



Stacked, Not Stuck: A Triple Bottom Line Approach

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Background

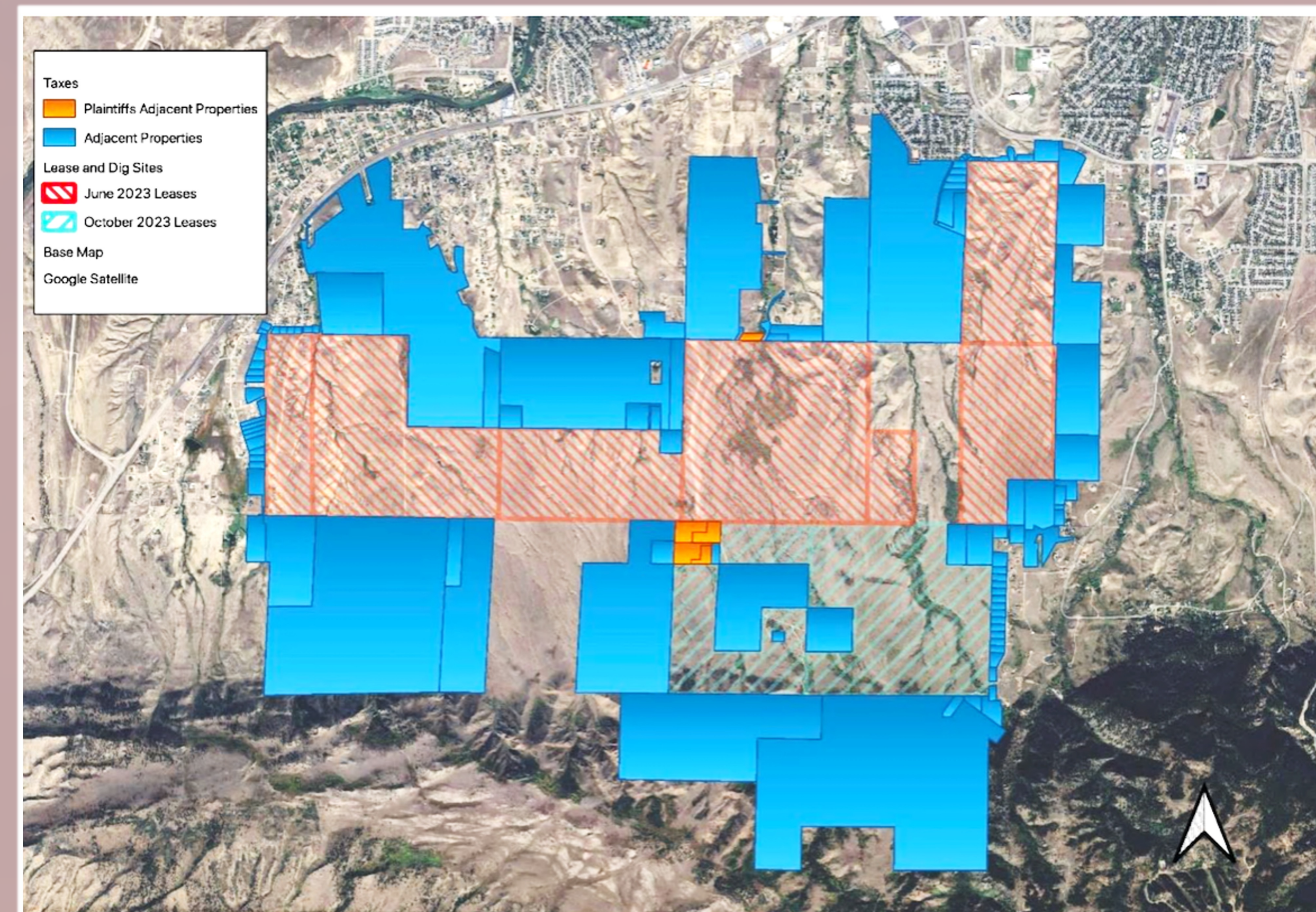
Wyoming State Trust Lands (STL) are managed to generate revenue for public education and other beneficiaries. Spanning 3.5 million surface acres and 3.9 million mineral acres, these lands support multiple uses including grazing, energy, and recreation.

Purpose

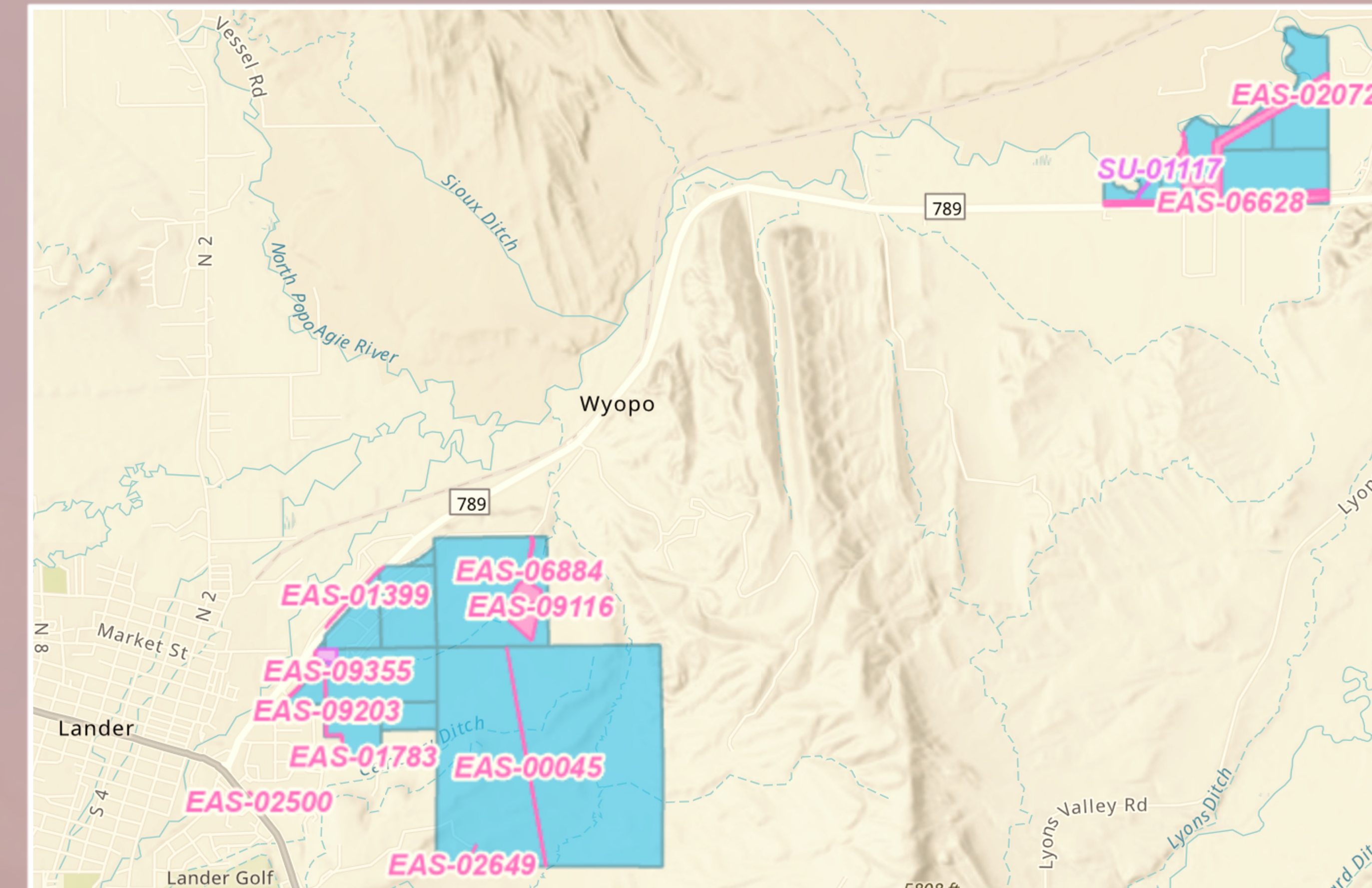
This project explores the potential of stacked leasing on Wyoming STL to better align with the Triple Bottom Line (economic, environmental, and community benefits). By integrating conservation and special-use leases with traditional revenue sources, we aim to enhance long-term sustainability and rebuild public trust. Our goal is to identify practical policy solutions that modernize land management while upholding fiduciary responsibilities to trust beneficiaries.

Methods

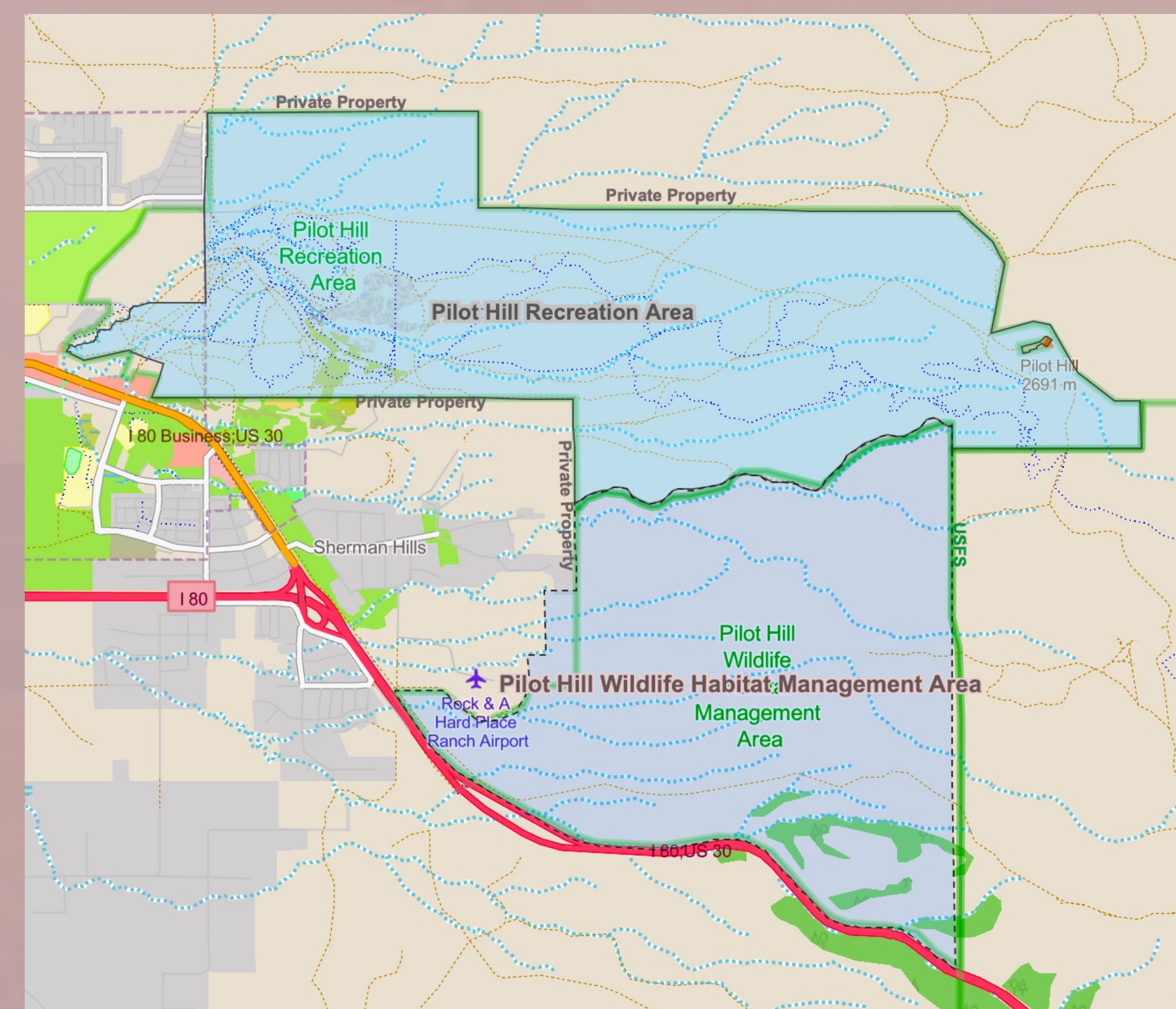
- Structured Interviews
- Literature Review
- Case Analysis
- Policy Analysis
- GIS spatial analysis



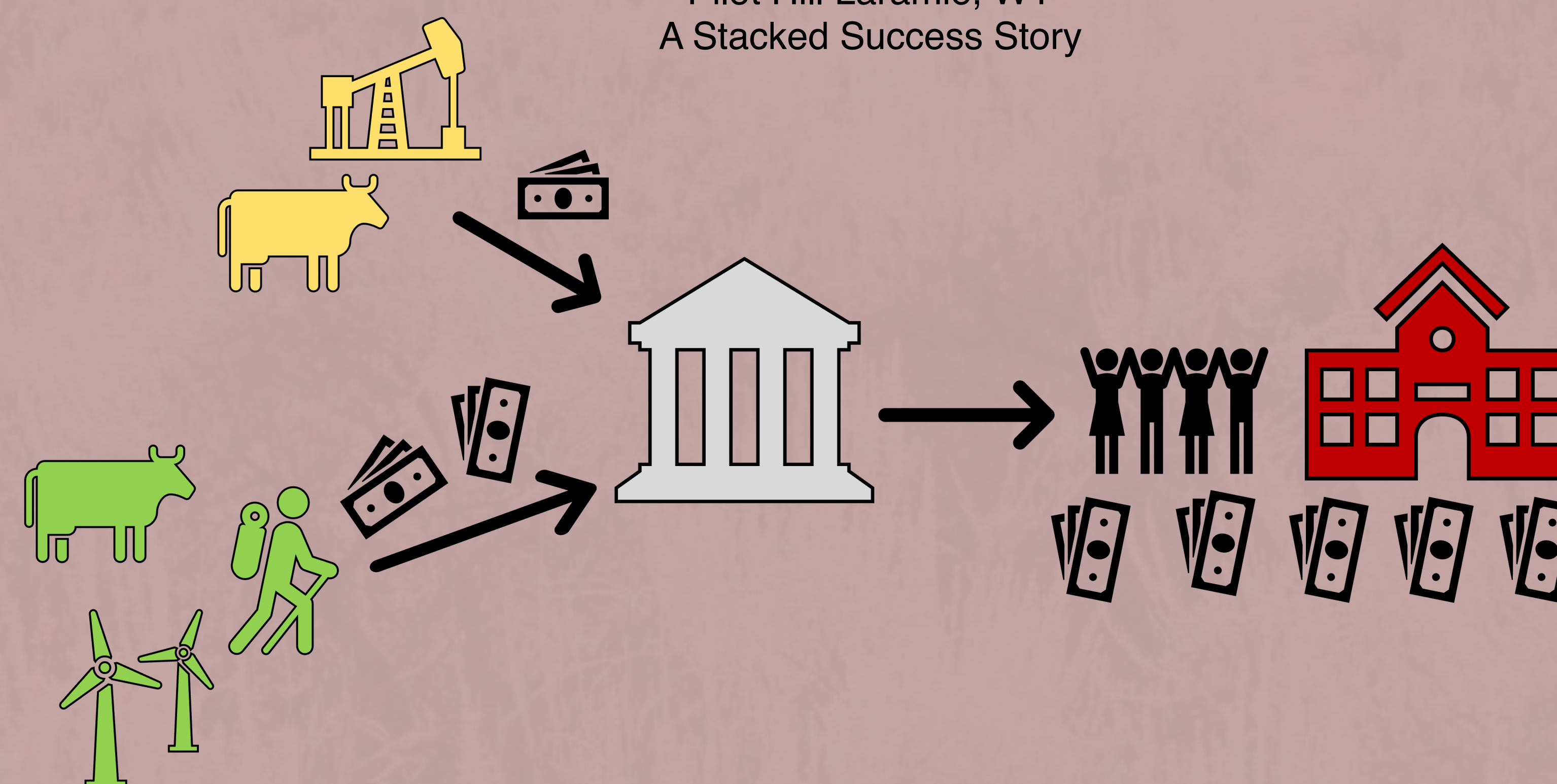
Casper Gravel Pit, WY
Evident Demand For Stacked Leasing



Lander, WY
Recent Collaborative Success



Pilot Hill Laramie, WY
A Stacked Success Story



Analysis/Results

- Wyoming's STL policies are strong but could be improved through better collaboration and diversified lease structures.
- Tensions in wildlife-grazing balance and public access.
- Successful efforts between agencies and nonprofits.
- Special Use Leases generated \$4.7M in 2024, yet only account for 2.5% of STL revenue indicates untapped potential. Regulated subleasing can increase revenue, land productivity, and access equity.
- With fluctuating oil prices and legal pressure to fund K–12 education, sustainable income strategies are needed.

Conclusion

Stacked leasing optimizes Wyoming's State Trust Lands for the Triple Bottom Line. By refining policies, engaging stakeholders, and exploring leases like conservation and recreation, Wyoming can boost public school revenue and manage land sustainably. Collaboration and awareness are crucial for long-term success.

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