

## Trust Land Transfer (TLT)

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Department of Natural Resources (DNR)</b>
<b>Year Established</b>	1989
<b>Relevant Statute</b>	Chapter 79.11 RCW; Chapter 79.17 RCW; Chapter 79.19 RCW; Chapter 79.22 RCW
<b>Program Goal</b>	<p>To address management needs of the Common School Trust lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer out of economically under-performing state trust lands;</li> <li>• Acquire replacement lands with higher long-term income producing potential;</li> <li>• Increase funds to the K-12 Common School Construction Account;</li> <li>• Conserve lands that have high ecological or social values.</li> </ul>
<b>Agency Summary</b>	<p>The legislature funds the transfer of state trust lands with special ecological or social values that are difficult to manage for income production, or that have low-income potential, out of state trust ownership to a local or state public agency that can manage the property for its ecological or social values. Money from the transfer of these selected properties is used to fund the Common School Construction Account, providing immediate revenue for the trust beneficiaries, and to acquire productive replacement properties that will increase future trust income</p> <p>DNR coordinates review and prioritization of proposed transfer properties with other agencies and programs. A final list of proposed lands is presented to the Legislature, which reviews the proposal, determines the makeup of the final package, and sets an appropriation funding level.</p> <p>DNR's State Trust Land Inventory Evaluation in 2014 estimated that 209,000-238,000 acres of trust lands might be eligible for transfer through TLT over the next 30 years based on conservation, public interest, and revenue and manageability criteria.</p>
<b>Existing Outcome Measures</b>	<p>DNR records acres transferred, transfer recipients, and the revenue generated through trust land transfers.</p> <p>If land is transferred for a habitat or recreation purpose, the entity that receives the land may conduct monitoring and evaluation, but this information is not collected by DNR.</p> <p>DNR's <i>State Trust Land Inventory Evaluation</i> in 2014 that between 1989 and 2011, the Legislature provided \$798,570,000 for the transfer of nearly 117,000 acres of underperforming state trust uplands that have high values for natural area preserves, natural resources conservation areas, state and local parks or wildlife habitat to more appropriate public entities.</p>
<b>Other benefits identified by agencies</b>	<p><b>Community:</b> recreation opportunity, public services, educational opportunities</p> <p><b>Economy:</b> revenue generation, grazing timber production</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> watershed protection, fish and wildlife habitat, open space, habitat connectivity</p>