



For more than
a century,
Idaho's state
forest lands
have made
significant
contributions
to public schools
and other
institutions.

If you would like more information about Public School trust lands, or Idaho's forests, please contact the Idaho Department of Lands at (208) 334-0200 or the Idaho Forest Products Commission at (208) 334-3292, or visit us on the web.



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THE STATE FORESTS OF IDAHO



Working for
Public Schools

ENDOWMENT TRUST LANDS

The story of the endowment trust lands are an important element of Idaho's history. These lands, nearly 2,500,000 acres located throughout all 44 counties, are often called "public" lands. But, in fact, they were granted to Idaho by the federal government. When Idaho became a state in 1890, Congress "endowed" the new state with over 3.5 million acres of land, including productive forests.



The same law that granted statehood to Idaho also required that these "endowment lands" be specifically managed to **support public schools and institutions over time**. This "sacred trust," as Idaho's founding fathers termed it, is embodied in the State Constitution, which mandates that endowment lands be managed "...in such manner as will secure the maximum long term financial return to the institution to which granted."

Land Board Members

Governor
 Attorney General
 Secretary of State
 State Controller
 Superintendent of Public Education

Idaho's Board of Land Commissioners, the state's five top elected officials, serve as the trustees of the endowment trusts. While the Board meets regularly to set long term goals and review progress toward achieving

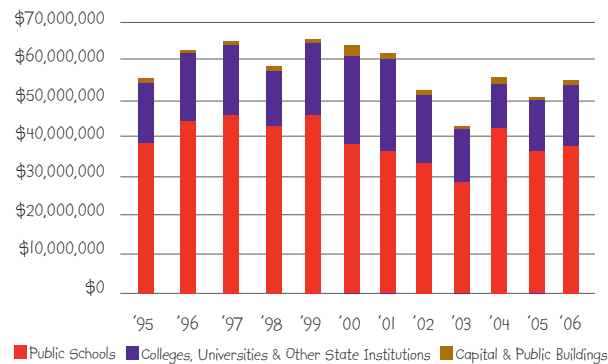
them, the Idaho Department of Lands manages the trust and takes care of the on-the-ground operations.

A PERPETUAL STREAM OF INCOME FOR EDUCATION

There are nine separate endowment accounts, each designated with a specific portion of the original land granted to the state. Although some of the endowment lands have been sold over the years, nearly 2.5 million acres remain to be managed for income to support each of the individual endowments. Of that amount, just over 2 million acres are managed in trust on behalf of the public schools. Over 750,000 acres of this land is valuable, productive forest managed to grow and harvest trees in a sustainable manner, providing a perpetual stream of income for education.

Proceeds are distributed to school districts throughout Idaho to help buy books, pay teachers and purchase equipment.

IDAHO STATE LAND TIMBER HARVEST INCOME BY ENDOWMENT



Over the past decade, timber sales from state land generated more than half a billion dollars for public schools and institutions.

Over the past fifty years, management of these forests has generated over one billion dollars in revenue. In fiscal year 2006, the yield was \$55,316,000. This money is managed by an investment board and proceeds are distributed to school districts throughout Idaho to help buy books, pay teachers and purchase equipment needed to ensure Idaho students receive the best possible education.

In addition to meeting this trust obligation, forest land management helps support jobs in the forest products industry.



Idaho's forest businesses make around \$2 billion dollars of high quality wood products each year.

This vital business sector provides over 15,000 jobs for Idahoans. The average wage per job exceeds \$32,000 per year, substantially more than the state-wide average of \$22,587 for all industries.

Our state forest lands also support abundant fish and wildlife and clean, cool, clear water. These lands are recognized as some of the most pristine and beautiful in the State, helping sustain the quality of life all Idahoans treasure.

Under continued sensible and sustainable management, this great legacy will extend and increase, forever remaining a "sacred trust."

