

The Board of Trustees
of the
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

New Policy Amends Policy No. _____ Repeals Policy No. _____

Policy Statement No. 2015-1

Subject: Plant Species Listed or
Potentially Eligible for Listing Under
the Endangered Species Act

The Board of Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration met in open, public session on April 16, 2015, and by majority vote declared the following to be an official policy of the Board:

1. Section 53C-2-202 of the Utah Code authorizes the director to make determinations with respect to the management, protection, and conservation of plant species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) located on trust lands.
2. The Board of Trustees recognizes that it is also important to take prudent management actions that may forestall a listing under the ESA.
3. It is the policy of the board that the Director should take any reasonable and practical action(s), consistent with its fiduciary duties, necessary to prevent the listing of a plant species if the listing would have a detrimental effect on the ability to develop trust resources.
4. Actions taken by the director should be more flexible than the restrictions that could occur as a result of a listing under the ESA.

BY THE BOARD:



R. David Ure, Chairman