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> The state's track record...the state partnered with the loggers to turn trees into money. When they had finished creating the "Pennsylvania desert" they bought the land back from the loggers with money extorted from the people, er...I mean taxes collected from the residents. Who benefited? The LOGGERS! You and I didn't benefit until the fires went out and the trees grew back, which would have happened no matter who "owned" the land. And by the way, did the state remember to secure the mineral rights when they bought the land "for us"?

Highly revisionist, I think. Timber companies bought the land. Not from the state, but from private entities. Those entities may have been granted the land from the state as it was an unoccupied frontier when they got it (well, cept for those pesky Indians, but they had no deed, you know).

They then timbered it. I agree in a very harmful and stupid way. But it was their land. After completion, the timber companies now held massive amounts of land, with no trees. Worthless cept for the mineral rights. The government saw an opportunity to buy large portions of land cheap, and jumped on it. But the timber companies sold on only one condition, they retain the mineral rights. Or else they were asking way more than the government could afford.

The government could either buy it without mineral rights, or they couldn't buy it at all. That was the choice. They didn't "agree" to give up the mineral rights, nor was there any "forgetting" involved.