

IMPACT AND HISTORY OF UA LAND

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History of UA as a land grant university

The University of Alaska was created as a land grant university. Starting in the late 1880's this system was created throughout the country so that working class people could obtain an education. In 1915, federal legislation granted land to the Territory of Alaska to support what was then the Territorial Agricultural College and School of Mines. However, through the process of statehood, only a small percentage of the federal grant lands were conveyed to the university.

- The university received a smaller land grant for higher education than any other state except for Delaware.
- Today the management of these lands is still critical for generating income to support the programs and needs of students in Alaska.

What is the impact of UA Land?

The primary role is to convert the UA's grant land assets to income to support the university's educational mission.

- To date, the land grant property development activities have helped to fund more than **9,000 Alaskan students** with scholarships at UA.
- Earnings from the Land Grant Trust Fund are used to fund the UA Scholars Program which awards **\$12,000 scholarships** to the top ten percent of graduates from every high school in Alaska each year.
- Each \$20,000 generated by UA Land funds 1.7 full scholarship students across the state to attend UA.

History of 1982 Consensus Agreement

The Haines/Chilkat Valley region has a unique history of consensus and cooperation when it comes to land management. In 1982, elected officials, leaders from SEACC, LCC and the conservation community, along with timber and mining executives came together and signed what is known as the "consensus agreement." The document outlines their agreement on how to resolve conflicts on State land in the area. By doing this, legislation was passed that created:

- The Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve
- Haines State Forest Resource Management Area

The writers referred to it as "Alaskan solution" that "should demonstrate to all Alaskans and to the Nation as a whole that protection and management of resource values and other interests can in fact be successfully accomplished." UA Land respects all of the organizations that participated in the process in 1982 and those who are working in conservation and land management today. We are operating in the spirit of this agreement.