litigation • Private owners attacking government surveys - ongoing since 2006 - trial courts designating riverfront owners instead of lake front - could privatize sovereign waters

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Minnesota	Trina Zieman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenues generated mostly from iron mining • \$14 billion corpus - 108% increase in a 10-year period • Legislative collaboration created a new leasing option • Creating internal Land Management policies • Strategic planning for asset management
Mississippi	Not Present	
Montana	Shawn Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on updating land management information systems • Still finalizing in-lieu selections after 130 years • First windfarm in Montana 15 years ago and haven't had one since -activity picking up again as significant coal-fired plants are scheduled to go off-line • \$6M recreation easement in Flathead vicinity
Nevada	Charles Donahue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Land Registrar • Real estate agent for other state agencies • Manage sovereign lands • Completed two long-term land acquisitions • Two military land withdrawals going on - 600,000 acres for the naval top gun training facility - will impact mineral development, geothermal, public access and grazing Air force requesting 300,000 to convert safety buffer zones into active warfare training site on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge - could provide Nevada with in-lieu selection opportunity • Legislation to increase funding for restoration work at Lake Tahoe • New outdoor recreation section for Nevada - looking to MT for guidance on implementation • Increasing fees on navigable waters

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New Mexico	Stephanie Garcia Richard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most active oil field in the world shared with Texas - Permian basin • 13 million mineral acres - 9 million surface acres - NM granted 4 sections in each township • \$1.1 billion revenue - \$900 million in distributions • New Office of Renewable Energy within the Department • Staff of 170 • Increasing recreational access to trust lands • Bill passed to increase transparency • Trying to raise royalty rate - currently capped at 20% - Legislation failed
North Dakota	Jodi Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed administrative rules in the past year • New Unclaimed Property software implemented • Procuring new land management and accounting software • Researching mitigation credit banking • Passed a penalty bill that allows agency better access to records for audit purposes • Managing <i>Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library</i> endowment fund • Looking at valuing mineral acres for accounting and reporting purposes • Legislation relating to ownership of pore space • Ongoing litigation relating to ordinary highwater mark and post-production royalty deductions
Oklahoma	Brandt Vawter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching additional revenue opportunities • Modernizing oil and gas lease which currently predates horizontal drilling (shut-in clauses, redefining operations, wordsmithing “no deduction” language) • Marketing improvement • Working with industry to release and release oil wells • Working on additional commercial development - currently limited to 3% of asset value • Improving website to provide better information and marketing for hunting leases

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Oregon	Vicki Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation passed to transfer Unclaimed Property function out of Department of State Lands to Treasurer's Office • Elliott State Forest management is an ongoing project - needs a habitat conservation plan - can't sell without it - trying to sell it to Oregon State University for a research forest - OSU recently "accidentally" cut down a 400-year old tree creating unfortunate issues of mistrust • Jordan Cove project (232-mile liquified natural gas pipeline export facility) generating a lot of public interest • Superfund site - Portland Harbor - EPA annoyed at slow progress in clean-up - State and City collaborated to create a \$12M trust (\$6M state lands - \$6M DOT) • Program to deal with costly abandoned derelict vessels and illegal camping - Regional workgroup including Canadian entities involved in resolution attempts
South Dakota	Ryan Brunner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land leasing is largest revenue generator • Seeing nice increases in revenue and distributions • First wind leases being issued this August -part of a larger farm • Statute change to allow online oil and gas lease auctions • Also looking into future land banking • Developing fee structures for easements on navigable waters

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Texas	Dale Sump/Crystal Wallingford/Richard Brantley (TX University Lands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages state lands, helps Texans recover from natural disasters like hurricanes Ike and Harvey, helps fund Texas public education through the Permanent School Fund, provides benefits to Texas veterans, and manages the vast Texas coast • Operates the Alamo which attracts more than 2 million visitors per year - Plans to return The Alamo to its original 1836 footprint, as nearly as possible, are underway • Manages and utilizes over 13 million acres, of which nearly 20% is leased for oil & gas exploration and production by approximately 650 Lessees on just under 6,000 producing leases • This year anticipates bringing in just over \$1 billion in oil & gas royalties, thanks to prolific activity in the Delaware Basin • For the last three years combined, nearly \$5 billion in revenue from oil & gas royalties and investments - since inception, has deposited more than \$22 billion into the Permanent School Fund as of FY2018 • Hosting WSLCA-NASTL 2020 Winter Conference in Austin, TX from January 13-15, 2020 – encouraged and welcomed all to attend
Utah	Dave Ure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Senator - Mitt Romney replacing Hatch after 44 years • Recreational access issues - costly to the trusts – unsuccessful attempts to collaborate with recreation community – welcome input on remediation efforts from other states • Increases in solar power opportunities - working with major utilities in attempts to monetize third party involvement for the benefit of the school kids • New advocacy group in the Office of the State Treasurer to oversee SITLA and SITFO, the office charged with investing the permanent funds • Ongoing efforts to mitigate wild horses and burros on trust land parcels
Washington	Not Present	

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Wisconsin	Tom German	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.7B and <80,000 acres of land - much less than most other western states• Most of land endowment came from swampland act of 1950• New Board responsive to utilizing land bank process - buying land with dollars from sales• Addressing GASB 84 requirements – how to accurately report assets• Department previously funded with revenue generated from investments - now funded with taxpayer dollars
Wyoming	Jenifer Scoggin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majority of income currently generated by oil and gas leasing• Reduced revenues; \$218M in F18 compared with \$257M in FY17• Looking for new ways to generate income - particularly wind energy - nothing solar at this point• Losing revenue from recent coal-related bankruptcies• \$3.6 billion in permanent fund• Two significant land transactions - Pilot Hill exchange near Laramie (5500 acres of contiguous land - exchanged for random parcels of trust land) - Mosque (4700 acres of scenic lands located in NE Wyoming – forested)• Big Game Migration Advisory Group established to develop recommendations relating to reviewing state policies where conservation and economic interests are competing• Considering increase to royalty rates on oil and gas leases - no info or access to private sector rates• Considering increase to grazing lease rates