

State Riverbed Title under Equal Footing Doctrine

- Newly admitted states enter the union on “equal footing” as the original 13 states.
- Thus, newly admitted states took “title to the navigable waters and their beds in trust for the public” on equal footing with the original 13.
PPL Montana, LLC v. Montana, 565 U.S. 576, 604 (2012).
- “Questions of navigability for determining state riverbed title are governed by federal law.”
PPL Montana, 565 U.S. at 591.