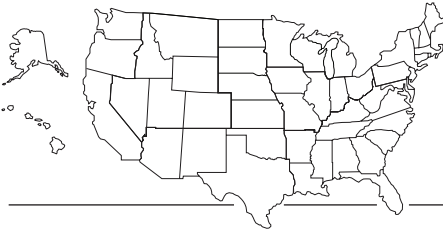


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UTAH EYES FEDERAL LANDS

2012 Law Seeks Return of 31+ Million Acres to the Beehive State



SCOTT CATRON

Two years ago, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert signed into law the Transfer of Public Lands Act, which asks the federal government to return the more than 64 percent of Utah that is currently controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. (National parks, all national monuments except the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, congressionally designated wilderness areas, Department of Defense areas, and tribal lands are not included.) In furtherance of this initiative, a report was released in November titled *Pathway to a Balanced Public Lands Policy*. One of its conclusions is that such a transfer could be profitable *if* Utah were to negotiate a change in the oil and gas royalty revenue share with the federal government from 50 percent to 100 percent. Without such a change, there would be a substantial strain on Utah's funding priorities. Click [HERE](#) to read a review and recommendations prepared for the Utah State Legislature by the Governor's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office.

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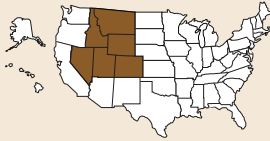
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CONGRESSIONAL RIDER BLOCKS GUNNISON SAGE-GROUSE FUNDING.

Buried in the fine print of this month's \$1.1 billion Cromnibus – the love child of a “continuing resolution” (CR) and “omnibus” spending bill – was a rider that prevents federal funding to meet court-imposed Endangered Species Act (ESA) deadlines. Among the species impacted by this backroom politicking was the Gunnison sage-grouse, a species of grouse roughly two-thirds the size of the more common Greater sage-grouse. Found solely in southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah, the Gunnison sage-grouse has disappeared from 93 percent of its native range. Today, less than 5,000 exist, with the largest concentration in Colorado's Gunnison Basin. In November, the Gunnison sage-grouse was listed as threatened; according to the Interior Department, the rider does not void this decision. Learn more about this species [HERE](#).



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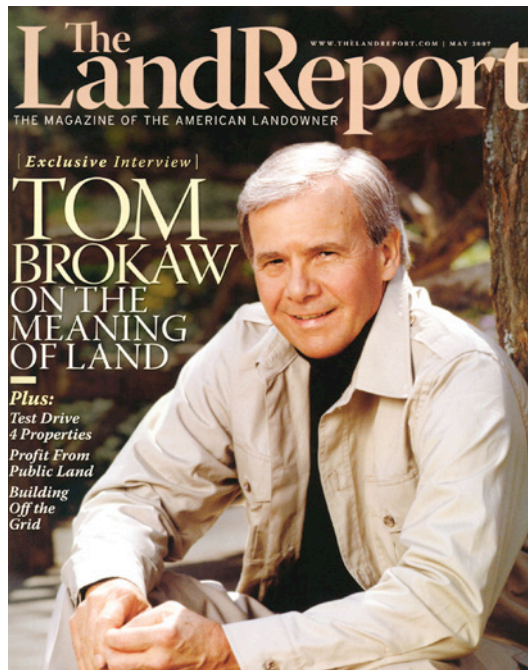
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Update

TOM BROKAW'S CANCER IN REMISSION.

Earlier this month, the former NBC Nightly News anchor shared the good news about his battle with cancer. “A year ago my future was

more uncertain than I cared to acknowledge but now I face the New Year with very encouraging news. The cancer is in remission and I will shortly go on a drug maintenance regimen to keep it there.” Read Tom Brokaw's complete statement [HERE](#).



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Colorado Horse Ranch

RINGO STARR LISTS ASPEN GETAWAY FOR \$3.85 MILLION. The *Los Angeles Times* reports that the Beatles drummer has listed his 15-acre Shoot N' Starr Ranch with Joshua Saslove of **Joshua & Co.** Starr and his wife,

Bond girl Barbara Bach, paid \$1.164 million for the property in 1991. The gentleman's ranch features breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and convenient access to the Aspen Airport (13 miles), Aspen (16 miles), and Basalt (6 miles). Shoot N' Starr's main residence, which was built in 1987, is a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom, 3,200-square-foot open-plan structure with exposed log-and-beam ceilings, picture windows, and a rustic fireplace. A separate caretaker's unit is also located on the property. In addition to its improvements, Shoot N' Starr is located on the Roaring Fork River, one of Colorado's premier fly-fishing waterways and home to plentiful brook, brown, cutthroat, and rainbow trout. According to Roaring Fork Anglers, "Wading is the best way to access this stretch of the river. Hatches are diverse and prolific, providing an excellent opportunity to test your hatch matching skills." Read more [HERE](#).

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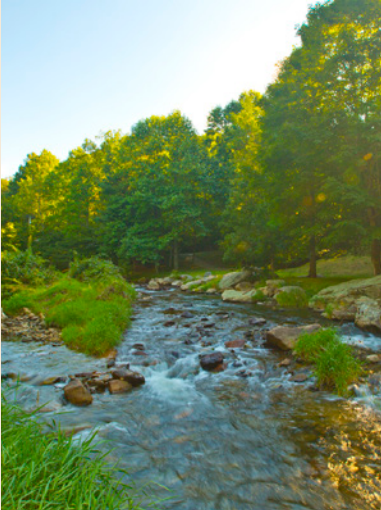
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TRUMP TO HEADLINE LAND INVESTMENT EXPO, MEET IOWA GOVERNOR.

Donald Trump is en route to Iowa in January to speak at the 2015 Land Investment Expo in West Des Moines on the 23rd. Trump's political consultant, Sam Nunberg, told *The Des Moines Register* that "the New Yorker is also confirmed to attend a private dinner at the Stine Barn in West Des Moines with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad and Steve Bruere, the president of Peoples Company," the land brokerage firm hosting the conference. Peoples Company hosts the dinner every year, but this year's event will be higher profile — and harder to keep the guest list to 40 or 50 — than in the past, Bruere told the *Register*. "Every presidential election at this time of year, Donald seems to surface," Bruere said. "He likes to put his name out there one way or another and at least offer his opinion. One can only suspect the reason he accepted this year is because it's a caucus year, and he wants to stir things up." In a statement to the *Register*, Trump said, "I have always loved visiting Iowa. I look forward to these two special events." Read more [HERE](#).



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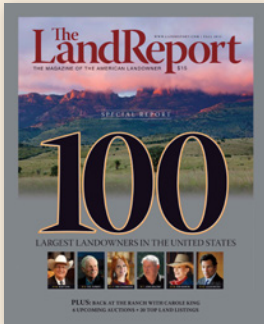
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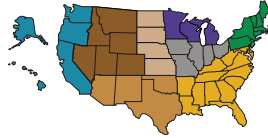


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AG DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ECONOMIST RETIRES. Dr. Joseph Glauber announced his retirement from federal service effective Dec. 31. A graduate of the University of Chicago (AB) and the University of Wisconsin (PhD),

Glauber was responsible for the USDA's agricultural forecasts and projections as well as for advising Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on economic implications of alternative programs, regulations, and legislative proposals. Glauber also served as senior staff economist for agriculture, natural resources, and trade at the President's Council of Economic Advisers and as an economist at the USDA's Economic Research Service. "No one has a higher level of credibility on issues impacting the agricultural economy than Dr. Glauber. Farm country and, truly, the country as a whole have been extraordinarily well served by Joe throughout his 30 years of federal service. I will miss Joe's expertise and wise counsel, and wish him well as he begins the next phase of his distinguished career," said Secretary Vilsack. Current USDA Deputy Chief Economist Dr. Robert Johansson will assume the duties of chief economist on Jan. 1.



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