Appendix: States with severance tax trust funds						
	Alaska	Montana	New Mexico	North Dakota	Utah	Wyoming
Trust fund name	Alaska Permanent Fund	Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund	Severance Tax Permanent Fund	Legacy Fund	State Endowment Fund	Permanent Mineral Trust Fund
Year created	1976 by constitutional amendment	1976 by constitutional amendment	1976 by constitutional amendment	2010 by constitutional amendment	2008 by constitutional amendment	1976 by constitutional amendment
Principal	\$45.4 billion (August 28, 2013)	\$900 million (FY 2012)	\$4.1 billion (June 30, 2013)	\$1.3 billion (June 31, 2013)	\$23 million (December 31, 2010	\$6.3 billion (May 31, 2013)
Source of Revenue	At least 25% of mineral-related (oil) income and legislative appropriation s	50% of coal severance collections on coal	12.5% of severance tax collections on coal, oil, natural gas, and other minerals	30% of oil production tax revenues	Severance tax revenues in excess of \$71 million from oil & gas, and \$27.6 million from coal	1.5% severance tax on coal, oil, and natural gas.
Annual Tax Inflows	\$915 million (FY 2012)	\$26 million (FY 2012)	\$104 million (CY 2012)	\$1.7 billion (FY 2013-15)	\$0 (FY 2011)	\$366 million (FY 2013)
Investment Return Rate	10.4% (FY 2010-12)	4.9% (FY 2010)	3.0% (5-year)	n/a	2.1% (FY 2011)	7.7% (FY 2011-2012)
Asset Allocation	Stocks, bonds, real estate, infrastructure, other	In-state investments, loans, bond pool, other	Equities, real estate, fixed income, and state investments	Fixed income, equities, real estate	Local government investment pool (money markets)	Equities, fixed income, cash, other.
Amount Distributed	\$605 million (FY 2012)	\$37 million (FY 2012)	\$170 million (FY 2014)	n/a	\$0 (FY 2011)	\$232 million (FY 2013)
Disbursement Formula	Average investment income earned on 5 previous years	Various formulas	4.7% of 5-year average market value	All interest earnings	n/a	5% of 5 year average market value
Use of Earnings	Citizen dividends, inflation- proofing, and general fund	General fund, education, infrastructure, remediation, and economic development	General fund, education, infrastructure, and economic development	General fund (beginning FY 2018)	Economic diversification, capital and infrastructure	General fund
Action required to disperse principal	Public Vote	3/4 of legislature	Public Vote	Public Vote	Public Vote	Public Vote

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