



University of Alaska

Land Grant Status

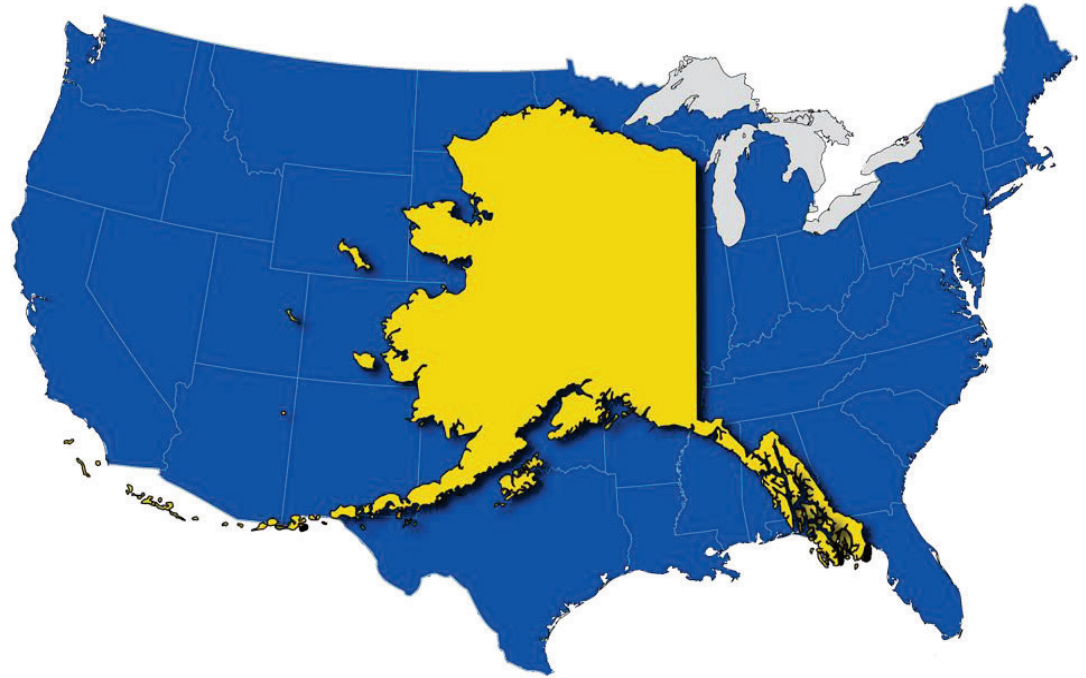
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Senate Resources Committee

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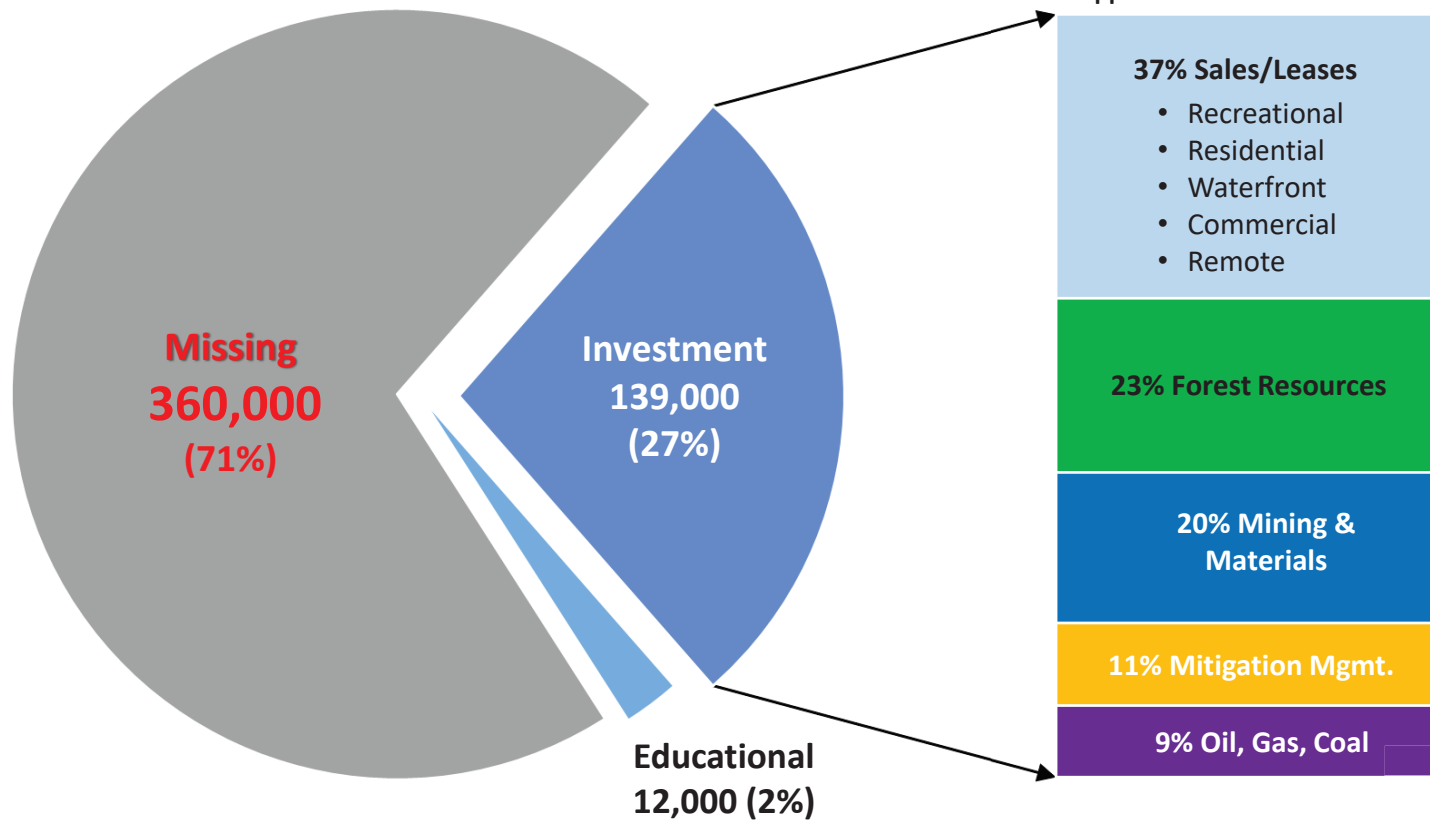
- Only Delaware & Hawaii rank below Alaska in higher education land grants
- UA only received ~111,000 acres of its federal land grant entitlement
- This grant makes up the bulk of UA's current 151,000 acre holdings
- Remaining land received from state & municipal sources, private gifts and bequests, and UA land acquisitions



***UA's Land Grant deficit is
360,000 acres***

UA Land Holdings

~151,000 acres

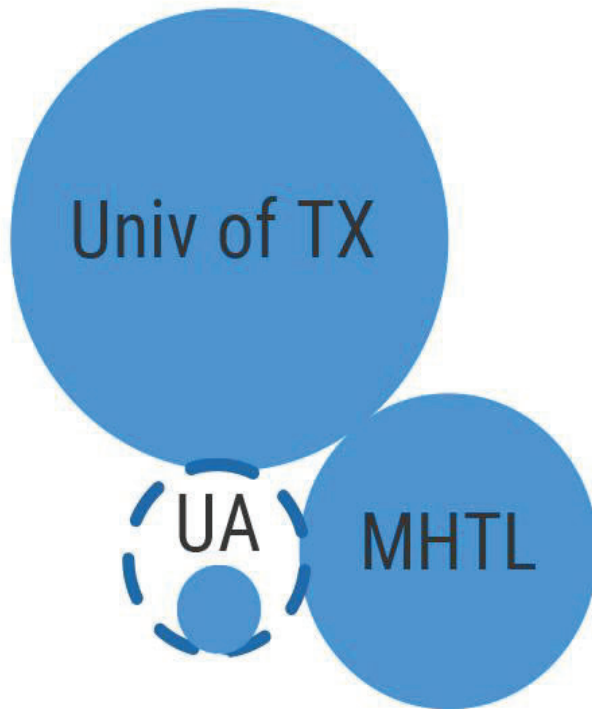


Educational: Includes campuses, research sites and other facilities



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UA Land Grant Acreage Comparison



Univ. of Texas	Univ. of Alaska	Mental Health Trust
2.1 Million Acres	150,000 Acres <i>(360,000 missing)</i>	1 Million Acres
Generated \$21.4 billion <i>(cumulative as of 2019)</i>	Generated \$6.8 million <i>(2019)</i>	Generated \$10.6 million <i>(2019)</i>

*Despite an incomplete land endowment
UA has generated more than
\$220 million from its trust land assets
since 1980s*

Fulfilling UA's Land Grant

- Robust permanent land endowment would allow University to generate more revenue, and over time help moderate state general fund support
- State of Alaska repeated attempts to remedy gap, but constitutionally precluded from doing so
- Federal government's position is that University land was included in Alaska's Statehood Act grant and has resisted remedies that rely solely on additional federal lands

Framework for Solution

- Dedications are constitutionally allowed when required by federal government for state participation in federal programs
- Solution may entail a collaborative state-federal program
- Alaska Congressional Delegation, Governor, DNR and Dept. of Interior are working together to achieve a solution to fulfill UA's land grant

University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act

- Federal legislation by Alaska's Congressional Delegation
- Establishes program within Bureau of Land Management to identify and convey available lands to UA from lands selected by State of Alaska
- Framework for UA and State to jointly identify up to 360,000 acres
- U.S. Dept. of Interior will provide technical assistance identifying lands for inclusion in program
- Delegation working towards reintroduction in 117th Congress

Thank You