

CHILDREN'S LAND ALLIANCE SUPPORTING SCHOOLS
Third Annual Conference
July 13-16, 2003 – Big Sky, Montana

AGENDA

Sunday, July 13 School Trust Lands and How They Make Money for Schools

A Basic Course and Refresher Course

Attendance this day is a must for first time conference participants

Presentation by CLASS Directors except as noted

8:00 – 9:00 am Welcome Breakfast
Introductions and Overview of Conference - Notebook Overview
Renata Witte – President, New Mexico PTA
New Mexico Land Trust Advisory Board

9:00 – 10:00 am History of Land Grants for Schools
Enabling Acts
State Constitutions
How to read a legal description

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

10:15 – 11:45 am Trust Law – Rights and Powers of Beneficiaries
Powerful Trust Land Case Law
Roy Andes, Attorney
MONTRUST(Montanans for Responsible Use of the School Trust)

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch - Role of State Land Commissioner as Trustee
Ann Hanus, Director, Oregon Division of State Land

1:30 – 3:15 Breakout Sessions – *Similar States will be grouped together*

How the Land Makes Money

Where Does the Money Go?
How is the Money Invested?

How is the Money Distributed?
What does it do to Improve Education?

3:15 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm Wrap-up with Question and Answer Session

Sunday, July 13
6:30

Opening Session of Third Annual CLASS Conference
Dinner –

- *Welcome to Montana - Joe Lamson, Montana Office of Public Instruction*
- *Congressman Chris Cannon – Utah*
Chairman, Western Republican Caucus and a true friend of school trust lands

Monday, July 14

- 6:30 – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast at Mountain Inn
- 8:00 – 10:30 am Roll Call of the States – with WSLCA Conference
- 10:30 – 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 am Welcome to CLASS Conference
Explanation of Monday Breakout Sessions
Explain New Notebook Inserts
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm Enabling Acts – What is in My State’s Enabling Act
Breakout Work Sessions – States that are Similar
(What States and Feds gained and gave up in the agreements)
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch – *no speaker*
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions
How to Complete a Successful Land Exchange
*John Harja, Utah Trust Land Board of Trustees
Negotiator on two large successful Utah Land Exchanges*
Grazing – The Fabric of the West
*Pam Suckla and Clair Orr
Colorado State Board of Education and Colorado Cattle Ranchers*
Politics of the Environment
*James Whalen, Assistant Director
Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments*
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm Break
- 2:45 – 5:00 pm **The Industry Viewpoint** – *presenters to be confirmed*
Industry presenters will discuss industry background, how school trust lands make money from this land use, and issues that interfere with productivity. There will also be a discussion of whether the industry is important to the management of school trust lands for reasons other than revenue. Industry and state agency representatives will explain how beneficiary involvement can be helpful for the industry while increasing revenues to schools. (*Scribes will list answers on large poster paper for reference the following two days*)
Class Delegates need to choose one of the following breakout sessions. States with several delegates will want to have at least one in each session:
Forestry
*Keith Olson, Executive Director, Montana Logging Association
“Timber Beast”*
Oil and Gas
Dru Bower, Vice President, Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Real Estate Development
- 6:30 pm **Dinner – An Environmental Perspective**
Charles Bedford, Colorado Nature Conservancy

Tuesday, July 15

- 6:30 – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast at Mountain Inn
- 8:00 – 10:15 am **Roll Call of the Beneficiaries**
State Reports – ten minutes or less per state
Cathy Post, President, Oklahoma PTA President
- 10:30 –12:00 pm **“The Role of Silviculture and Fire In Promoting Forest Health” –**
Huntley Lodge with WSLCA Conference
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch with Invited Land Commissioners at Peaks Restaurant
Welcome
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Land Management – Independent Research Viewpoint**
What Works and What Doesn't
Speaker to be confirmed
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm **State Breakout Meetings**
Review what has been accomplished since Phoenix, 2002
Identify Issues to address
What is the Goal for 2003?
Identify Opposition
Identify Potential Partners
What are the Next Steps?
What can CLASS do to assist?
- 5:00 pm **Barbeque with WSLCA**

Wednesday, July 16

- 6:30 – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast at Mountain Inn
- 8:00 – 9:30 **CLASS Annual Report** – *CLASS Directors*
The Organization
U.S. Department of Education Grant
The Advisory Committee
State and Organization Visits
Powerpoint Presentation
Research Results
Brochure
Newsletter
Website
- 9:30 – 10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Education Organization Breakouts**
What can CLASS do to Support Organization Work
What can Organizations do for School Trust Lands
Elect an Advisory Committee Representative
Goals for coming year
- 11:00 – 12:00 **CLASS Evaluation**
Direction to CLASS from Organization and State Breakouts
CLASS Business
Advisory Committee
2004 Conference
- 12:00 CLASS Conference Adjournment
- Afternoon Tours with WSLCA (optional and at your expense).
 - Museum of the Rockies