



**Fiscal Note**  
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 Utah Public Land Management Act  
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**General, Education, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-5-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$0	\$0	\$0

**State Government**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(b)

If the federal government were to transfer the ownership of all 31.2 million acres of identified federal lands to the State of Utah, and the state is to keep all the revenues associated with activities on these lands, the projected additional revenue to the state may increase by between \$102 million and \$127 million in FY 2018. This increase represents the portion of the revenues currently retained by the federal government. The lower amount presumes oil prices at \$38 per barrel and a natural gas prices of \$1.97 per thousand cubic feet. The higher amount presumes oil prices at \$48 per barrel and natural gas prices at \$3.36 per thousand cubic feet. Neither figure assumes any changes to activity on the land beyond what is currently anticipated to occur. The total revenues, however, may vary significantly, depending on a number of unpredictable factors.

Revenues	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

If the federal government were to transfer the ownership of all 31.2 million acres of identified federal lands to the State of Utah in FY 2018, the costs to operate programs related to mining, drilling, recreation, grazing, and other activities may range from \$125 million to \$275 million. The \$125 million cost is approximately \$4 per acre, which is the estimated costs per acre Utah's School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) incurs managing 3.4 million acres. The \$275 million cost is about \$8.80 per acre, which is the estimated federal expenditure to manage the 31.2 million acres. The total expenditures, however, may be higher or lower, depending on number of unpredictable variables.

Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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**Local Government**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Presuming the state continues to authorize PILT payments and any other local revenue sources, local governments' revenues and expenditures may be unaffected. Should the state alter administration of the newly acquired 31.2 million acres, local governments may see a change operational responsibility.

**Individuals & Businesses**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Presuming tax rates, taxes bases, and recreational and business activities are unchanged, individuals and businesses may see no change in activity. Should the state alter administration of the newly acquired 31.2 million acres, individuals and businesses may see a change in activities on the land

**Performance Note**

JR4-2-404

Required of the DNR - Department of Natural Resources and due by February 23, 2016

**Notes on Notes**

Fiscal notes estimate the direct costs or revenues of enacting a bill. The Legislature uses them to balance the budget. They do not measure a bill's benefits or non-fiscal impacts like opportunity costs, wait times, or inconvenience. A fiscal note is not an appropriation. The Legislature decides appropriations separately.