

Frequently Asked Questions

What are trust lands?

Trust lands are parcels of land throughout our state that were granted by Congress to Utah at the time of statehood. Trust lands were allocated specifically to generate revenue to support designated state institutions, including public schools, hospitals, teaching colleges, and universities.

Are trust lands public lands?

No. Although trust lands support select public institutions, trust lands are not public lands. Trust lands were allocated specifically to generate revenue to support designated state institutions, including public schools, hospitals, teaching colleges, and universities. While approximately 67% of Utah is open for public access and recreation, SITLA manages about 6% of the state's acreage for its beneficiaries, which are primarily public schools.

How many acres of trust lands are in Utah?

SITLA manages 3.4 million surface and subsurface acres, and an additional 1.1 million acres of mineral estate for its beneficiaries.