COLORADO STATE LAND BOARD

Managing Land for Long Term Health

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- Who we are
- What we do
- Our Impact
- Stewardship Tools
Colorado State Trust Lands

Mandate:
Reasonable and Consistent Income Over Time AND Protecting and Enhancing Natural Value

Mission:
Endowment of assets held in perpetual, intergenerational, public trusts for the financial support of Colorado’s public schools and other public institutions.

Vision:
Colorado’s trust lands will be recognized as one of the most significant assets in our state, providing value for each generation of beneficiaries.
Impact on Education
FY 2013-14

$172 million

$86m  $5m  $81m

School Construction  SLB Operations  Permanent Fund
SLB Stewardship Tools

- Stewardship Action Plans
- Stewardship Trust Designation
- Asset Plans
- Colorado Natural Areas Program
- Leases
- Land Exchanges
- Ecosystem Services
Leases

- Respond to market opportunities
- Protect and Enhance natural value
- Long-term lessees
- Small SLB staff
- Align incentives
- Develop specific management plans
- Example: Lowry Range
Land Exchanges

- Mixed ownerships
- Long-time and/or adjacent to open space/public use
- Fair market value for the trust
- Cooperative Projects
- Example: Rocky 16
Ecosystems Services

- Ecosystem Markets
  - Water
  - Biodiversity
  - Carbon
- Established and emerging markets
- Often individually negotiated
- Location Specific
- Example: Water Mitigation Banking
ECOSYSTEM SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN
2013-2023

I. INTRODUCTION

Ecosystem services are all of the benefits provided directly or indirectly for human well-being by the natural environment. They make up our natural capital - the infrastructure we rely on to sustain and fulfill our lives. Our food, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food that nourishes our cultures and fulfill our lives.

In its 2013 Strategic Plan the State Land Board (SLB) set a strategic objective to “generate revenue streams derived from ecosystem services” and set a goal of $600,000 in revenue streams derived from ecosystem services over a period of five years. This project identifies wetland functions of wetlands and streams, and identifies current habitat.

The SLB has a unique opportunity to develop and market ecosystem services. In 2013, 84% of the state’s lands are state land. Marketing ecosystem services provides an opportunity for the State Land Board to diversify income from the sale of state land.

Mitigation Banking Demand Analysis

Basin-specific market demand analysis for wetlands and conservation banking on Colorado state trust lands

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Ecosystems Services

Spring Creek

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