

# NOTICE:

## UPCOMING SALE OF NEEDLES OUTPOST

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, SITLA, is selling the 640-acre Needles Outpost at public auction May 24, 2017.

All proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the \$2.2 billion Permanent School Fund, which provides more than \$50 million annually to Utah's K-12 education system.



The Needles Outpost is located on school trust lands. It was leased to private owners from the 1960s until the lease terminated July 2015. It is currently managed under a temporary permit by a different private party.

SITLA prefers to retain trust lands, but after reviewing management options, has opted to sell the property as it is in the financial best interest of the public education beneficiary.

Needles Outpost is not an affiliate of the National Park Service (NPS), nor is it an NPS concession.

SITLA appreciates your understanding during management and ownership changes.



School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration  
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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Are these public lands?** No. These are not public lands; they are school trust lands, which by law must be used solely for the financial benefit of the public school system. Management of these lands includes selling property when appropriate.

**What will happen to the Needles Outpost store and campground?** There is a great need for services the Outpost provides. It is likely that some form of the Outpost will continue after the property is transferred to a new owner.

**Will major development improvements occur once the Outpost is sold?**

The future owner may make any improvements they see fit. However, this area is off-grid with no services, therefore something simple and sustainable is most likely.

**Did the Bears Ears National Monument designation have anything to do with the decision to sell the property?** No. The agency carefully evaluated the merits of this decision long before the designation. The decision to sell this property was driven by what is in our beneficiary's best economic interest.

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