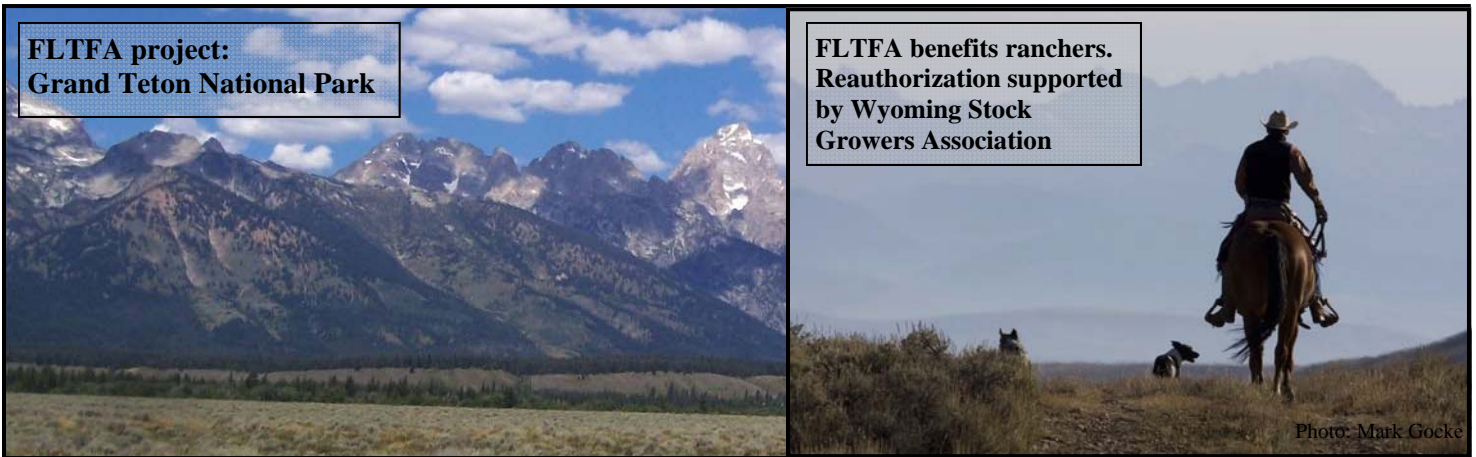


WYOMING and FLTFA REAUTHORIZATION



Reauthorization of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) will provide opportunities for economic growth, sportsmen’s access, wildlife protection, historic preservation and other needs in Wyoming and the West, while reducing the deficit.

FLTFA is a fiscally responsible land tenure tool that Wyoming needs. Through FLTFA’s “land for land” concept, Wyoming and the West will benefit from conservation funding and federal land sales. Through FLTFA, the BLM can sell land identified for disposal to private land owners, counties, companies and others for ranching, community development and various projects. These sales create jobs and generate funding for BLM, USFS, NPS and USFWS to acquire critical inholdings and edgeholdings from willing sellers. This is a balanced approach. The sales help communities and allow agencies to acquire high-priority lands with important wildlife habitat value, recreational access for hunting and fishing and other agency priorities.

FLTFA is important to ranchers, as well as over 100 groups. The Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust, Public Lands Council, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Boone and Crockett, and over other 100 groups support FLTFA reauthorization. Public lands are important to ranchers for grazing. FLTFA sales also provide an opportunity for a rancher with a BLM tract of land within or adjacent to his or her property to purchase the property, possibly to expand the ranch, prevent a liability from having a public inholding, or other purposes.

Wyoming has FLTFA success stories and would benefit from future FLTFA funds. With FLTFA funds, the National Park Service acquired the Halpin parcel within Grand Teton National Park in 2007, helping prevent development within the Park. Also in 2007, BLM acquired over a mile of river frontage along the North Platte River south of Casper, expanding fishing access along one of the best places in the lower 48 to catch rainbow and brown trout. In 2009, U.S. Forest Service acquired a parcel near the Bridger Wilderness to ensure access to a network of trails leading to the Wind River Range and the continuation of hiking, hunting, camping, rock climbing and other outdoor recreational activities in the area.

FLTFA has expired. Please include FLTFA Reauthorization in any large legislative vehicles that will move this Congress for the benefit of Wyoming’s economy and lands.



FLTFA funds provided access to trout fishing on the North Platte River south of Casper.

WYOMING BLM AND LAND SALES

- Land available for disposal: at least 561,829 acres
- The Rock Springs Field Office ranks in the top seven BLM field offices that have generated 97% of FLTFA revenue as of May 31, 2007.
- Several sales in southwestern Wyoming, the most notable being the sale of 722.5 acres to PacifiCorp – in the Rock Springs Field Office.



- Other BLM land sales

Casper Field Office: 20 acres, direct sale. Reason: community expansion

Kemmerer Field Office: 120 acres, direct sale. Reason: Landfill expansion

Newcastle Field Office: 1.34 acres, direct sale. Reason: Resolution of trespass

Newcastle Field Office: 2.27 acres, competitive sale. Reason: Community expansion

Rawlins Field Office: 640 acres, modified competitive sale. Reason: Community expansion

Rawlins Field Office: 40 acres, modified competitive sale. Reason: Community expansion

Rock Springs Field Office: 40 acres, direct sale. Reason: Resolution of an occupancy trespass

Rock Springs Field Office: 820 acres, direct sale. Reason: Plant expansion

Rock Springs Field Office: 39.1 acres. Reason: Resolution of an occupancy trespass

Rock Springs Field Office: 157.24 acres, competitive sale. Reason: Industrial expansion

Lands identified for disposal, breakdown by BLM Field Office:

- Casper—224,834 acres
- Cody – 55,900 acres
- Buffalo – 73,000 acres
- Grass Creek – 33,700 acres
- Great Divide (Rawlins) - 66,000 acres
- Green River (Rock Springs) - 24, 527 acres
- Kemmerer – 53,468 acres
- Lander—24,000 acres
- Pinedale – 6,400 acres
- Other offices: TBD