



RESOLUTION 2017-01
CREATING A CONGRESSIONAL JOINT RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) and its member states manage over 440 million acres of trust lands and minerals that are interspersed with federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and

Whereas, members of WSLCA have state constitutional mandates to manage millions of acres of lands and waterways for economic development, public education, conservation, recreation, and other public purposes provided by state law; and

Whereas, WSLCA member states represents the second largest landowner group in the nation and generate over \$3 billion annually on behalf of state endowment trust beneficiaries, key among these being primary schools (K-12) and universities; and

Whereas, federal agencies use Administrative rule making authority to create regulations including 3,853 new rules in 2016 comprising 97,110 pages in the federal register; and,

Whereas, many rules impact the management of trust resources that Western States Land Commissioners use to provide billions of dollars in funding to educational and endowed institutions in our member states; and,

Whereas, often federal rules and regulations impede on the abilities of States to fulfill their respective constitutional mandates; and,

Whereas, these rules inadequately consider the impacts on the respective states, and none specifically consider the impacts on the management of constitutionally granted state trust lands.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Western States Land Commissioners supports regulatory and rulemaking reforms as being considered by Congress which would allow for Congressional oversight to insure that federal rules and regulations comport with Federal law, Congressional intent, minimize economic impacts, and prevent administrative overreach; and,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Congressional regulatory oversight must include consultation with the various states impacted by any Administrative Rule or Regulation to determine economic, social, and other costs associated with the proposed regulation: and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Western States Land Commissioners urges Congress to specifically consider administrative rules and regulations that negatively impact the ability of WSLCA member states to generate income from trust assets for the benefit of public education and other state institutions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Western States Land Commissioners will endeavor to identify administrative rules and regulations that negatively impact the management of state trust assets and to educate Congress as to these impacts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the appropriate members of Congress that member states of WSLCA shall make every effort to inform the Congressional delegations of their respective states regarding the urgency of this resolution.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2017.


_____, President
Western States Land Commissioners
Association


_____, Secretary
Western States Land Commissioners
Association