



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



February 25th, 2016

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TREASURER: Alice Phillips

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Of utmost importance in the small-scale mining and prospecting arena are the now active two lawsuits.

One case involves DEQ permitting. Did you know that suction dredging is the only activity in the country, the only one (!) that requires both 402 and 404 permitting? That case is in the state courts.

The other is the federal case requesting injunctive relief from the Senate Bill 838 moratorium. Thankfully, Senate Bill 1530 did not make it out of committee, but we still have a moratorium that affects mining in essential salmon habitat areas.

Funds are needed now to see these cases through to their ends. Every dollar is appreciated! Please send donations to:

Waldo Mining District
P.O. Box 1574
Cave Junction, OR 97523

PS - I'm looking for a few outgoing people to help with fund raising activities.

-Karen

Call to Order: All stood for Pledge of Allegiance. Karen greeted all and welcomed guests.

Attendance: There were 4 guests in attendance.

President's Announcement: Karen stated that tonight's meeting would be an "Administrative Meeting", and that we would go over the committee reports before elections.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from January's meeting has been read and approved.

Claims: Claudia reported that BLM had returned the "maintenance fee waiver" for our Jeeter Creek claim because the form needed to include Joe and Claudia's signatures and addresses as they are the original "locators". -This was resolved during meeting tonight, and Penny will send it back to BLM "certified mail/return receipt". -Penny stated that she received the stamped and recorded paperwork for Fossil Flats from BLM.

Membership: Our website was down at this time (temporarily). -On the membership application, there is a "waiver" to sign at the bottom, which is necessary for "Liability", and that would be for using any motorized equipment provided. (NW Prospectors pay a 1.00 fee to use equipment). The question was asked if this includes guests during an outing. Our current policy states no guests are allowed at our outings. The decision was made to table discussion on this issue for March's meeting; reviewing our association's policy regarding the liability waiver, and to upgrade or modify it.

Treasurer's Report: Alice told us that we received a "Thank You" card from StreamSavers, thanking us for our time and attention during the presentation in January. -She didn't have any checks with her tonight for any members that need reimbursement. She said she could mail checks to anyone that needs them before March's meeting.

ATTENTION! We need a new Treasurer! Alice has put in her time and she needs the time to tend to her pressing personal affairs. Her work as our loyal treasurer these past few years has been so appreciated! We thank you Alice for your dedication and fine work as our treasurer.

ELECTIONS: President—Karen Darnell
Vice President—Ted Staley
Secretary/Editor—Penny Esplin

Treasurer—We Need A New Treasurer! *Someone needs to step up and take this position, please!*

New officers will take over at the March meeting.

-During meeting, Ken agreed to relieve Bill tonight, as interim VP , and run tonight's raffles.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Outings: Karen proposed we make plans to go on a camp trip to our Fossil Flats claim on Briggs Creek the end of June (tentative). It is also a good opportunity for metal detecting; there's a lot of mining history in the area. This is a "Non-ESH" claim (Non-Essential Salmon Habitat). Some members may want to get a 700 permit from DEQ (for dredging).

Other proposed outings: (Dates not set)

- ❖ Potluck at Don's (August)
- ❖ Jeeter Creek/Maintenance work (work done counts for "maintenance fee waiver"), (Please note: Jeeter Creek claim **IS** ESH, so no motorized dredging allowed.)
- ❖ Rice Museum
- ❖ Rockhounding for Augite in Tillamook area, Penny will look into this further.

Snack Calendar: **March-** Penny and Rod
April- Ken and Alice
May- Wes and Tammy
June- David
July- ??
August- Potluck @ Don's

ATTENTION!

Our March 24th meeting will not be at the church!

We will hold our meeting at 7:00 at the
Keizer/Salem Area Senior Center
located at 930 Plymouth St NE (off of Cherry Ave) in Keizer.

New Business: About the moratorium: Claims in ESH are the only ones affected by the moratorium.

-Federal court in Medford: Forest Service in favor of miners. James Buchal explained land use and the mining law to the judge.

-State: "Sometimes we control stuff on land usage."

-BLM: "Miners are in non-compliance by not submitting 'Notice of Intent'"

-Miners: "Uninformed as such."

Please send donations for court costs to: **Waldo Mining District Legal Fund**
P.O. Box 1574
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-ESH maps on DSL website (?)

-DEQ- 700 permit for dredging, 600 permit for high-banking

-In water work time for non ESH is April thru September

Show and Tell: This year, we are using two (2) letters each month for our show and tell (so to cover the entire alphabet by the end of the year).

February's letters: "C and D": Ken brought nice specimens to show and to sell of **Calcite** in a clam shell, **Calcite** from Mexico, **Thunder-eggs** from Turkey and France, **Obsidian** from Holland and **Aquamarine** from Afghanistan.

Penny brought several specimens from her collection: Sky blue **Cavansite** (*calcium vanadium silicate*) from Owyhee Dam; light blue **Celestite** (*strontium sulfate*); a water clear crystal of the mineral **Danburite** (*calcium boron silicate*); bright blue **Chalcanthite** (*copper sulfate*) which is soluble in water, and the crystals can be grown from the crushed, dissolved mineral. It is found growing on the mining timbers in certain copper mines. When a clean nail is dipped into in the dissolved solution, the nail will have a coating of copper on its surface. Also, a couple specimens of **Cacoxenite** (*hydrated iron aluminum phosphate oxide hydroxide*) which are golden needle-like inclusions in **amethyst**;



CACOXENITE IN AMETHYST

Plus, a piece of **Coke** that we found along the railroad tracks at an old RR work station near Willamette Pass. "**Coke** is a fuel with few impurities and a high [carbon](#) content, usually made from [coal](#). It is the solid [carbonaceous](#) material derived from [destructive distillation](#) of low-ash, low-sulfur [bituminous coal](#). Coke is used in preparation of [producer gas](#) which is a mixture of [carbon monoxide](#) and [nitrogen](#). Producer gas is produced by passing air over red-hot coke. Coke is used as a [fuel](#) and as a [reducing agent](#) in [smelting iron ore](#) in a [blast furnace](#). In the first years of [steam railway locomotives](#), coke was the normal fuel." (Taken from Wikipedia)

Karen brought some samples of **white quartz** from a brand new rock/mud slide along the road down in Josephine Co. It is very likely to contain some gold and other sulphides. She plans to crush it with her impact crusher and then do some sampling by panning and testing for gold.

Chuck's daughter Evette brought some nice **Coral** specimens in a pink gold pan.

Joe shared his new sluice with us. It's a vortex drop riffle sluice that collects gold down to 1200 mesh...That's amazing!!!

Claudia shared that she and her sister have formed a new company, Rebox Designs. They're turning old silverware boxes and other types of boxes into something new such as a rock collection box or a sewing box etc. She brought a collection box that was made for Joe to share.

March's letters will be "E and F"

Meeting Adjourned

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Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

The Millennium Diggers Association is a group based in Keizer, Oregon, which is near Salem, Oregon. The Association is for people that share an interest in searching for things of value. The club's charter is to provide members with an Association that will help promote the activities of metal detecting, prospecting, rock hounding, and treasure hunting. Part of our yearly dues pay for mining claims that are available for all club members to use. We use Association meetings to share information about locating gold, silver, coins, jewelry, gemstones, fossils and metal detecting. We plan Association outings each month where we can help each other learn all aspects of our outdoor activities. This is a great family activity, bring the kids! Please feel free to drop in on one of the monthly meetings.

We meet the **4th** Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

Clear Lake United Methodist Church

920 Marks Drive

Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the

Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot which is located behind the church.



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Attention, any one that is in Arizona or plaining to come down and want to go Nuggett Detecting or Prospecting.

Come join us.

I have been going to Arizona for the last 11 years and meeting up with people for Nuggett hunting.

We should be in Quartzsite AZ Wednesday afternoon - will camp west of the town along Dome Rock Rd.

Saturday, we will go to Congress, AZ then up the hill to Yarnell, AZ to camp in the American Legion parking lot. We will; stay 3 to 6 days. Then off to Mayer to work a couple of claims.

We would also like to hunt around Kingsman and Lake Havasu City

If anyone knows of places to go, or any club outings, give me a call.

Outings, training, having fun, it's all FREE.

I'm not down here to sell, and I don't care if you didn't buy your detector from me, if I can help and we have fun, that what counts.

But, I will have the Minelab SDC-2300, GPX-5000 and GPZ-700 demo unit to use.

I do have people running the business while I am away, so I can be in the area of sunshine and warmer weather.

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This summer, will have outing for gold detecting in Oregon, Idaho and Northern California.

Bob

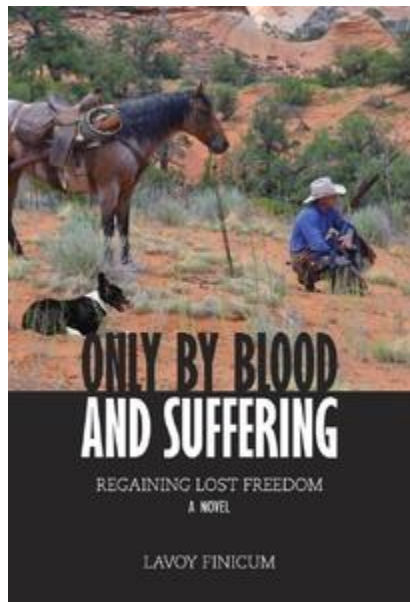
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Only by Blood and Suffering: Regaining Lost Freedom, tells of a family's struggle to come together and survive in the midst of national crisis. A stirring, fast-paced novel about what matters most in the face of devastating end-times chaos.

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LaVoy Finicum is a real life Northern Arizona Rancher who loves nothing more in life than God, freedom, and family. His spine tingling storytelling conveys in graphic detail just how fragile and precious freedom truly is and leaves his readers with an increased desire to stand for freedom wherever possible.

Reader Comments:

"From the opening scene I was captured, I could scarcely put the book down until I had devoured the whole thing" BJT (Reader)

"A book you do not want to read, but must..." Cliven Bundy "Last Rancher Standing"

Excerpts from the book:

Summoning my remaining courage and strength, I packed myself back up. I must walk through the night. If I stopped it would be my final resting place. I had gone no more than a hundred yards and I stumbled again. This time I was not able to catch myself. Turning to a side so as not to fall upon the baby, I sprawled out in the snow. I struggled to my knees, my whole body trembling. "Oh, Dad, oh Dad, where are you?" I cried out, into the oncoming darkness. ===== In a blur of movement, her right hand swept down to her moccasin then whipped towards my face. The blade of the knife flashed in the soft light and I jerked my face back and to the side. The strike had been carefully aimed at my neck but it went high, laying my cheek open to the bone.

Product Reviews

Jay Arnett

Wonderful book, fun read, chock full of useful information and thought provoking. You will love it.

Charlie Williams



Posted on February 7, 2016

It wasn't exactly what I was expecting, it's better. Every American should have to read this book. This book is a must have for every patriot who believes in the American way of life, and the American values we were founded upon. I cannot say enough good things about this book. If you were a follower of LaVoy and listened to his interviews and what he had to say, this book is a must have.

JOYCE JOHNSON



Posted on February 16, 2016

I initially bought the ebook and was very impressed with not only the story that was told, but the way in which it was told and the teaching that went along with it. Very thought provoking and educational. I was so impressed with this book that I wanted it in a physical copy as well, so that the message could be passed down to my grandkids when they are older. Written by a great man, a true Patriot, a very brave and dedicated soul. Buy it. You won't regret it.

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-ALERT-

Obama Administration and UN Announce Global Police Force to Fight ‘Extremism’ In U.S.



On Wednesday, Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced at the United Nations that her office would be working in several American cities to form what she called the Strong Cities Network (SCN), a law enforcement initiative that would encompass the globe.

This amounts to nothing less than the overriding of American laws, up to and including the United States Constitution, in favor of United

Nations laws that would henceforth be implemented in the United States itself – without any consultation of Congress at all.

The United Nations is a sharia-compliant world body, and Obama, speaking there just days ago, insisted that “violent extremism” is not exclusive to Islam (which it is). Obama is redefining jihad terror to include everyone but the jihadists. So will the UN, driven largely by the sharia-enforcing Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the pro-Islamic post-American President Obama, use a “global police force” to crush counter-jihad forces?

After all, with Obama [knowingly aiding al-Qaeda forces in Syria](#), how likely is it that he will use his “global police force” against actual Islamic jihadists? I suspect that instead, this global police force will be used to impose the blasphemy laws under the sharia (Islamic law), and to silence all criticism of Islam for the President who proclaimed that “the future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.”

What is a global police force doing in our cities? This is exactly the abdication of American sovereignty that I warned about in my book, [The Post-American Presidency: The Obama Administration's War on America](#). The Obama [Department of Justice](#) made it clear that it was exactly that when it distributed a press release last week announcing the “Launch of Strong Cities Network to Strengthen Community Resilience Against Violent Extremism.” In that press release, the DoJ complained that “while many cities and local authorities are developing innovative responses to address this challenge, no systematic efforts are in place to share experiences, pool resources and build a community of cities to inspire local action on a global scale.”

So if the local and municipal effort to counter the euphemistic and disingenuous “violent extremism” is inadequate and hasn’t developed “systematic efforts are in place to share experiences, pool resources and build a community of cities to inspire local action on a global scale,” the feds – and the UN – have to step in. Thus **the groundwork is being laid for federal and international interference down to the local level.** “The Strong Cities Network,” Lynch declared, “will serve as a vital tool to strengthen capacity-building and improve collaboration” – i.e., **local dependence on federal and international authorities.**

Lynch made the global (that is, United Nations) involvement clear when she added: “As we continue to counter a range of domestic and global terror threats, this innovative platform will enable cities to learn from one another, to develop best practices and to build social cohesion and community resilience here at home and around the world.”

This internationalist character was brought to the fore by the fact that **the Strong Cities Network was launched on September 29** not at the White House or the

Department of Homeland Security, or at the FBI headquarters or anywhere else that might be fitting for a national project, but **at the United Nations.**

Even more ominously, the DoJ press release says that the Strong Cities Network “will strengthen strategic planning and practices to address violent extremism in all its forms by fostering collaboration among cities, municipalities and other sub-national authorities.” Sub-national and international: the press release then quotes Governing Mayor Stian Berger Røslund of Oslo, Norway, a participant in the Strong Cities Network, saying: “To counter violent extremism we need determined action at all levels of governance. To succeed, we must coordinate our efforts and cooperate across borders. The Strong Cities Network will enable cities across the globe pool our resources, knowledge and best practices together and thus leave us standing stronger in the fight against one of the greatest threats to modern society.”

But what is that greatest threat, exactly? Remember, the DoJ presser says that the SCN will “address violent extremism in all its forms.” It also says that it will aid initiatives that are working toward “building social cohesion and resilience to violent extremism.” **“Building social cohesion” is a euphemism for keeping peace between non-Muslim and Muslim communities – mostly by making sure that non-Muslims don’t complain too loudly about, much less work against, rapidly expanding Muslim populations and the Islamization of their communities.**

The DoJ presser noted that at the launch of the Strong Cities Network, “welcoming remarks” would be offered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein and Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York City. The involvement of New York City’s Marxist internationalist mayor is yet another warning sign.

Assert American sovereignty and individual rights. Contact your representatives now. Exhort them to oppose SCN now. Exhort them to keep America free – while it still is.

Pamela Geller is the President of the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI), publisher of PamelaGeller.com and author of [The Post-American Presidency: The Obama Administration's War on America](#) and [Stop the Islamization of America: A Practical Guide to the Resistance](#).

Gold Dreaming: In search of the ultimate commodity

an Essay by Roy Keene

Eugene Weekly, 07/23/2009

<http://www.eugeneweekly.com/2009/07/23/coverstory.html>

I know some people living off the grid, way off. I'm not going to say where, only that they go to Reno and sell jewelry-grade nuggets. And that you'd have a hard time telling where they worked rock and earth to liberate the gold.

Not all who mine are corporate, not all are destructive and not all are visible.

Gold and oil, two of our culture's most valuable goods, are often compared, oil being called "black gold." They both originate underground and exist in finite, nonrenewable quantities. There is a significant difference: Oil is burned away, but gold abides as does human reliance on it as the ultimate commodity. Our Constitution recognized this, saying "No State shall ... make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts."

Nevertheless, America was taken off the gold standard, and the ownership of gold was nationalized in 1934 when President Roosevelt attempted to save the banks from bad loans being recalled in gold. It is still illegal for private citizens to own gold bullion or coin, excepting for modest amounts held as collectibles.

Gold prices, set by the feds at \$35 in 1934, are now approaching \$1,000 an ounce in the real world and may rise higher as oil again escalates. Less regulated gold prices and the current depression maybe producing another rush for gold. Oregon's last gold rushes were during the Great Depression and after World War II, when many returning soldiers, unable to find jobs, went prospecting. The gold they sought began its own rush long before them.

In Earth's earlier ages, streams of molten quartz flowed in the nether realms. Unattached yet charged, the quartz magma drew gold and other precious metals to itself. Pushed upward by heavier flows underneath, it pulsed through hot



A Siskiyou pocket hunter holding a piece of nearly pure "sponge" gold poses for a rare picture taken in 1904.

fissures, cooling and solidifying as it flowed into the world's newly forming crust. Richly saturated, the magma rested, waiting for erosion and rain to break out the heavy, durable gold and re-concentrate it. Rain and gravity did their work, and humans discovered and separated the gold from its placers, often following it to the source lodes.

What remains of Oregon's heaviest worked motherlodes is found in the northeast and southwest areas of the state. Seeking this inner-world treasure will lead you into the roughest and most remote corners of these mineralized regions.

My favorite technique for finding gold, called "sniping," entails looking for coarse gold flakes and nuggets in freshly exposed bedrock or old placers. A large spoon, stout tweezers, a round file with a hooked end, a gold pan, perhaps a metal detector ... these are some of my tools. And, of course, experience and patience. Apart from getting to where the gold is, no fossil fuel required. Equating this to corporate mining would be like comparing cutting firewood with a bucksaw to industrial logging!

Old diggings can be intriguing places to search out. There are amazing piles of rock and metal buried in some really deep places. Depression era miners I've met were far more ambitious than myself. They dismantled trucks, tractors or even steam shovels and mills, packed the pieces into the backcountry, reassembled them and mechanized their dreams. One old-timer I knew hauled, by mule, an eight-burner wood stove and a full sized piano onto the crest of a desolate peak to warm his winter nights. Be advised that many old tailings and junk piles are either archeological artifacts or still parts of legitimate mining claims.

Miners occasionally set fire to the forests to expose minerals, a kind of Euro variation on earlier Indian subsistence fire setting. The Biscuit blaze in southwest Oregon, ignited by lightening, accomplished legally what miners were jailed for in the Great Depression: It burned thousands of acres of densely vegetated wilderness, flecked with precious metals, to bare earth. Afterwards it was easy to see mineral contacts and old workings. Gazing over exposed trails and diggings on fire glazed ridges, I found myself wondering, "Did they get everything?"

My partner and I once packed a 16-ft. wall tent and a folding stove into an old dig above an upper reach of the Chetco River. We stayed from spring's last snows till late fall. We sifted beautiful bits of fine gold out of a dry stream channel, drank pure water, breathed air enriched with forest oxygen, bathed and fished in turquoise pools below and negotiated a truce with pesky bears. Had it not been for a Forest Service flyover, we would have gone undiscovered by humans. When agency people hiked in to evict us, we advised them that we were prospecting under the 1872 mining law. We weren't bothered again.

The same mining law that lets corporations excavate yawning craters in the earth allows common folks to live on public land while seeking nuggets in bedrock seams. A Forest Service Regional Forester, testifying in favor of a large mining

venture, said: "This law confers to a citizen a statutory right to enter upon public lands to search for and develop minerals." Though this includes non-corporate citizens, there are still efforts by the Forest Service and BLM to remove small gold miners, especially if they're living on their claims.

During the road building frenzy of the 1970s, folks living in federal forests, often without visible means of support, identification, address or car, were indeed disturbing to the management agencies. Some, like myself, were even more burdensome, resisting new roads and the then wide use of herbicides. The protectorates of our lands ignored the robber barons blasting mainlines through wilderness, leveling mountains and logging off forests. Instead, they went after bands of merry miners who neither contributed nor took tax dollars, paid no rent, did comparatively little damage and occasionally ate the king's deer.

This ancient lifestyle, one still protected by an equally archaic law, takes on a new glitter in today's world. Imagine living off the grid, paying no tribute to landlords or money lenders and no taxes. Working each day with simple tools. Living on and with the earth. Staying amazingly fit and healthy. If enough of us little folks exercised this right, could we be stopped by the big corps or resentful bureaucracies?

Years ago I helped Len Ramp, who was then the mineral geologist for Oregon, search out a hidden spring and evaluate some old digs. We lingered, recalling other historic "pockets," isolated gold concentrations perched above downstream placers. Some had been hand-excavated to yield hundreds of thousands of dollars of gold at \$20 to the ounce. We speculated about the hidden crevices yet to be discovered.

Our musings spawned golden dreams that coursed through my consciousness for years, dreams that seem far more realistic in 2009 than they did in 1969.



Media Release issued by the Mining and Minerals Advisory Council

March 10, 2016:

Miners Making the Rules and Regulations supported in Washington D.C.

The existing Federal Mining Law gives claim holders the authority to make rules and regulations in the context of organized Mining Districts. The miners within traditional mining districts have been neglecting their duties under Federal Mining law (30 U.S.C. section 22). This is why the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) was formed as a project under Public Lands for the People (PLP) to organize the traditionally and legally recognized Mining Districts within the United States and encouraging the miners holding mining claims to step to the plate, legally, and take charge of their future.

Presently MMAC has partnered with mining associations, unions, PLP and the National Association of Mining Districts. MMAC is a combined effort by numerous concerned miners, mine owners, geologists, mining engineers, retired politicians, retired military personnel, and mining attorneys that are gravely concerned about the future security of our nation and its increased dependence on foreign sources of mined materials. Currently the United States is importing up to 92% of raw materials, metals and rare-earth minerals from overseas. Mining Districts can change all of this. (This was voiced by Capitol Hill committee members on our March trip to Washington DC)

To date, the failure of Congressional action to rein in agencies at the Federal and State level from extremist green groups has nearly shut down the entire mining industry through onerous and prohibitive regulations and is also shutting out the general public at large. This is not consistent with the 1872 Mining Law, the mining district by-laws, the 1955 Multiple Surface Use Act, the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, the 1970 National Minerals Policy Act and the 1976 Federal Land and Policy Management Act. MMAC was asked by the some Congressional House Natural Resources Committee members to put together a comprehensive solution to our industry's plight. MMAC's solution draft bill is named the "Minerals & Mining Regulatory Reform Act – A Clear Path Respecting Mining Rights" providing true accountability and regulatory certainty in existing law. This proposed bill provides:

- ★ **Regulatory certainty of a 30 day approval mitigation deadline**
- ★ **Regulatory certainty of exemptions to the Clean Water Acts**
- ★ **Regulatory certainty of exemptions to the Mine Safety and Health Administration**
- ★ **Eliminates duplicative regulation by State and local governments**

- ★ Eliminates duplicative federal agency permits and the permit system
- ★ Equal Access to Justice Act relief
- ★ Cost effective due process appeal relief for unreasonable regulation
- ★ Reasonable regulatory best management standards and mitigation formation procedures
- ★ Clear environmental standing requirements to eliminate frivolous environmental lawsuits

The TRADITIONAL MINING DISTRICTS as arbiters of reasonable regulation

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We have been called back to work closely on this historic piece of legislation with the legislative staffers on our bill and review other bills for them on the federal level. We are prepared to provide the Congressional education of the customary functions of the Mining Districts to the staffers. The Mining Districts along with clarification through the MMAC bill can break up the conflicts while employing a constitutional representative form of local governance benefiting other recreational public land users, along with grazing, hunting and ranching. **This will require funding to pay for our travel and research. Now, here is where your help is needed. PLP is a 501(c)(3) and your donation for this grand endeavor will be tax deductible. Be part of the solution and make a healthy donation today in order that MMAC and PLP can continue to assist the local mining districts and educate Washington DC on the POWER OF THE MINING DISTRICTS! Please make your check payable to: PLP and add "for MMAC Bill" on the memo part of the check and send to: Public Lands for the People Inc, 20929 Ventura Blvd., Ste 47-466**

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The Dept. of Interior has plans presently to place all public lands under environmental land designations that will not be for public use!



Public Lands for the People and the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council GO TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Miners Making the Rules and Regulations supported in Washington D.C.

The existing Federal Mining Law gives claim holders the authority to make rules and regulations in the context of organized Mining Districts. The miners within traditional mining districts have been neglecting their duties under Federal Mining law (30 U.S.C. section 22). This is why the Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC) was formed as a project under Public Lands for the People (PLP) to organize the traditionally and legally recognized Mining Districts within the United States and encouraging the miners holding mining claims to step to the plate, legally, and take charge of their future.

Presently MMAC has partnered with mining associations, unions, PLP and the National Association of Mining Districts. MMAC is a combined effort by numerous

concerned miners, mine owners, geologists, mining engineers, retired politicians, retired military personnel, and mining attorneys that are gravely concerned about the future security of our nation and its increased dependence on foreign sources of mined materials. Currently the United States is importing up to 92% of raw materials, metals and rare-earth minerals from overseas. Mining Districts can change all of this. (This was voiced by Capitol Hill committee members on our March trip to Washington DC)

To date, the failure of Congressional action to rein in agencies at the Federal and State level from extremist green groups has nearly shut down the entire mining industry through onerous and prohibitive regulations and is also shutting out the general public at large. This is not consistent with the 1872 Mining Law, the mining district by-laws, the 1955 Multiple Surface Use Act, the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act, the 1970 National Minerals Policy Act and the 1976 Federal Land and Policy Management Act. MMAC was asked by the some Congressional House Natural Resources Committee members to put together a comprehensive solution to our industry's plight. MMAC's solution draft bill is named the ["Minerals & Mining Regulatory Reform Act – A Clear Path Respecting Mining Rights"](#) providing true accountability and regulatory certainty in existing law. This proposed bill provides:

- ★ **Regulatory certainty of a 30 day approval mitigation deadline**
- ★ **Regulatory certainty of exemptions to the Clean Water Acts**
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This trip marks the beginning of the education process for politicians and their staff to understand the true power of the Mining Districts, in addition to capturing sponsors for the MMAC Bill.

For more comprehensive details of the Washington D.C. trip and a more in depth discussion of what MMAC will accomplish in the coming months, please read [Miners Making the Rules and Regulations](#)



Obama Just Nationalized 1.8M Acres of Gold and Silver Land Deposits

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<https://jhaines6a.wordpress.com/2016/02/26/bix-weirobama-just-nationalized-1-8m-acres-of-gold-and-silver-land-deposits/>

I told you it was coming. The Road to Ruota documents released by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston clearly state that one of the options in the transition is for the Government to take over the gold and silver mining operations after the crash.

Obama has just set the stage for it by nationalizing a large chunk of the hidden gold and silver deposits...

Monumental Audacity -- Obama Grabs Huge Western Lands by Executive Order

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/constitution/item/22565-monumental-audacity-obama-grabs-huge-western-lands-by-executive-order>

"While in California on a fundraising expedition, President Obama took time on February 12 to sign an executive order proclaiming three new national monuments, imposing the strictest of federal restrictions on 1.8 million acres of the Golden State. The three new illegally created monuments are Mojave Trails National Monument (1.6 million acres), the Sand to Snow National Monument (154,000 acres), and the Castle Mountains National Monument (21,000 acres)."

*"In addition to permanently protecting incredible natural resources, wildlife habitat and unique historic and cultural sites, and providing recreational opportunities for a burgeoning region, the monuments will support climate resiliency in the region," the White House said in a statement. **However, the designation as monuments means that these newly "protected" areas will be off-limits to mining and mineral exploration, oil and gas drilling, grazing, timber harvest** -- and even to many of the current recreational uses such as camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and off-road vehicle usage that the public previously has enjoyed. But that's OK, because it's all in the greater interest, allegedly, of "protecting" the environment and combating global warming, according to the president."*

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If you still have any gold and silver mining stocks they are 100% at risk of nationalization either by the current standing governments OR by WE THE PEOPLE after the system crashes and everyone loses everything they hold in paper form. There will be too much ANGER towards the rich for the people to allow you to profit from the wealth in "THEIR" ground.

This is what the End Game is all about.

According to my Timeline, the next few months will see MASSIVE banking write-downs, write-offs and bankruptcies. Now is not the time to be holding paper ANYTHING. Physical silver in your own possession is the "No Brainer" of a Lifetime!



THINGS I TRUST MORE THAN BARACK OBAMA

Mexican tap water
A porcupine with a 'pet me' sign
Bill Clinton
A fart when I have the flu
An elevator ride with Ray Rice
Taking pills offered by Bill Cosby
A Bigfoot sighting
A Palestinian on a motorcycle
A Hillary Clinton war story
Gas station sushi
Jimmy Carter
Brian Williams news reports
Pete Carroll coaching decisions
Loch Ness monster sightings

Two Proposals to extend mineral withdrawals for 20 more years

Public Land Orders:

Oregon; Application for Extension, Opportunity for Public Meeting

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The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7233 for an additional 20-year term.

PLO No. 7233 withdrew approximately 2,090 acres of National Forest Systems Lands in the **Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest** from mining for 20 years to protect the Rabbit Ears-Falcon Wildlife Area; Rogue River Wild and Scenic Corridor; Union Creek Historic District; Abbot Creek and Mill Creek Recreation Sites; and the Prospect Ranger Station Administrative Site. The withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 7233 will expire on January 1, 2017, unless extended. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the application and to request a public meeting.

Red Rock Canyon State Park; CA; Proposed Withdrawal Extension

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The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7260 for an additional 20-year term.

PLO No. 7260 withdrew 8,896 acres of public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining and mineral leasing laws, except for conveyances under Section 701 of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, to protect the **Red Rock Canyon State Park resources in Kern County, California**, until the lands can be conveyed to the State

of California. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed action. This notice also announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting to be held in conjunction with the proposed extension.



Bates' suction-dredge bill dies in committee

SB 1530 to broaden moratorium dies in committee

By [Mark Freeman](#), Mail Tribune, Feb. 25, 2016

<http://www.mailtribune.com/article/20160225/NEWS/160229695>

State Sen. Alan Bates claims his bill to extend and broaden a suction-dredging moratorium in place on wild salmon streams — including most of the Rogue River Basin — has died because of delay tactics from mining interests who insist the bill imploded from its own weight.

Bates, D-Medford, said he pulled Senate Bill 1530 after attempts to add amendments in the hopes of gaining bipartisan support ended with mining interests still opposed to extending aspects of the dredging moratorium in much of Oregon beginning in 2022.

The delays stalled the bill this week in the Joint Ways and Means Committee with no prospect for a hearing, let alone a vote before the session ends, likely sometime next week, Bates said.

"We were really trying to do this bipartisanly," Bates said. "But the way to kill a bill in a short session is delaying.

"I was naive enough to believe they'd sit down and work with us," Bates said. "I was wrong, and they kept delaying it until we couldn't get it out (of committee)."

Rich Angstrom, a lobbyist representing mining interests in SB 1530 negotiations, said the bill's complexity did it in during the one-month short session. The bill, for instance, sought to almost triple the area of streams banned from dredging by adding Pacific lamprey and wild bull trout into the fold and added upland mining to the proposed restrictions, Angstrom said.

"We were trying to find resolution to them both in 30 days," Angstrom said. "There were intense discussions, but we couldn't resolve all the issues and were timed out."

Bates said he will offer a similar bill for the Oregon Legislature's 2017 session and he will "run with it anyway," even if it does not gain bipartisan support.

"I think we'd have the votes for it," Bates said.

Angstrom said the industry also wants the dredging issues settled.

Suction-dredge mining employs a floating vacuum to suck gravel from a stream bottom. Materials vacuumed by the dredge then go through a sluice to allow miners to strain out gold and other heavy metals, while sand, silt and other fine materials are discharged into the water.

Wild-salmon advocates say the process damages spawning grounds and rearing habitat. Miners have argued that current laws already protect salmon and their habitat, and they have argued that no peer-reviewed study on suction dredging proves it ruins salmon habitat.

In 2013, the Legislature passed a law that severely restricted dredging by cutting and capping the number of dredging permits offered annually in Oregon, and limited some of the times, locations and manner for how dredgers operate. It was designed to protect wild salmon and their habitats and reduce conflicts with riverside landowners and users.

The law was written to sunset at the end of 2015 to give the Legislature time to grapple with permanent rules, which never materialized. That led to the moratorium in wild salmon habitat that began Jan. 2 and is set to sunset at the end of 2021.

SB 1530 was Bates' attempt to write dredging legislation for post-moratorium Oregon, and it sought to expand the restrictions to include all tributaries in wild salmon streams as well as those with native bull trout and Pacific lamprey.

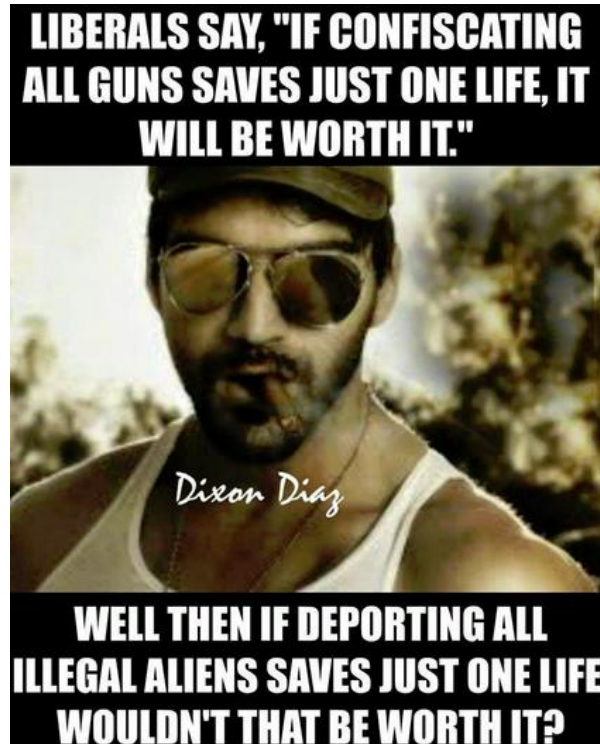
If that standard were applied to the Rogue River Basin, the dredging moratorium would be expanded to include the mainstem Rogue and all its tributaries upstream of Lost Creek Dam, which blocks upstream passage to wild salmon and

lamprey. The portion of the Rogue and its tributaries downstream of the dam already are included in the moratorium.

Before the moratorium, the dredging season in Oregon differed between rivers and followed the legal summer in-water work period to protect wild salmon eggs and young fry in the gravel.

Several miners filed suit in federal court in October, seeking a judge to declare the state moratorium pre-empted by federal law. The case remains open in U.S. District Court in Medford.

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The case of California vs Rinehart.

The California Supreme Court is reviewing the landmark win which was handed to small-scale gold miners by the Third Appellate Court in the case of California v. Rinehart. Now they have asked for briefing on how California's new water quality law might affect the outcome. This very well may have opened the door to hear our argument that the new water quality law is nothing more than an extension of the State's intent to prohibit mining on the public lands of California; something they do not have the authority to do. Our briefing on the matter was submitted to the California Supreme Court today. You are welcome to read it right here:



California mining law angers suction dredge miners; opponents say it's needed to keep mercury out of food chain

Alan Riquelmy, The Union, November 13, 2015

<http://www.theunion.com/news/18843536-113/mining-law-angers-suction-dredge-miners-opponents-say>

Clark Pearson said he used to suction dredge mine during the moratorium, a risky move considering California had forbidden it.

The Grass Valley resident would take his mining equipment and, as the name suggests, dredge the bottom of rivers looking for gold. The fact that the governor had ordered a halt to such activity didn't bother him.

"I know the law," said Pearson, arguing his federal rights trump the state's restrictions. "I'm willing to fight."

Pearson, northern director of Public Lands for the People, said he doesn't suction dredge anymore, but he intends to push back against a new law that imposes what he calls impossible restrictions on those who do.

At issue is state Senate Bill 637, recently signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown and effective on Jan. 1. It allows suction dredge mining, but requires miners to obtain permits.

It's a change from the moratorium, in effect since 2009, but one Pearson and other mining supporters say is based on faulty science and meant to stop the mining through a cumbersome bureaucratic process.

The Sierra Fund, a Nevada City-based group focused on protecting and restoring the area's natural resources, supported the bill. Elizabeth "Izzy" Martin, the group's CEO, disagrees with the miners' take on the science of suction dredge mining.

She hails the new law as a means to stop the spread of mercury during the mining process.

"Where we live, you can suck mercury right out of the creek," Martin said. "It's very common to encounter mercury."

Overshadowing the pros and cons of suction dredge mining is a court case about federal pre-emption expected to reach the state Supreme Court case next year.

The question is whether federal mining claims supersede any state law restricting mining.

"Everything is hinging on the California Supreme Court," said Walt Wegner, with Public Lands for the People.

Can regulations co-exist?

Decades ago suction dredge miners faced little government interference. Then came the mid-1990s, and the implementation of several state regulations.

According to Wegner, miners learned to work with the new rules. But then came the 2009 moratorium instituted by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The moratorium gave the state Department of Fish and Wildlife time to complete a review of its permitting program and regulations. Miners, however, saw it as an attack on what they called federally protected mining claims.

That led to years of litigation in the form of California v. Rinehart, the case expected to reach the state Supreme Court in 2016.

"It's a federal supremacy issue," Pearson said.

A legal brief filed by supporters of the state claims that state regulations can co-exist with federal authority, noting state environmental law has applied to federal mining for more than a century.

“Now, more than a century later, the mining industry once again seeks to shield its activities from California’s attempts to protect the environment,” the brief states.

Specific regulations in the new law that irk miners include the need for suction dredgers to get permits from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as other permits that department may require.

A likely source for one of those additional permits, if applicable, is the State Water Resources Control Board.

The water control board intends to work with Fish and Wildlife to develop a permitting system. It’s unknown how much the permits will cost or how long it would take to obtain one, said Miryam Barajas, public information officer with the water control board.

Miners are skeptical. Rich Krimm, director of internal affairs with the New 49ers, fears it will take years to get a permit, which essentially would make suction dredge mining impossible.

“We’re not convinced the water board would ever give a permit or waiver,” Wegner said. “We just think this is a ruse and a hoop to jump through.”

Disagreement on science

When asked about the science behind Gov. Jerry Brown’s decision to sign SB 637 into law, the governor’s office declined comment.

“We’re going to let the Governor’s signature on the bill speak for itself,” wrote Gareth Lacy, deputy press secretary.

Suction dredge mining supporters are upset with what they call the faulty science propping up the new law.

The bill states that suction dredge mining can discharge mercury and other metals into the water, effect wildlife and make noise.

“They are misrepresenting the true facts,” Pearson said. “They say we are stirring it up. Well, every storm stirs it up.”

Wegner notes that any metals miners suck out of the water are already present in the ecosystem. Additionally, he said, the mining equipment removes 98 percent of mercury and only 2 percent passes back into the river.

Martin, of the Sierra Fund, agrees that suction dredging removes more than 90 percent of mercury during the process.

The problem, however, is that mining pushes the remaining mercury down river, making an otherwise stagnant metal mobile, she said. It then enters the food chain, making its way into animals and, potentially, humans.

Mercury accumulates in the body, causing damage to the nervous system, heart tissue and the brain, Martin added.

"It's an unusual and very dangerous thing that mercury does," she said.

Martin also disputes arguments that storms stir up mercury more than miners do. According to Martin, winter storms push mercury deeper into the earth, where she said it should remain undisturbed.

Suction dredging typically happens during the summer, when there's a reduced level of dissolved oxygen in the water. That's important, Martin said, because sulfate-reducing bacteria is more likely to bond with mercury in areas of low dissolved oxygen.

That bacteria is essential to the transformation of elemental mercury into methylmercury, the latter of which can enter the food chain and cause problems.

A letter filed in 2007 with the State Water Resources Control Board disputes the alleged dangers of suction dredge mining. Written by Claudia Wise, a retiree of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the letter states suction dredging is an ideal method of safely recovering lead and mercury from streams and rivers.

"The mining community of today is, in my opinion, the only group that are in a position with the technology to help out and at a very economical price to the public," the letter states.

Miners like Wegner couldn't agree more. Sludge dredgers remove metals for free, unlike the Sierra Fund, he noted, which is involved in the Combie Reservoir Sediment and Mercury Removal Project.

Martin noted the Combie project belongs to the Nevada Irrigation District, and the Sierra Fund is providing only oversight.

Additionally, Martin said, NID must obtain the same permits a suction dredger miner is required to get under the new law before it starts work.



Third strike for Idaho dredge mining bill, but will there be a fourth?

By Bill Spence, imtribune.com, February 23, 2016

http://m.imtribune.com/blogs/political_theater/third-strike-for-dredge-mining-bill-but-will-there-be/article_d7321dc6-da96-11e5-9596-c7948740b4dc.html?mode=jqm

After three years and multiple bill drafts, small-scale suction dredge miners in Idaho are no closer to finding the regulatory relief they're seeking.

Legislation exempting the miners and prospectors from state water quality regulations was killed on a voice vote in the House Resources and Conservation Committee Tuesday, after two hours of testimony.

Around 100 people showed up for the hearing, filling two committee rooms.

The measure was sponsored by Rep. Paul Shepherd, R-Riggins. This is the third year he's brought a bill of this type. Although the language changes every year, it continues to raise legal, constitutional and practical concerns.

For example, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Gary Spackman noted the dredge miners are primarily concerned about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which requires that they secure water quality discharge permits, based on a determination that the discharge from dredges pollutes the river.

"But this bill doesn't do anything with respect to those regulations," Spackman said. It only addresses state regulations "and removes the state from having any role in regulating this activity. From my perspective, this bill is really an abdication (of state authority) and a gift to the federal government of that authority."

Lisa Smith of Riggins said the miners "aren't asking to not be regulated. We're just asking to get back to where we were in the 1990s," before the EPA tightened its demands.

"This (mining) is a cultural heritage in my family," she said. "We feel we have a right and the freedom to do this, whether to make money or for entertainment."

Several sportsmen groups spoke against the legislation, saying it authorized an unreasonable expansion in mining and eliminates state oversight of an activity that could jeopardize Idaho's pristine rivers.

"It tears up streambeds and can even alter the course of a river," said Michael Gibson, Idaho field coordinator for Trout Unlimited. "It can release mercury and other toxic metals (that are locked up in river sediments), suck up fish eggs, destabilize spawning gravels and increase the chance of washouts."

Don Dorman, president of the Idaho Gold Prospectors Association, scoffed at that notion, saying fishermen can kill 4,000 to 8,000 fish eggs by catching a single female salmon or trout.

"Fishermen destroy more eggs than any dredge miner, even if we tried," he said. "Suction dredging isn't what kills fish."

Two Attorney General opinions also cast doubt on Shepherd's bill.

For example, by prohibiting state agencies from adopting rules or standards that regulate, restrict, limit or prohibit prospecting and small-scale dredge mining "in any way," Deputy AG Steven Strack said the bill potentially threatens state efforts to manage the federal pollution discharge program.

After listening to the testimony, Shepherd tried to salvage the bill by suggesting it be sent to the amending order, so it could be changed to address some of the concerns.

The committee, however, felt the flaws could best be addressed by starting over.

"I respect the effort on this issue," said Rep. Marc Gibbs, R-Grace. "However, we've addressed several problem areas this year, again. I would encourage Rep. Shepherd and the group to work with the Department of Water Resources to come up with a bill they can support."

Gibbs' motion to return the bill to Shepherd was approved on a voice vote.

Resources and Conservation Chairman Dell Raybould, R-Rexburg, said he hoped Shepherd brings back a revised bill before the end of the session.

“In as much as we've had all this testimony, we might be able to make a good decision on whether to print the new bill,” he said.

-OREGON: Malhuer Confrontation-

We Must Dispel Myths Surrounding Protest

By Clint Siegner, For the Capital Press, February 11, 2016
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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown sat in her office Jan. 20 and drafted a letter to the U.S. attorney general and the director of the FBI. She wrote that negotiations with the “radicals” occupying the Malheur Wildlife Refuge had failed and insisted on a “swift resolution to this matter.”

Local officials, including Harney County Judge Steve Grasty, made similar demands. On Jan. 26, they got what they asked for.

Authorities, including the FBI, ambushed and arrested Ammon Bundy and others on their way to a meeting in neighboring Grant County. **They shot LaVoy Finicum dead. He was not holding a weapon.**

Awful. Grasty and Brown knew what might happen should the FBI decide negotiations had failed. Few have forgotten the standoffs at Waco and Ruby Ridge and that “swift” federal action often means people die — in many cases, indiscriminately.

It's ironic, but the behavior of the judge and the governor goes a long way to make the refuge protesters' case for them. Blind devotion to federal authority is terribly dangerous to lives and to liberty.

The protest in Harney County will certainly not be the last over federal overreach. Here is hoping people find reason next time, before demanding dangerous federal intervention.

To that end, it is time to dispel a few myths about what is going on.

Myth 1: The armed people at the refuge were threatening violence. You wouldn't know it by watching TV news, or reading Brown's hysteric letter, but the refuge wasn't an armed compound full of violent people. To find that, you needed to drive by the airport in Burns, Ore., where federal agents staged behind fences and a floodlit perimeter, with military vehicles, equipment and weapons.

Yes, the occupants at the refuge were armed and reserved the right to defend themselves. The difference between them and any other citizen claiming their

Second Amendment right is they did so from inside public, and previously unoccupied, federal buildings.

They got little credit for doing virtually everything possible to minimize threats and interruptions to the community. They could scarcely have chosen a more remote location.

It was more like an open house than a compound. Locals could, and did, visit to see what the standoff was about. The protesters invited anyone who wanted to have an honest conversation.

For Oregonians, the much larger threat is their high officials writing letters and urging the feds to "swift" action.

Myth 2: Only nutty, right-wing militias from outside would stoop to such tactics. Brown and Grasty must know the protest included state and local residents. Plenty of community people were sympathetic enough to bring food and supplies. The storeroom overflowed, and locally grown beef had to be kept frozen in a snow bank outside for lack of adequate freezer space.

If they had visited, they would have found people there ready to talk calmly, rationally and intelligently about the issues. Tragically they felt there had been too much talking already. Now one of the most calm and rational leaders in the group is dead.

Federal supremacists like to marginalize anyone advocating local control as radical and dangerous. They want you to believe these people are motivated by crazy ideology.

They don't talk much about history. These issues have been simmering for decades. The Sagebrush Rebellion made headlines in the 1970s and '80s. There are smart folks stretching back to the nation's founding who question the legitimacy of federal control over public lands.

Given how economically devastating the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service management has been for rural communities around Oregon, Brown and Grasty should be asking questions, too.

Myth 3: Anyone opposed to federal control of lands hates conservation. The philosophy of the national conservation groups is irrational. They insist the best way to protect public lands is to put unelected bureaucrats headquartered thousands of miles away in charge. That position is hard to fathom. Many conservationists see the value in "buying local" when it comes to food and services. Local is great, except when it comes to government?

It is a bit reminiscent of war. The propaganda department dehumanizes the enemy, branding ranchers and loggers as foolish and blinded by greed. And local citizens as if they are too inept to stand up to them and govern responsibly.

The truth is, there are wise people who care for the environment living right in Harney County. Included among them are cattle ranchers and forestry professionals. Many simply believe management decision-making would be better if it was done much closer to home.

Myth 4: Ranchers just want a free ride. It would be far more accurate to say ranchers want fair, not free. Many Western ranches have a federal grazing allotment attached. Most of the time ranchers acquire the permit when they buy a ranch, though they can also buy and sell them independently. The point is, cattlemen pay big money upfront for a right to the grass.

On top of that, they pay grazing fees annually. Some argue the fees are set way below the market rate to rent private pasture. But they don't account for ranchers maintaining fences and water systems. These are key differences versus renting private pasture.

In any event, practically no rancher is complaining about the dollars involved.

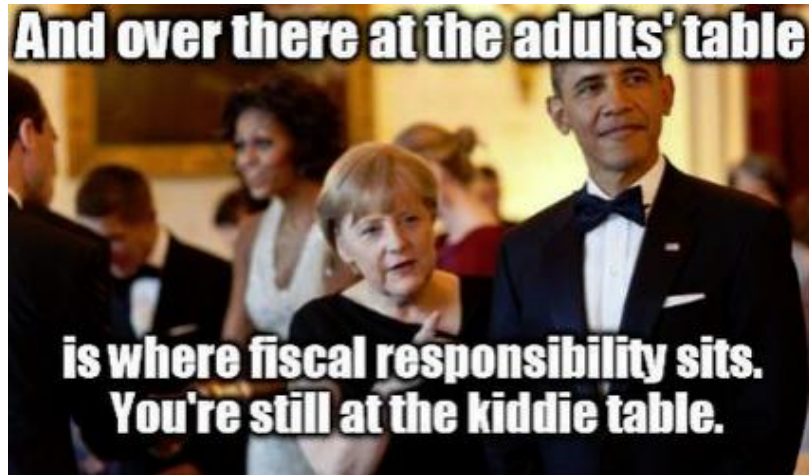
They object to paying federal agencies who have a long history of treating them like tenant farmers and disrespecting legitimate property rights. Most support the idea of paying fees locally, and getting more accountable range management in return.

Myth 5: The federal government's prerogative to own and manage the majority of lands in Oregon is beyond question. Now we get to the crux of the matter. Everyone raised in the U.S. is taught federal laws are supreme. What's more, we learn the U.S. Supreme Court is the ultimate arbiter on whether a law is constitutional. Those arguing for state and local control of lands had their day in court. They lost. Case closed.

Not so fast. What we were all taught is nonsense. In fact, the States (capital S) are sovereign and supreme. They have the power — make that the sacred duty — to nullify unconstitutional laws and defend the liberty of citizens.

The kicker is that Brown herself already acknowledged this truth in another context. She signed a bill legalizing recreational marijuana last summer, in complete disregard of federal laws. She didn't send a letter to Washington begging for federal storm troopers to batter the doors in at pot dispensaries. On the contrary, she determined Oregon's authority trumps federal dictates and acted accordingly.

What a “radical.” May she and Grasty find that spirit of independence before calling on the FBI to crush the next protest.



Burns Chronicles No 8 Active Patriots v. Passive Patriots

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...As to the history of the revolution, my ideas may be peculiar, perhaps singular. What do we mean by revolution? The war? That was no part of the revolution' it was only an effect and consequence of it. The revolution was in the minds of the people, and this was effected from 1760 to 1775, in the course of fifteen years, before a drop of blood was drawn at Lexington. The records of the thirteen legislatures, the pamphlets, newspapers in all the colonies ought to be consulted during that period, to ascertain the steps by which the public opinion was enlightened and informed concerning the authority of parliament over the colonies”.

John Adams to Thomas Jefferson ~ August 24, 1815.

I believe that Adams's description of the Revolution, being **the period in which the populace transitioned from faith in government to distrust of government**, is probably appropriate for the 18th century as well as today.

Since Ruby Ridge, Idaho and Waco, Texas, we have seen a very substantial change in the attitude of large portions of our people, with regard to the government. The recent **murder of LaVoy Finicum**, with the full knowledge that those who murdered him will have absolute and complete protection from the government, is indicative of that distrust. The question, however, is not about that distrust, rather, which of us are truly Patriots, and which are only pretend patriots?

There was a transition, 241 years ago, where those who were loyal to the Crown and presumed that they would never fight against their government, found a moment in time had come to decide as to whether to maintain that obedience to the government, or take up arms against it.

On April 19, 1775, that time had come. Those within a reasonable distance of Lexington and Concord, thousands of them, picked up their arms and ventured out into the beginning of a struggle that would last for another six years. They left home and family, not knowing if they would ever return. They crossed the line, not because of what had happened to them, but rather what had happened to their neighbors, many of them from other colonies.

As word spread through the other colonies, many thought the problem was only between Massachusetts and the Crown. In time, they realized that the violation of the British Constitution and the loss of their "Rights of Englishmen" were in jeopardy, just as in Massachusetts. They, then, chose their course. They became Active Patriots.

The passive patriots that had not bought or drunk tea were split. Some became Active Patriots, while others remained passive patriots, throughout the Revolutionary War.

We are at that point in our history where we are facing quite similar circumstances. Some have already become Active Patriots, while others, though appearing to be active patriots, are, in fact, passive patriots, or worse.

The passive patriot simply needs to sit back and watch the world go by. Perhaps he might express support for the Active Patriots, or for their cause, or even make contributions to that cause, financially, or otherwise. But at best, he is a sideline supporter. Some might be more active by participating in interim forms of government, such as [Committees of Safety](#).

Some of those passive patriots went to Burns, Oregon, recently. They were willing to demonstrate, carry signs, sound off in public meetings, and show support for those Active Patriots who had taken a step in Civil Defiance by opening the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge administration area to the public.

Of course, the Active Patriots went armed; the Second Amendment does provide for the "security of a free State", which they had declared the Refuge to be. However, they made clear that the arms were solely for self-defense, and those who had the opportunity to visit the Refuge during these events found that the people inside were peaceful, unoffending, and courteous to all who visited them. They were not the haughty bureaucrats who normally occupied those buildings. And, those who visited them, without nefarious thoughts on their minds, were clearly passive patriots.

Now, there is a third side to this equation. We don't find them in the historical context. But, we find them in proliferation in our current era of "revolution". These are the ones that would have traveled to Concord to discourage colonists from firing on the Redcoats, diverted them to another activity (perhaps carrying signs or pitchforks), or perhaps even have told the British what the Active Patriots were up to.

Today, however, they are comprised of people who want to take charge; they want to control the situation; they may even want to help save the lives of Active Patriots by convincing them to submit to arrest. And, they will tell others that they were simply trying to avoid any bloodshed — even after blood had been shed. Let's refer to them as false patriots. (See [The Burns Community](#))

Those who went to Concord knew that blood was to be shed. The idea is to shed the blood of the enemy, and endeavor to keep your own from being shed, however, that consequence was a part of the effort.

During the course of events in Burns, there were many who contacted me, and others, asking whether the time had come. These were Active Patriots, simply waiting for that day we all know was coming, but not wanting to simply go to an event (Sugar Pine Mine; Montana Big Sky Mine) and camp out, away from family and digging into their own purses to act out a role. They really wanted to know if the British had fired on colonists, and if the colonists were going to fire back.

Some went to Burns. Some remain, and some have since left. They were insufficient in number to have any effect, because the false patriots had done everything that they could to divert as many as possible in the wrong direction.

If others are ready to go to a barricade and protest, or possibly for other purposes, they might divert them to over fifty miles away in a gesture of sympathy for a life lost. So, let's look at the three, and put them in rather simple terms.

Active Patriot — One who is ready and willing to take up arms, regardless of costs, affect on family, or fortune, and is committed to the cause to that extent. These would properly be considered the real 11% that are willing to take up arms.

Passive patriots — These are those who will go to varying extent to support the Active Patriot, by any number of means. They are the support every army needs, and they do so, willingly. Often, their activities might put their lives at risk, but that is inconsequential to the completion the efforts that they have begun. Time and money are their primary contributions. These are the Supporters of the 11%.

Finally, we come to the false patriot. His actions tend to support the enemy, whether through disruption, diversion, intelligence gathering (frequent communication with the enemy), and often the attempt to discredit or ridicule those who are of the other classes. These people are not patriots; rather, they are, in fact, simply **false**. In years past, they would be referred to as "culture vultures"

or "patriots for profit", if their concern was primarily their monetary gain. However, others might be more accurately defined as ["snitches", "informants", "spies", or worse](#).

Since we have progressed from Civil Disobedience, where one might get arrested and spend a few hours or days in jail, to Civil Defiance, where we stand, firmly, against the enemy, and endeavor to turn the continued encroachment of our rights, then we can fully expect that the time will come, soon, in which the line is drawn and the point of no return has been reached. It behooves us to identify which role our neighbors will take. If they are to be Active Patriots, or passive patriots, then we are in need of both. However, if they are false patriots, then they need to be excluded from any aspect, no matter how mundane, of our work. They need to be expelled from our community, for they serve no useful purpose, except that purpose which serves the enemy.

[Gary Hunt -- Bio and Archives](#)

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In 1989, he began researching, investigating and studying history, law and events where the government was "pointing its guns in the wrong direction". He began publishing a patriot newspaper, "Outpost of Freedom", in February 1993.

Since that time, he has investigated numerous occurrences, including, Waco, the Murder of Michael Hill, Ohio Militia Chaplain, Oklahoma City Bombing, and other events. He has attended the sites to investigate the events, and has reported on his investigations.

He has continued to report on his findings on the Internet, as well as write articles about other current events; about the history of the Revolutionary era; and the founding documents.

His Internet home page is outpost-of-freedom.com



FBI sting to arrest 86 Americans in massive BLM cover-up

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Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, 74, was arrested late yesterday evening while exiting a plane at Portland International Airport on his way to Burns, Ore., a town located 30 miles south of the federally claimed Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, the site of a months-long standoff between freedom-loving Americans and the U.S. government.

Celebrated for [standing up to government land-grabs in 2014](#), Bundy has been charged with conspiracy to interfere with a federal officer, an allegation that

reportedly stems back to his standoff with the Bureau of Land Management, which tried stripping him and his family of land-use rights they spent a century earning. The charges are identical to those filed against seven protesters (including his son Ammon Bundy) who occupied the wildlife refuge in protest of government overreach.

NewsTarget has received *exclusive information* that Bundy's arrest, which was made using facial recognition technology and TSA goons, may not be isolated, but is in fact the first of many to come in an effort to silence those who have obtained incriminating information about the BLM and its unlawful land grabs.

Government uses facial recognition to apprehend libertarian activists

While taking up occupancy of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, protesters reportedly gained access to sensitive information stored on the computers there, revealing sinister plans by the BLM to confiscate privately owned land with uranium reserves before auctioning it off to foreign interests that have donated to the Clinton Foundation, according a source who requested anonymity.

In an effort to suppress this information, the FBI is believed to be conducting a nationwide warrant roundup of protesters and independent journalists involved in the recent protests and standoffs against the federal government. A total of 86 people, including Bundy, are believed to be on the FBI's roundup list and could subsequently be arrested for their "crimes."

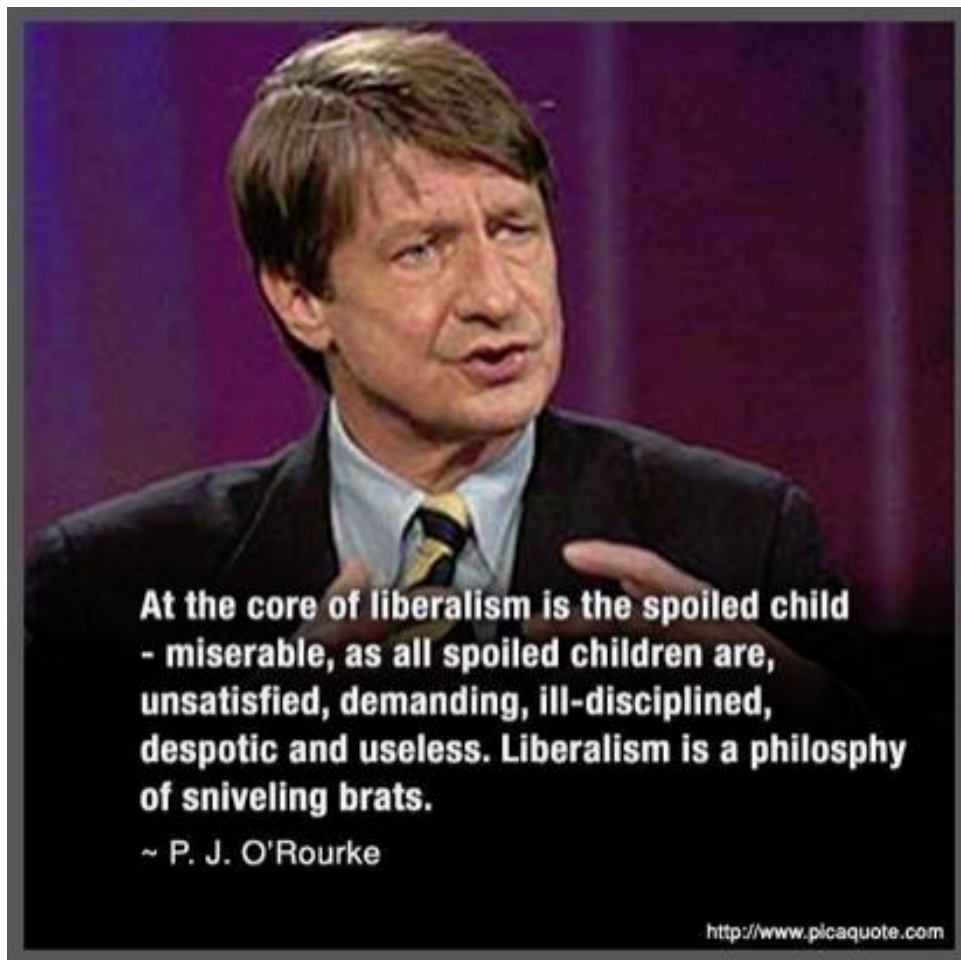
The war on [indie journalists](#) and citizen protesters refusing to fall in line with the government's increasing tyrannical actions is escalating. [Radio show host Pete Santilli](#), who merely covered the wildlife occupation as a citizen journalist, never spending a single night at the refuge, was also arrested on felony conspiracy charges.

When asked about his role at the wildlife refuge occupation, Santilli replied: "My role is the same here that it was at the Bundy ranch. To talk about the constitutional implications of what is going on here. The Constitution cannot be negotiated."

Constitutional law and human rights attorney John Whitehead [wrote](#) that "the government doesn't actually believe that 50-year-old Santilli is an accomplice to any criminal activity. Read between the lines and you'll find that what the government is really accusing Santilli of is employing dangerous speech.

"As court documents indicate, the government is prosecuting Santilli solely as a reporter of information. In other words, they're making an example of him, which is consistent with the government's ongoing efforts to intimidate members of the media who portray the government in a less than favorable light."

The [Obama Administration](#)'s notorious crackdown on journalists is part of a large-scale government effort to use political correctness and accusations of hate speech to silence First Amendment rights – in turn, attempting to destroy citizen journalism, the only facet of journalism that remains uncontrolled by the establishment.



Justice not served in Hammond case

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The case of the father and son rancher reveals unfairness on several levels.

By any measure, the five-year sentence given to Eastern Oregon rancher Dwight Hammond and his son Steven was excessive.

That's probably the one point on which all sides of the case can agree.

Beyond that, opinions vary on what level of punishment would have been fair in a case that illustrates the shortcomings of a skewed legal system and a federal

agency whose employees — at least one of them — use government resources to reveal their biases and criticize the Hammonds.

The case grew out of an ongoing dispute between the Hammonds and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Let's back up a few years, to 2001, to be exact. That's when the 139-acre blaze called the Hardie-Hammond Fire was set on the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, according to court documents.

In 2006, the Krumbo Butte Fire was set, burning 1 acre of public land, according to court documents.

In each case, the Hammonds had leased the land to graze their cattle. Fire is an off-used tool to clear land of weeds, juniper and other invasive plants, but the Hammonds had no permission to set fires on public land.

In 2012, the Hammonds were taken to court. After a two-week trial, Dwight Hammond was convicted of setting the first fire and sentenced to three months in prison. His son Steven was convicted of setting the second fire and sentenced to one year in prison. Both also received three years of supervised release.

The Pendleton, Ore., jury acquitted the father and son of setting two other fires and the government dismissed those charges.

At the sentencing, U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan opted for the lighter sentences, but the prosecutor appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which agreed with him that a mandatory sentence can't be ignored.

Two weeks ago, U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken resentenced the Hammonds to five years in prison.

Though legally correct, the sentence is patently unfair.

The Hammonds were charged with violating a federal law that carried with it a minimum sentence of five years in prison. The law is aimed at crimes in which terrorists or others destroy federal property through bomb blasts or arson.

Though exercising extraordinarily poor judgment in starting field burns on federal land without permission, the Hammonds are not terrorists.

Other federal laws that carry five-year minimum sentences address treason, child pornography, using a gun while committing a violent crime or importing drugs.

Burning 140 acres of back country hardly compares with any of those crimes.

That's the danger when Congress decides to tell judges how to do their jobs. Judges must have latitude to use their judgment in deciding sentences that fit the crimes. That's the whole point of having judges.

When he originally sentenced the Hammonds, Hogan described five years in prison as cruel and unusual and said such sentences would "shock the conscience."

He was correct.

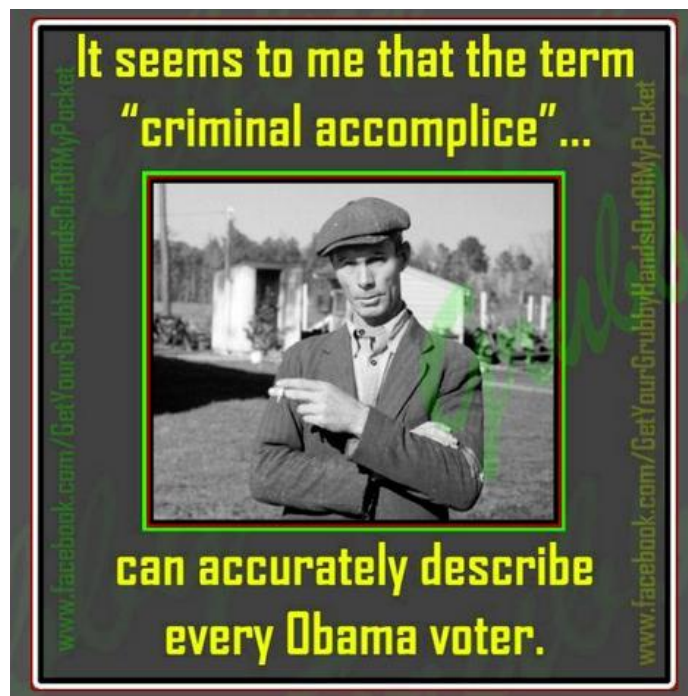
When people such as the Hammonds are caught in a net that was set for terrorists, justice is not well-served.

A sideshow to this frustrating and unfair case involves a BLM employee who used a government computer while on the taxpayers' time to post comments criticizing the Hammonds on the Capital Press website.

Such an occurrence only reinforces what we have long believed — that some federal employees have personal agendas that deviate from public policy. If this particular employee really looks at ranchers as "clowns" who endanger people, as he said in his comment, then he needs to reassess his career choice. We hear McDonald's is hiring.

In hindsight, this case should have been settled before trial. It would have saved the public the enormous expense of a trial, appeal, resentencing and providing the Hammonds with room and board for five years at a federal prison.

And the Hammonds would now permanently be at home, where they belong.



What Do You Do When the Government Loses Its Legitimacy?



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We must work steadfastly to inculcate in the educable portion of our population a renewed love for liberty and a reinvigorated understanding of their civic and patriotic duties as American citizens.

Last month, Americans were treated to the spectacle of our own government executing an American citizen without due process on the side of a public highway in Oregon. There is really no other accurate description to describe the **extra-judicial murder of LaVoy Finnicum** by agents of the Oregon Highway Patrol, at the behest of the FBI.

To begin with, we should understand that pretty much everything the average person heard from the mainstream media about the Malheur refuge “occupation” is wrong. The media loved to describe the events in Oregon as an “armed takeover of a federal building.” That way, your average viewer living “back East somewhere” got the impression that these were heavily armed paramilitaries with machine guns and rockets taking over a courthouse or something. Actually, the “federal building” in question was a forest station, and was unoccupied at the time the Bundy group came in. Some reports I’ve seen suggest that it was even left unlocked so that anyone who got lost in the wilderness and found the station could get in and take shelter from the elements. To the extent that they were armed, it was with pistols – indeed, when a more serious militia group armed with rifles came to join them, they were asked to leave. The Bundy group regularly gave interviews to the media and often met with various police agencies. If this was an anarchic armed standoff, it must have been the most benevolent and lackadaisical one in history.

So it was with the chain of events that led to Finnicum's murder at the hands of the police. Most news reports stated that he “went for a gun,” and was shot by police acting in self-defense. Seeing the video, this is patently ridiculous, as is the claim that a man who had his hands up and was being covered by half a dozen armed officers training their weapons on him was going to “go for his gun” like it

was some kind of Wild West showdown at high noon on the streets of Dodge. No – LaVoy Finicum was shot by police looking to make a statement – displease the government, and you'll end up dead. **What we saw that day from the Oregon State Police and the FBI was a politically motivated assassination, in essence an act of terrorism by the actual definition of that word.**

Finicum's death fits into a larger, overarching trend that we have been seeing both with the U.S. federal government and with other governments, especially those in Europe. This trend is marked not just by a continual failure to protect and defend the citizens of their respective nations, but by outright efforts to endanger and harm their citizens.

Think about it for a minute. How else could you describe governments in Europe that import hundreds of thousands (or, in the case of Germany, millions) of criminal, barbaric military-aged male "refugees" from the Muslim world, who essentially turn these "refugees" loose on their own native populations, and then attempt to punish their own native citizens when they fight back, or even speak out about it? In Germany the government is cracking down...on people who criticize the "refugees" on social media. In Denmark, a girl who used pepper spray to fight off some Muslims who attempted to rape her is being prosecuted by her own government. In England, Parliament is more interested in banning Donald Trump because he said things about Muslims that they didn't like than they are about protecting their own citizens from KNOWN sex trafficking in English cities by Muslim immigrants and "refugees."

It's not just that these governments aren't getting on the ball – it's that these governments are purposefully targeting their own people while defending and abetting hostile foreign invaders.

Here in America, we've also seen a government that not only refuses to protect its own people, but which has been doing positive harm to them, and then blaming them for the harm that has been done. What else could we say for a President who consistently sides with Islamofascist terrorists who have openly stated that they want to commit terrorist attacks in our country? A government which gives a terrorist-supporting regime like Iran billions of dollars in aid, as well as free rein to develop their own atomic bomb? A government which has sent weapons to ISIS and other radical terrorist organizations, and has helped to destabilize the Middle East so as to create a fake "refugee crisis" to give cover for moving Islamic terrorists into Europe and the USA?

At the same time on the domestic front, this government has provided aid and comfort to homegrown terrorist organizations like Black Lives Matter and the New Black Panthers. This government shoots down a protestor in Oregon who was engaging in non-violent civil disobedience, while throwing open the gates for hoodlums to riot in our cities and destroy millions of dollars in property.

Of course, the US government for decades has consistently and blatantly ignored the Constitution from which it derives its authority. President Obama routinely tries to find ways around that pesky 2nd amendment so that he can disarm and enslave the American people. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been waging an unrelenting war on American ranchers and farmers all across our western states. The government refuses to do anything serious about the massive influx of illegal immigrants who are destroying our wage scale, committing more than their "fair share" of crimes, and who are reintroducing all kinds of diseases that we thought had been eliminated from the United States years ago. The federal government is adamant about forcing states to take in criminal, hostile Islamic "refugees" so that they can cause (and in fact already are) the same trouble here that they have been in Europe. Thousands of Americans have been fined or imprisoned for petty crimes that they did not even know were on the books, specifically because the government makes the US code so obtuse and convoluted that no average citizen could ever hope to navigate their way through it so as to avoid committing their three felonies a day. On and on and on it goes.

It's time to face the fact that the American federal government is no longer a legitimate government. It no longer has any moral authority to govern the American people. Frankly, the only reason I can think of to obey this government is the fact that if you don't, it will send agents to shoot you in the head. The power of raw violence is the only remaining prop for the federal government, as it no longer has any moral or ethical authority derived from either fidelity to the Constitution or from the power of reason and persuasion. Certainly, however, this government does not deserve, nor should it get, the obedience of decent American citizens beyond what we're simply forced to give by the threat of official, state-sanctioned violence against us.

Now, I'm sure that there are many professing Christians who are absolutely appalled at what I just said. They would cite biblical passages such as Romans 13:1-7 to argue that Christians should always obey the government, no matter what.

Of course, the Bible provides enough examples of godly resistance to wicked government actions or commandments to disprove that simplistic understanding of Romans 13. We see the Hebrew midwives defying Pharaoh's command to murder the male children born to the Israelites. Then there is Moses' parents' refusal to murder their own son. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to obey the king's command to worship his idol, and Daniel refused to obey the decree that forbade praying to the God of Israel. Peter and John told the religious rulers to their faces that they would not obey the command to cease preaching in the name of Jesus, and Peter and the other apostles later told these same leaders that they would obey God rather than men. So clearly, there is no biblical justification whatsoever for demanding that Christians obey every command and ordinance of any and every government.

Still, some might argue, Romans 13 and other passages would still command Christians to obey the government in anything where there is not a direct conflict between Scripture and secular governmental decrees. But is this really what Romans 13 is saying? On the face of it, the “always obey” position appears to have strong support from verses 1 and 2,

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.”

That seems pretty straightforward, right? You obey the higher power (government) because all governments are ordained by God and to resist them is to condemn yourself because you are actually resisting God Himself. But wait a second. How about we look further down in the same passage, to get a little context for these two verses,

“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.” (Romans 13:3-4)

Interesting, eh? The reason we obey the government is because “rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil” and the government praises the good while blaming the evil, and because the ministers of God (government officials) execute wrath upon them who do evil, while doing good to those who themselves do good.

Does that sound like our government today? I didn't think so, either.

Fundamentally, those who take the “Romans 13 commands us to always obey the government” position take the first two verses completely out of context to teach a questionable doctrine that ignores what the rest of the passage, and the rest of Scripture, teach about government. What we see in verses 3-4 is a picture of what God intends government to be, ideally speaking. In a sense, God is there giving a definition of what government should be, and the type of government that God's people are to willingly give their obedience to. Further, verses 1-2 are talking about government in general. They're saying that Christians should be subject to the principle of government, because government was instituted among men for the good of man and the discouragement of evil. “The higher power” is singular, not plural – it's talking about the God-ordained principle of government, not any particular government, no matter how terrible. Christians are not to be anarchists, not to be rebels against all government and all authority. Christians are not to be perpetual revolutionaries, always seeking the overthrow of the established order.

What IS the purpose of government? Government was instituted after the Flood so as to govern the nations that would arise and to prevent the resurgence of the violence and wickedness that had existed in the world before the Flood, and which were the proximate causes for why God destroyed the antediluvian world in the first place. Government, in essence, was instituted by God so that man could live together in relative peace and without perpetual violence. We see this in Genesis 9:5-6, where the principle of government was first laid out,

“And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man’s brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.”

In essence, if you murder someone else, then your blood will be shed – not by a private individual in revenge, but in an orderly and God-ordained fashion. This, in a nutshell, lays out the purpose of government – to keep order and to promote the good while discouraging the evil. Every other law which was later to be codified by God in His Law – don’t steal, don’t kill, don’t lie and defraud, and all the rest – are bound up in this primeval ordinance.

So this is what God intends government to be. This is reflected in Romans 13:3-4 – government officials should be doing good, discouraging evil, punishing the wicked, rewarding the right.

This is further reflected in many of the passages in the Old Testament wisdom literature that talk about government and “the king,”

- ★ **“A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.” (Proverbs 16:10)**
- ★ **“He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.” (Proverbs 22:11)**
- ★ **“Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.” (Proverbs 25:5)**
- ★ **“The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.” (Proverbs 29:4)**
- ★ **“The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.” (Proverbs 29:14)**
- ★ **“Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!” (Ecclesiastes 10:16-17)**

As we can see, these present a rather idealized picture of government and rulers. In a sense, they depict what the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself shall be like during the millennial reign – He will rule and judge perfectly, with no error, bias, or wickedness.

So what does all this mean for us today? Does it mean that we should always obey all government whatsoever? Does it mean we should reject ANY government that doesn't conform strictly to the idealized picture of government presented in Scripture? The answer to both of these questions is, "No."

It all goes back to the purpose and intention of government, as indicated at the beginning in Genesis 9 and as developed more fully in Romans 13. Government, as a principle, exists to keep order, to restrain evil, and to protect the citizens under a government from harm and danger, both internally (such as from criminals) and externally (from foreign enemies).

Now we must understand that any earthly government is going to be made up of sinful men who will always fail in some areas, no matter how good their education, no matter how noble their principles, and no matter how firm their temperance and self-control. Because of this, we cannot expect to see the perfection ideally depicted of the king in the Scriptures. To reject ANY government where the leaders made any sort of error or demonstrated any sort of flaw would be to reject ALL government, essentially rejecting the principle itself in practice and running afoul of the Scripture.

As such we must, by necessity, accept that every government will fail in some areas, will transgress some boundaries, even though in most cases they will uphold the fundamental principle of God-ordained government. As such, we should not be quick to reject and throw off any and all government. Even government that is not consensual, not republican, and not democratic in its institutions can still be generally good government that follows the principles of government established by God. A Persian empire under Cyrus and a Roman Empire under Caesar Augustus, while both autocratic, kept order and generally praised the good while punishing the wicked. Cyrus and Caesar Augustus were not anywhere at all the same as Adolf Hitler or Josef Stalin. Even when a government makes many mistakes and causes some harm, it is not to be lightly overthrown. Our Founders recognized this fact in the very instrument they used to throw off the British government and institute their own, the Declaration of Independence,

"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

At what point does a government lose its legitimacy, then? It is when the government reaches the point where it ceases to generally fulfill the role that God ordained for government, and instead begins to actively do the opposite. When the government purposefully and systematically harms its citizens, rather than doing them good, or even being benignly neglectful, then it has lost its legitimacy. It is no longer what God defines in His Word as a government. When the government helps the enemies of its people and aids these enemies in harming its own people – it has lost legitimacy. When the government systematically oppresses its people, doing them harm, punishing the good, while promoting and lauding the wicked and the evil – it has lost its legitimacy.

This is the point which we have reached with the current federal government today, as I detailed above. It punishes those who do right. It promotes and excels those who do evil. It aids our enemies against its own people. It refuses to protect us against those enemies, and seeks to restrain us from protecting ourselves against them. It systematically ignores the very foundational law under which it is instituted and which it is beholden to obey. In every area, the federal government today acts diametrically the opposite of how legitimate government is supposed to act.

So what do we do about this state of affairs? Well, the answer lies also in the Declaration,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Will the issue come to armed revolution? I do not know. We can always hope and pray that it does not, for there are other ways which we must first try to abolish the corrupt and institute the new. We must resist the evil with all our power, being ready to commit acts of civil disobedience if we must. We must oppose its efforts to violate our rights even further, ignoring its gun laws, resisting the seizure of property and liberty. We must pressure our state governments to reassert their constitutional rights through nullification and interposition. We must work steadfastly to inculcate in the educable portion of our population a renewed love for liberty and a reinvigorated understanding of their civic and patriotic duties as American citizens. One or two elections or politicians are not going to solve our problems. Instead, we must look to God and yield ourselves willing to stand in the gap for liberty no matter the cost.

CAN YOU CONNECT THE DOTS?
See a pattern here?

LOCATION	TERRORIST'S RELIGION	GUN FREE ZONE ?	CASUALTIES
FT. HOOD	MUSLIM	✓	13 DEAD 33 INJURED
BOSTON	MUSLIM	✓	5 DEAD 280 INJURED
PARIS	MUSLIM	✓	136 DEAD 352 INJURED
MADRID	MUSLIM	✓	191 DEAD 2050 INJURED
CHATTO-NOOGA	MUSLIM	✓	6 DEAD 2 INJURED
SAN BERNADINO	MUSLIM	✓	14 DEAD 17 INJURED

Shawna Cox cites 'works of the devil,' seeks billions of dollars in compensation

By [ERIN ALBERTY](#) | The Salt Lake Tribune, Feb 17 2016

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3550366-155/shawna-cox-cites-works-of-the>

Shawna Cox is seeking at least \$666,666,666,666.66 in "damages from the works of the devil" in a complaint filed Wednesday against federal and state government employees who she claims "organized together to attempt to murder me" during the armed occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon.

In an eight-page document titled "Affirmative Defences And Counter Criminal Complaint," Cox claims she and 15 others **took over the refuge in a month long "Hostile Adverse Possession" to force a trespassing trial during which the occupiers would challenge federal ownership of land in Oregon.**

"'Hostile Adverse Possession' is a legal way to challenge 'clouded land titles' and un-cloud them," Cox claims in the document.

Cox is among 16 people who were indicted on charges of conspiracy to impede officers of the United States during the refuge occupation in January.

"At no time did I or anyone else interfere with any public employees working on the Malheur," Cox writes. "In fact we encouraged them to come to work as we wanted to discuss the ownership problem with them and get as much information

we could from them. If anything, it was their choice to not come to work, out of guilt."

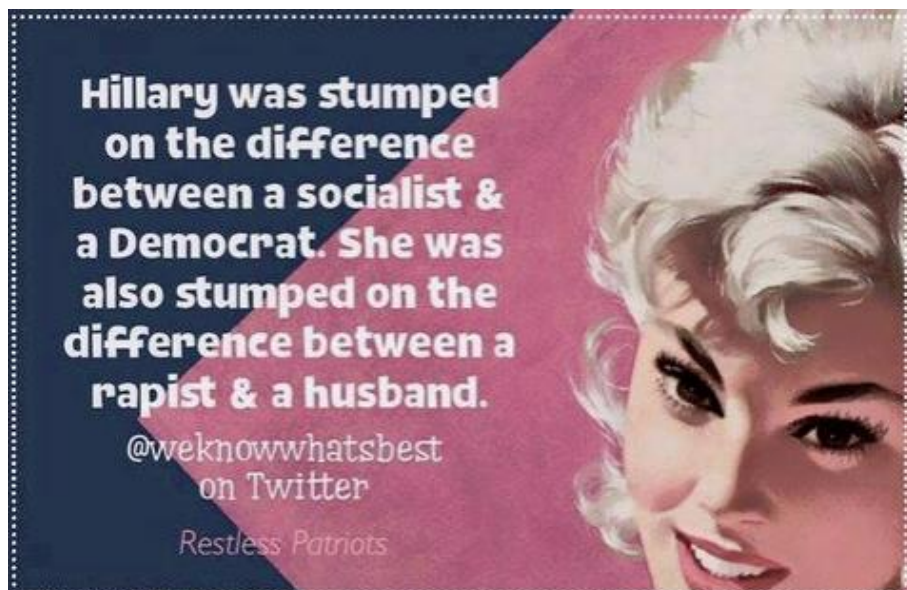
Cox goes on to claim that **"the individuals who we allegedly interfered with were directly involved in subversive activities to secretly extend the boundaries of the Malheur, and take taxpayers (ranchers) lives, liberties and properties."**

Cox's role in the occupation ended Jan. 26, when she was a passenger in a truck driven by Robert "LaVoy" Finicum. Federal agents have said Finicum was "evading arrest" when he drove into a snowbank. After he got out of the truck, the FBI has said, he twice reached in the direction of a 9 mm handgun. He was shot an unknown number of times.

Among the entities Cox accuses in "the ambush that attempted to execute myself and others and executed Lavoy Finicum" are members of the Oregon State Bar Association, including an array of politicians and prosecutors, saying they "organized together to take complete control of the Oregon State Government."

She also accuses state and federal bar associations of creating a "predatory judicial industry that preys on economically vulnerable individuals" and trying to "attack our constitutional form of government and subversively, secretly force socialism, communism and imperialism types of government onto the people of the United States of America."

Cox's court-appointed attorney, Tiffany Harris, declined to comment on the document, which Cox filed independent of legal counsel. A note attached by the court describes Cox's claims as being "in the nature of civil claims" and "not cognizable in this criminal proceeding." The note states **Cox's claims "will not be addressed in this case."**



A dead Finicum and a living FBI scapegoat

Lame Cherry, March 11, 2016

<http://lamecherry.blogspot.com/2016/03/a-dead-finicum-and-living-fbi-scapegoat.html>



With Inspector General Horowitz of the Justice Department involved in full scale criminal investigation of the [FBI tactical sniper team](#) lying in a cover up over events in Oregon in the Bundy Patriots on the night of the murder of LaVoy Finicum, I desire to point out something which all of you have missed.

The first thing you have to develop in this, is not to have your innocent mindset, but to become the mind of Internal Affairs, which is a law enforcement investigate unit in the police state which hunts the rogue cops. There was something released in the press which made absolutely no sense, and I will begin this by asking you, "How many times while brushing your teeth do you miss your mouth and jam your toothbrush into your ear?"

What happened in just seconds after that crash could lead to **criminal charges against the FBI agents.**

Cox's video showed that **one shot hit the truck's left rear passenger window as Finicum stepped out.** At the time, Finicum appeared to have his hands at least at shoulder height.

Investigators later established that the bullet **entered the truck through the roof before shattering the window** and concluded it was **fired by an FBI agent. Another bullet from the same FBI agent apparently went wild and missed the truck altogether**, the investigation showed.

Let me guide you through this now in something which has made absolutely no sense to those who know the situation with trained sniper units, and it is the fact that an agent who fires thousands of rounds each month in training to bring about one shot one kill, not only missed LaVoy Finicum twice, but missed an object as large as a pick up. This is an impossibility, and yet a sniper who is trained to hit a quarter size target at any range, from any position, in any lighting, in any weather.....missed.....twice.

An FBI agent is suspected of lying about firing twice at Robert "LaVoy" Finicum and may have gotten help from **four other FBI agents in covering up** afterward, authorities revealed Tuesday.

The bullets didn't hit Finicum and didn't contribute to his death, but now all five unnamed agents, **part of an elite national unit**, are under criminal investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. Inspector General Michael Horowitz is leading the independent inquiry.

There has been a great deal of lying, deception and cover up, by Special Agent Gregory Bretzing as he bragged about his multiple level operation being employed against the Americans in the Bundy Group, but it appears that we can ascertain that Ammon Bundy was to be a court trophy, led into a sting where he was arrested.

LaVoy Finicum, was to be stopped and from the reported actions, was fired upon at a traffic stop by someone opening up on him and his vehicle.

Fleeing Mr. Finicum as this blog showed, had a red laser dot aimed at his vehicle from above.

His vehicle in fleeing toward the Sheriff of Grant County, then encountered a BLIND CURVE. Meaning the FBI had created a roadblock on a curve that a vehicle would come upon and not be able to stop without crashing into the vehicles or crashing into the ditch, which Mr. Finicum did in trying to save law enforcement lives.

We know from the first flush firing, the subsequent two shots fired into the direction of LaVoy Finicum as he exited the vehicle, that the first shot was meant to flush Mr. Finicum and the second shot is reported to have "gone wild". Store that in your memory for few moments as we will return to that wild shot.

Next we have the assassin shots by two Oregon State Troopers who murdered LaVoy Finicum.

Lastly we have the 10 minute barrage of the law enforcement using bean bags and stun grenades in which LaVoy Finicum was allowed to bleed out internally in dying and why it was ruled a homicide by Oregon medical examiners.

Let us now return to that "wild shot", for it is important. We know that the FBI snipers do not miss, and yet they did miss.....or did they actually hit exactly what they were shooting at.

What you have missed is the first shot was a flushing shot to get LaVoy Finicum out of the vehicle and to produce return fire from the pick up, which did not take place.

The second shot was not fired at LaVoy Finicum as the footage does not show him reacting to any close miss. That means that the FBI which does not miss, was not firing at the pick up, nor at Mr. Finicum in his vicinity. That was not a wild shot in the least, but in understanding "the flinch factor" in those situations, it is reasonable to conclude that the FBI sniper had fired upon someone in the Oregon State Police, in a near miss, to induce a reaction from them to get them to fire at LaVoy Finicum as exactly took place.

Once the FBI had suckered the Oregon State Police into murdering Mr. Finicum, then a criminal cover up was necessary, as there was a dying LaVoy Finicum on the ground, who should have had medical treatment which would have saved his life, left to expire, as more rounds were poured at him in misses by the Oregon State Police, while "non lethal" bean bags and flash grenades were volleyed at the pick up to induce the occupants to fire at the police state.

That event did not take place for cover of this criminal act, and somehow a 9 mm pistol appeared on LaVoy Finicum, when his family swears he never owned such a weapon, and he never carried concealed, but wore his handgun on his hip, and that gun was back at the Malheur Refuge.

Next appears the major criminal problem in the FBI sniper team is well aware, as is every open mic that recorded this that shots were fired by law enforcement at the execution site first. The Oregon State Police know they did not fire first, but in an interesting psychological bitch slap, Gregory Bretzing started pointing the entire blame at the Oregon State Police, who were being high fived by the democratic governor, but that group trying to process what had happened in setting this all off, and they were exposed to the world in showing they murdered an unarmed LaVoy Finicum.

Enter the Oregon State Police forensics in the medical examination which lists Robert LaVoy Finicum as a homicide with three shots into Mr. Finicum's back. One life threatening, but if he had received immediate medical treatment, he would have survived.

In projection Oregon State Police must have started examining the evidence and reports, and discovered that someone was shooting to start this murder spree, and it was not them nor was it the Patriots. This then points to the FBI sniper team, who knew exactly the crime which had been committed, and went into criminal cover up mode, as what took place in Oregon was flushing LaVoy Finicum three times by UNIDENTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT who had not any FBI or State Police logos displayed.

The last stop was the kill zone if the other zones failed. No FBI agent or law enforcement just opens fire on people. There are ear wigs, and coordination. For this FBI sniper to have opened up on this vehicle, he was under orders from a chain of command. There was an understanding in this that as has been shown

that LaVoy Finicum had to be flushed, that the Patriots had to be induced to fire, to give cover to the murders which were being planned.

We know for certain that the FBI sniper did this and it was on orders. We do not know if this was the team leader or if it was one of their subordinates. We do know that afterwards that all 5 members of this team created a cover up, as Gregory Bretzing went before America lying in spin control in placing focus on blaming the Oregon State Police and the Patriots, both scapegoats in this.

Somewhere in this someone talked and that is why Inspector General Horowitz has been unleashed by Attorney General Loretta Lynch, which appears as part of the leverage operation to save Hillary Clinton in another smear of Director James Comey to force blackmail him over the Hillary Clinton email crimes. It would be better to force Comey to comply than resign, in where this would be a lengthy indictment and smear process of Comey, because all it would take in one sniper confessing there was an understanding with the higher ups and Director Comey would be in prison.

That is what the evidence absolutely points to. At core group, Special Agent Gregory Bretzing was running a carte blanche multi level operation, including Paiute Indians to smear the Patriots, disrupting and intimidating the Citizens of Burns Oregon to make them turn on the Patriots, and then the massive lying and cover up afterwards.

We know that the FBI had at least two moles in the Patriot group. We know that Ammon Bundy and LaVoy Finicum were about to vacate the refuge and move to Grant Count to be protected there. That in Internal Affairs investigations then points to the FBI struck first, and in premeditation singled out Ammon Bundy for show trial and to murder LaVoy Finicum, in an interesting repeat of the Little Big Horn massacre in 1876 where George Custer was led into a trap, and the Indian Ring had the Indians murder Custer, in this case in Oregon the FBI had the Oregon State Police murder LaVoy Finicum, in leaving the regime's hands clean.

There has been an entire process all through the West in murdering ranchers, criminalizing them and seizing their property for the Obama Clinton mining interests. There was an agenda to make an example in a final solution in Oregon to stop this, and that is what constructed the operations which Gregory Bretzing oversaw.

Let us be frank in this, that Hillary Clinton, Barack Hussein Obama, Loretta Lynch and the billionaires behind this from Canadian interests to Bush fam, are not going to jail over this. If this is about blackmailing James Comey at FBI to stop the Clinton investigation, then this will all disappear, just like Ruby Ridge ended up with the FBI throwing a grand party for the criminals involved in those homicides in Idaho.

If this is legitimate by the Inspector General, then these 5 snipers were involved in a criminal cover up. They were under orders from someone higher up and that is

where it becomes a matter of "Who is an NSA minder in the FBI who is going to be protected and who is going to be scapegoated."

There is a forensic unity of thought in those screened to be in the FBI. It is a collective mindset, and that is what took place in the Oregon cover up. There is reason these people all look the same in their George Jetson hair cuts, there same dark sunglasses, same never in the sun complexions, same predatory stance and always huddled up in their compartmentalized groups.



These are brainwashed operatives who follow orders. They arrive at the FBI for validation in thinking there is a higher order which will glorify them, and soon enough are made cells in a body, of some being laws unto their own selves and all programmed to protect the unit and to follow the orders issued written and implied, to advance.

They are told Americans are the enemy and that the system must be protected as the highest order. It is why the intelligence community uses the FBI against Americans to protect the continuity.

We already know that the crimes of the FBI in Oregon has nothing to do with protecting Americans from the FBI in it's police state operations. There would not be a dead LaVoy Finicum or piles of people in jail on trumped up charges, if this was about protecting Americans. This is about the system in protecting it, and the [FBI snipers](#) have just discovered that they are like the entire FBI, nothing but Ammon Bundy, to be dealt with for a higher agenda in a game of bigger stakes.

You are seeing who is expendable at the FBI for a political agenda and who are the political minders who will walk away from this with promotions, when they gave the order.

-OREGON: State Issues-

Obama Set to Settle Score against Oregon Sheriff Outspoken on the Second Amendment

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US Media Bury the Three-Year Long Grudge Held by the Feds against Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer

In the latest development involving the Burns-OR Standoff case, the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is asking the state Department of Justice to investigate Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer after receiving numerous complaints from the public and others, including dispatchers and the John Day police chief. The Department has released eight separate complaints, including ones from a 911 manager and the John Day police chief, alleging misconduct by Palmer, and raising alarm concerning Palmer's association with leaders of the refuge occupation.

Sheriff Palmer, in 2013, landed on the very wrong side of the Obama Administration and its Fed muscles with his unapologetic and highly public stand against the proposed disproportionate measures against the Second Amendment. That's one.

Sheriff Palmer was one of the prime targets in the mysterious case of envelopes containing a toxic substance mailed to Oregon law enforcement offices, which were handed over to the FBI for forensic investigation and never again saw the light of day. That's one as well.

Sheriff Palmer has been a strict constitutionalist- a proponent of the separation of powers, pro local authority vs federal intrusions, and a staunch defender of the sanctity of the Second Amendment. None of which is tolerated by the current federal powers. Any one enough to land him on the fed's to-be-persecuted list. That's definitely a one.

Sheriff Palmer is now a direct target of the Federal Government's witch-hunt, geared to set an example and destroy the last pockets of resistance and righteousness in the nation of the-no-longer-free. And that's another one.

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Our Reversible Moral Coma

[Mike Adams](#), Townhall, Feb 12, 2016

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The problem with America is that our universities teach worldview and our churches don't. As a consequence, **students usually enter college with a limited capacity to answer simple moral questions. By the time they graduate, that capacity is further impaired if not lost altogether.** Such substantial moral impairment was on full display in a recent Q&A following a debate on the topic of abortion at **Oregon State University (OSU)**. I participated in that debate and one of the questions I was asked by a student has been reproduced below:

“Dr. Adams, you mentioned that dead things do not grow. But then how can you explain how vegetarians will eat plants, which grow, but will refuse to eat animals. And doesn't self-awareness matter to define what human life is in terms of personhood?”

In case you did not understand what the student was saying, please allow me to explain. According to the postmodern worldview, to which this student clearly subscribes, there really is no objective truth. **Things don't have essential value because of the kinds of things they are. They have value only if people assign value to them according to some accidental characteristic.**

For the postmodernist, the abortion debate should not be focused on truth claims. Choosing abortion is simply a matter of preference. It is like deciding whether to assign value to animals and become a vegetarian or simply decline to do so and head to Texas Roadhouse and eat a 12-ounce steak.

Their basic thesis is that if you personally value human life, then, by all means, have a baby. If you don't, just have an abortion. You've seen this worldview reflected in bumper stickers that say “Don't like abortion? Don't have one!” Imagine a similar sticker on a buggy in the 1800s, which read “Don't like slavery? Don't own one!”

How does one respond to such a broad worldview problem in a short Q&A with a time limit and a long line of people standing behind the microphone? I

responded to the student at OSU by narrowing the question and clarifying her position with a hypothetical. That hypothetical, which follows in its entirety, is a variation of one I first read in *Defending Life*, written by Baylor philosopher Francis Beckwith:

“Let’s just say, heaven forbid, that on the way home this evening you were involved in some sort of a car accident and you went into a coma. It’s a reversible coma and you’re going to be in that coma for months, if not years. In the process of being in that coma fortunately your brain is repairing itself. Eventually, you’re going to come out of the coma. When you do, you’re not going to have any memories. You’re not going to know how to read or write or speak. You’re going to have to be taught to do all of those things. Do I have a right to kill you while you’re in the coma?”

The response from the student was a shocking “Not necessarily.” She couldn’t bring herself to directly answer that simple “yes” or “no” question. To do so would have been to acknowledge a moral absolute. Her commitment to relativism was more sacred than life itself. Even her own life must be sacrificed at the altar of moral relativism.

To be fair, the student did try to give two reasons to justify her non-answer: 1) You can’t always tell when a coma is reversible, and 2) previous court cases have said that you cannot always sue for time lost in a coma. But that was not an answer to my question. My question concerned a reversible coma, not an irreversible coma. More importantly, I asked her about the right to life not the right to monetary compensation. That was the issue we were debating.

The reason why I asked the student that very direct question at the end of that very specific hypothetical should have been apparent to all in attendance when I responded to the student:

“I respect your opinion but let me answer the question. I don’t have a right to kill you. Absolutely not! Because you’re valuable ... because you still have your basic human nature. And, guess what? I just described accurately the condition of the unborn. When they are born, they’ll develop all of those things. And they’ll have to be taught to do them. But they’re just as valuable as you. And just as I shouldn’t kill you I shouldn’t kill them either. That’s my answer.”

After a brief pause, the audience broke out into applause for the first time in the entire debate.

Fellow pro-lifers can take away two general lessons from my exchange with the student:

- 1. We sometimes deal with people whose hearts are so hard that they cannot be persuaded by logic or by the glaring deficiencies in their own reasoning.**

2. When we respond to such people with respect and focus on their inherent worth as human beings, we bolster our credibility with people who are sitting on the fence while listening to the exchange.

In other words, we can't convert everyone. But we can convert many people by arguing respectfully in public exchanges with the unconvertible few. This is why churches need to do more than just actively engage the culture on the issue of abortion. The church needs to train every member of the congregation to defend the unborn with a proper balance of grace and moral clarity.

Quoting Bible verses will not get us anywhere in the debate over abortion. We must first ground our arguments in scientific evidence showing that the unborn are human. Once we do so, our job is not finished. At the end of the day, we must also be able to address the issue of what makes us valuable as humans.

In order to cultivate a basic reverence for human life, Christians need worldview training. Every Christian needs to know how our worldview differs from other worldviews. As disciples, each needs to understand that the truth claims of Christianity are superior and that they are worth defending. In the abortion debate, it is literally a matter of life and death.

In short, there is still a chance that we can stop this country's moral free fall. But the church must come out of its own moral coma first.

Author's Note: The Adams/Strossen debate has been re-edited and is much more clear. The exchange referenced in this column occurs at the 1:51 mark. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ck0CRlclU9E&feature=youtu.be>



Politically Mandated Punishments

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The idea of government in America had a glorious beginning. America's foundational concept was that men, by right, ought to be free. Self-governance was the goal. Centralized forms of government should be pre-determined and limited. The original 13 colonies developed a compact to serve certain, specified national interests.

The main interest of that federal compact was to secure individual rights. The rights of the individual are foundational, eternal and set the stage for our nation's premiere document–The Declaration of Independence.

These rights are self-evident endowments from our Creator. They carry enormous weight because all men are created equal. Five unalienable rights are identified:

- ★ Life,
- ★ Liberty
- ★ the Pursuit of Happiness
- ★ the Right of the People to alter or to abolish a faulty or failed system, and
- ★ the Right to institute new Government, laying its foundation... in such form, as to ...most likely effect their Safety and Happiness.

Our founders weren't suggesting that governments should be done and undone like disposable diapers. They were aware that mankind is, "more disposed to suffer... than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed."

Yet, this is where we find ourselves. We are suffering under the weight of the modern Leviathan, **1)** because we have slowly become accustom to government controls and **2)** because many people profit from the corruption pulsating throughout the system.

Our original American designs have been transmogrified from institutions that were engineered to secure our rights and ensure our freedoms. **Now they have become organizations that demand our strictest obedience and compliance with what is acceptable to the so-called "majority."**

This follows the same technique that was used by Lenin in the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. At the time, in Russia, there were many factions seeking government power and control. One group was the Russian Social Democratic Workers' Party, which was a Marxist organization. It was a small party and it was split amongst two competing subgroups: the Mensheviks ("minority") and the Bolsheviks ("majority").

The Bolsheviks actually represented the “minority” because they were the smaller of the two factions. They successfully acquired the name “majority” after an internal party-wide campaign to acquire the name.

The Bolsheviks represented the small faction led by Lenin. Lenin successfully used this “minority” to organize his violent and revolutionary opposition to the czarist government. They propagandized, campaigned and used violence to spawn factions among the populace and they created enormous divisions across regional boundaries.



Across our nation we can witness, daily, these same destructive tendencies that fomented the minority sponsored Bolshevik revolution. In America, we can see the echo of these progressive redefinitions, where ideas shed their traditional meaning to correspond to the latest populist ideology.

Ten years before the Bolshevik revolution, American author, J. Allen Smith wrote his own progressive redefinition as follows, “True liberty consists not in divesting the government of effective power, but in making it an instrument for the...prompt enforcement of public opinion.”

This redefinition is nothing more than an attempt at spit and polish on the arbitrary chains stemming from some arm of bureaucratic control.

Look at recent events in Oregon. Have these people been heard, treated fairly, set free or shackled?

★ the occupiers of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, Harney Co.

- ★ the \$400,000 fine and re-sentencing of Dwight and Steve Hammond, Harney Co.
- ★ the \$135,000 fine against Sweet Cakes by Melissa, Multnomah Co.
- ★ the firing of Harmony Daws, from Sparkling Palaces, for being elected as president of a pro-life group, Multnomah Co.
- ★ the harassment of Jessica Morton after false charges were made and her innocence proven, Josephine Co.
- ★ the killing of LaVoy Finicum, Grant Co.

• Shackles are shackles and the bigger the government, the bigger the problem.

President Woodrow Wilson was a big government guy. During his presidency he felt that businesses had gotten the upper-hand and that more government interference was needed as a legitimate check. He knew big industrialists who were, “afraid of somebody, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it...” This accurately describes the fear that most Americans have of their own government.

Wilson continues in his progressive double-speak and identifies what he helped to successfully engineer:

“We have been dreading all along the time when the combined power of high finance would be [combined with] the power of the government....We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated, governments in the civilized world--no longer a government of free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and duress of small groups of dominant men.” – — President Wilson, 1913 [edit added]

Political power means leveraging the government machinery for purposes of control. Political control allows for politically mandated punishments but this has nothing to do with justice. This is why we have not seen any mainstream media outrage at the \$135,000 fine levied against Sweet Cakes by Melissa. After all, it was “legally” assessed by an official bureaucrat. This means bureaucrats throughout the system “possess far more power over people than could be justified by any social contract—unless people are presumed to have implicitly contracted for their own destruction.”*

* Bovard, James, *Freedom In Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen*, (St. Martin's Press, New York, 1999) p. 211

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Yesterday, on a mostly party line vote the Senate passed SB 1532, which is the minimum wage bill. In essence what the bill does is divide the state into three different groups and requires a specific increase in the minimum wage by the year 2022. In one group of 18 Counties the increase will be to \$12.50 an hour. In another group of 18 Counties the increase will be to \$13.50 an hour. And for Portland the increase will be to \$14.75 an hour. How they arrived at this distribution is a mystery, for example why would Josephine County have a different rate than Douglas County when their economies are equally distressed?

While this is clearly one of the issues under consideration this Session that is a violating of the Short Session agreement, there are other things we need to point out here. The first would be **they put an emergency clause on the bill**. Because it doesn't fully take effect until 2022 the question is why the emergency clause? The answer is very simple and that is **to prevent anyone from being able to challenge it through the initiative process**. All business groups both large and small are opposed to this bill and they will now not have the ability to go to the voters for their opinion.

The debate on the Senate floor lasted for over six hours. The main reason was the fact **Republicans had not been included in any of the discussions in the creation of the bill.** This was **crafted by the Governor, legislative leadership and special interest groups behind closed doors in spite of the fact the Senate President had stated we would not be doing minimum wage during the short session.** The only opportunity Republicans had to try and make changes was through motions on the Senate floor. We thought issues like the true cost to seniors and people with disabilities (as an example) should be fully explored. Unfortunately **all of our attempts to further explore the unresolved issues in the bill were defeated on party line votes.** I talked to several Democrats while we were having this debate who admitted to me that this was not good legislation, but they ended up voting for it anyway.

But **what I find the most frustrating in this is the clear ignorance of basic economics.** Here are a couple of facts. Currently the US minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour and the Oregon minimum wage is \$9.25 an hour. **We are already at a competitive disadvantage for bringing new businesses into the state.** Additionally nationally only 4% of the workforce is at the minimum wage level. Clearly this is an entry level wage and people quickly move above it. When we are talking about only 4% of the workforce how can this be considered a crisis.

I am definitely in favor of people getting paid an appropriate wage for the work they do. On my farm all of my employees are paid well above the minimum wage because I value their work and believe in fair compensation. If I am forced to go to this hire standard I will have no choice other than to increase the price of the products I raise and sell. My real concern here is the impact this will have on businesses who sell their products outside of Oregon. How will this impact their ability to compete with other similar products? Keep in mind we are in competition not just with other states but also other countries.

This is where the real ignorance of basic economics really is demonstrated. Those who voted for this seem to think that businesses have some magic "pot of money" and can simply absorb the costs. Nothing could be further from the truth. Business is by its very nature competitive. For me to be able to sell my products I have to be competitive in my pricing. But I also have to make sure my prices cover my costs. The wages I pay are clearly a significant part of my cost and if I have to increase wages I obviously will have to increase my prices.

The dirty little secret here is that every time there is an increase in minimum wage all other factors adjust over time. At the end of the day everyone will be in the same position but just at a different level. Ultimately the only ones who will actually benefit is government through increased tax revenue. This would explain why the public employee unions (who are not at minimum wage) are supporting this bill. From their perspective more money for government means more money for them.

I am tired of hearing about what everyone deserves. I remember the lady in Chicago who said the government should buy her a flat screen TV because it was “unfair” that she didn’t have one. In the foundation of this country it is clear that everyone has the right to go as far as their talents and abilities can take them. I fully support that. But keep in mind that is based on the individual putting forth the effort. Our welfare system has created a whole class of people who are happy to just take whatever government is willing to offer them. Imagine how much better their lives might be if they had the motivation to take control of their own lives. That is what I would wish for everyone, the ability to be all they could be.

This bill will make it harder for businesses, especially small ones to be successful. We are simply driving an additional dagger into the heart of the American dream.

Sincerely, Senator Jeff Kruse

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Another Closed Door Deal Emerges

Feb 9, 2016

It is axiomatic that no bad idea is ever really dead in the Oregon State Capitol. Supporters of defeated proposals will recycle, reprocess, or reincarnate, but they never give up.

Governor Brown's office recently announced that an Agreement in Principle (AIP) has been reached between the States of Oregon and California, PacifiCorp and the federal government to move forward with amending the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). **The KHSA requires the demolition of the four PacifiCorp-owned dams on the Klamath River. Governor Brown's announcement is another unfortunate example of environmental activists' refusal to take "no" for an answer.**

According to the press release, the target date for signing the amended version of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) is February 29. The amended agreement would then be facilitated within the administrative processes established through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), including public comment periods. Under the new AIP, title of the dams would be transferred to a non-federal entity that would assume liability for, decommission and remove the dams by 2020.

The Governor's press release states that those four main parties will pursue implementation of the AIP through an administrative process governed by FERC. It also claims that the States of Oregon and California and the federal government are working with all Klamath Basin stakeholders, including members of Congress, the Native American tribes and farmers.

The current KHSA proposal to destroy the four hydroelectric dams clearly requires the consent of the United States Congress before the process can even begin. **For the past five years, the proposal has failed to even reach a floor vote in either Congressional chamber. It continued to fail during Democrat majority control of both chambers. It has also subsequently failed during Republican majority control of both chambers**

Nevertheless, Brown and her Natural Resource advisor have negotiated another agreement **behind closed doors** to attempt to destroy the dams. **Unfortunately, under the Kulongoski, Kitzhaber and Kate Brown administrations, this process has become the New Oregon Way.**

Richard Whitman met with Representative Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls) and me on behalf of the Governor in my Senate office the day before the new AIP was released to the press. The Governor's natural resources advisor asked for the meeting in order to inform us of the new plan to demolish the hydroelectric dams.

During that briefing, he told us he had been working with the state of California, Klamath County, Upper Basin and Project irrigators, PacifiCorp and Congressman Greg Walden's office to close the deal. The unmistakable message was that everyone was on board for moving forward.

Whitman admitted he had not talked with Siskiyou County Supervisors, even though three of the four dams are located in Siskiyou County. He reasoned that the Supervisors had simply never been a part of the deal. Recent polls show that as many as 80 percent of Siskiyou County citizens oppose destruction of the dams.

Working in the Capitol for over a decade has taught me to listen respectfully, but to always verify. That same evening, I made and received a number of telephone calls and e-mails.

Representatives of both the Klamath Irrigation District and Klamath Water Users Association indicated they had no previous knowledge of a new deal to remove the dams. They expressed their concern that they were not consulted regarding the negotiation of an agreement that would fundamentally alter their livelihoods.

Two of the three Klamath County Commissioners had not previously heard of the new deal. Apparently, Whitman did have a conversation with Commissioner Kelley Minty-Morris. She apparently chose not to share the content of the conversation with the other two Commissioners.

Congressman Walden's office actually called me before I was able to reach out to them. They wanted to know if I knew any of the details about a new AIP.

It is my understanding the Congressman's office had neither participated in nor been consulted with regarding the new dam removal deal. They had only been told they would be briefed, on the day the AIP was announced.

Both California Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Tom McClintock were also kept out of the loop, according to their staffs. Their offices had not yet seen the AIP and were to receive a first briefing the day after it was made public.

Unfortunately, this represents just another day in Governor Brown's promise of a new clear and transparent state government.

Under the AIP, the federal Department of the Interior, which oversees the Bureau of Land Management, the States of California and Oregon and the federal Department of Commerce will be able to forge an administrative path at FERC for the dam removal. **The clear intent is to completely bypass the need for Congressional approval and the vote of our federal elected representatives in Congress.**

The AIP further states the principles concur with the Klamath Water Users Association notice of potential termination of KHSA. It is alleged that the notice initiates a “meet and confer” process within that existing agreement. The intent appears to be to pivot to the directed manipulation of the FERC administrative process to facilitate the demolition of the dams.

The AIP then, oxymoronically, states that nothing within the text of the agreement is “intended...to predetermine the outcome of any regulatory approval or other action by an agency” of the United States or the States of Oregon or California. **That statement is in direct conflict with the AIP’s stated purpose of facilitating the removal of the dams by 2020. It is beyond credible to accept the veracity of these two conflicting intents.**

We asked our Legislative Counsel (Counsel) for their legal opinion regarding whether the states of Oregon and California can legally join in a project to demolish the dams without Congressional approval. In their opinion, **the two states cannot participate in a joint agreement to remove the dams without Congressional approval.**

Counsel goes on to explain that Oregon cannot spend more to demolish the dams than is allowed under current law. That law limits Oregon expenditures to no more than its share of the \$200 million currently being collected from its ratepayers by the PacifiCorp surcharge under Oregon Revised Statute chapter 757.

Counsel further states the combined cost of removing the dams, and paying for the immense liability related to the 20 million cubic yards of potentially toxic sludge accumulated behind the dams, cannot exceed the surcharge amount.

Current Oregon law prohibits the state from expending any public money for the purpose of facilitating the destruction of the dams. In keeping with that prohibition, the AIP obligates no state funding for the dam removal. Neither does it obligate any federal funding.

Mr. Whitman and the Governor appear to respectfully disagree.

It is my understanding that the Governor believes the dams can, and will be demolished, without further action by the Legislative Assembly. **Governor Brown and Whitman appear to believe the dams can and will be destroyed through administrative actions that purposely bypasses Legislative and Congressional authority.**

One might ask the Governor who is to pay the potentially enormous liability cost of blowing up the four dams. Is her plan to encourage the Public Utility Commission to determine the expense to be “prudently incurred costs” and allow PacifiCorp to charge their ratepayers? Is her plan to amend current law to allow

the state of Oregon to charge its taxpayers? Is the plan to pay the costs through some federal administrative action without Congressional approval?

It would seem that clear and transparent government would require bureaucrats to actually consult with elected legislators and Congressmen prior to making monumental decisions. Further comment will have to wait until the bureaucrats allow our elected representatives of the people to see their actual written Agreement.



Massive Cover-up – BLM leases Hammond ranch land to Russia through Clinton Foundation donors for uranium

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<http://newstarget.com/2016-02-11-exclusive-massive-cover-up-blm-leases-hammond-ranch-land-to-russia-through-clinton-foundation-donors-for-uranium.html>

The Hammond Ranch controversy continues to sink into a rabbit hole without end. Evidence has surfaced that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been taking land with plans to lease it to [Clinton Foundation donors](#).

Russia gradually gained control of Uranium One, a major mining company, in three separate transactions from 2009 to 2013, while Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State. Canadian records reveal that the company's chairman used his own family foundation to make four donations to the Clinton Foundation during that time, resulting in a sum contribution of \$2.35 million. Secretary Clinton approved the deal for Russia soon after her family's slush fund received the donations. Now, Vladimir Putin controls 20 percent of all uranium production capacity in the U.S.

Undisclosed contributions made to the Clinton Foundation

These contributions were not made known to the public by the Clintons, even though Hillary Clinton made a deal with President Obama to disclose all the donors. Other individuals associated with the company made donations too.

Furthermore, after Russia declared that it was taking over Uranium One, Bill Clinton received \$500,000 for a Moscow speech from a Russian investment bank, which promoted Uranium One stock.

A gold mine for uranium

It is not known whether the donations were responsible for the uranium deal, but the timing is suspicious. Since Hammond Ranch is a gold mine for uranium, it's unsurprising that the Clinton Foundation would want to lease the land to Russia through donors.

This would also explain why U.S. authorities have been coming down so hard on protesters. Officials aren't prosecuting individuals because of the Hammond controversy. Officials are coming down on protesters because they are occupying a valuable piece of land; a piece of land that was promised to the Russians.

According to *The New York Times*: "Whether the donations [to the Clinton Foundation] played any role in the approval of the uranium deal is unknown. But the episode underscores the special ethical challenges presented by the Clinton Foundation, headed by a former president who relied heavily on foreign cash to accumulate \$250 million in assets even as his wife helped steer American foreign policy as secretary of state, presiding over decisions with the potential to benefit the foundation's donors."

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This seemed so far fetched but made a lot of sense when they got a fine that would bankrupt most and then the sentence extension to ensure they couldn't work their land. Not forgetting they could not sell anything to fund the fine unless it was to the USG. Clearly the punishment was not only disproportionate but also scripted to ensure the USG got the land by hook or by crook. The same is now going to happen to the Bundy's Ranch now that both Father and Son are incarcerated. Meanwhile Social Media is full of Government cheerleaders who are too stupid to see they will be next and thinking their fake USG job will continue.



Our Urban-Rural Divide Deepens

Newsletter by Oregon Senator Doug Whitsett, Senate District 28, 2/26/16

Oregon's urban-rural divide has been a constant theme of my weekly newsletter updates during my three terms serving in the Senate. Both the 2015 and the current 2016 Legislative Assemblies have served to highlight that ever-increasing split. It will only continue to get worse over time.

Last November, **the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (OFWC) voted to remove the Canadian gray wolf from the state's endangered species list.** My staff attended the OFWC meeting and entered the support that I and Rep. Gail Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls) have for the de-listing decision. The meeting's attendees were evenly divided between **pro-wolf activists from the Willamette Valley, where none of the wolves are actually located,** and ranchers and elected representatives from the areas that wolves do inhabit.

The OFWC decision came days after it was reported that a calf was killed and eaten in Klamath County and two others were badly mauled in the first confirmed wolf attacks on livestock outside Northeast Oregon. Recently, an article was published in the Klamath Falls Herald and News, stating that a fifth radio-collared wolf is now located in Klamath County.

According to the article, the public has reported sightings of the wolf to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and its presence in the area was confirmed through an aerial helicopter survey. That article goes on to state that the wolf was scavenging on cow carcasses on private property, and that it has been spotted in the North Poe Valley and the Swan Lake Area.

Last week, a 500 pound heifer calf was severely mauled by that collared wolf that is now ranging directly behind our own Klamath County farm. The new wolf brings the total count of wolves in the region to seven, not counting their pups.

Pro-wolf **environmental advocacy organizations** had previously spoken out against House Bill 3515 during the 2015 session. They **stridently claimed that only ODFW scientists had the expertise to make the delisting determination and must be allowed to make the decision based on the best available science.** However, **when the OFWC made their science based decision they were sued by some of the same advocacy groups who demanded the ODFW scientists be allowed to make the delisting determination.** .

House Bill 4040-A serves to ratify the OFWC's decision to remove the gray wolf from the state list of endangered species. It would confirm the Legislative Assembly's confidence that the ODFW scientists did their job based on the scientific criteria established in the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

The first public hearing on HB 4040-A was held in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on February 4. Rep. Whitsett is a member of that committee. The bill passed out of that committee during a February 9 work session on an 8-1 vote, with Rep. Greg Barreto (R-Pendleton), Rep. Sal Esquivel (R-Medford), Rep. Wayne Krieger (R-Gold Beach) and Rep. Whitsett joined by four Democrats in support. The bill then passed the House February 12 on a 33-23 bipartisan vote, with **mostly Willamette Valley Democrats in opposition.**

HB 4040-A was then referred to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I am a member of that committee where a two and a half hour public hearing was held on that bill on February 16. It was the sole item on the agenda.

Environmental advocacy groups made a full-court press to oppose HB 4040-A. They've even encouraged their activists to call my office asking me to vote against it. **The vast majority of the callers were from the Willamette Valley, where, once again, not a single wolf is currently living.**

Often times, environmentalists make emotion-based appeals regarding this issue showing no regard to the very real effects that wolves have on the people who actually live in wolf-inhabited areas. Those appeals typically contain much

misinformation, seemingly deliberately aimed at tugging at the heartstrings of people who may be less knowledgeable about the subject.

But the simple facts are that HB 4040-A honors the work done on the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan for more than 15 years by a wide range of stakeholders. As expected, conservation groups immediately filed legal appeals to the OFWC's decision.

In my opinion, the Plan's details and buy-in from stakeholder groups are jeopardized when people who don't get what they want can force ODFW into closed-door settlement talks. **It is typical for environmental groups to use these kinds of tactics, which enable them to essentially hijack the public process and try to use the courts to advance their political agenda.**

What's worse, taxpayers must fund the legal defense of the agency's decision, regardless of the merits of the appeal, or the lack thereof. Settlements too often result in the environmental advocate plaintiffs recovering their legal fees and court costs from the public.

To be clear, HB 4040-A does not remove any current protections for the wolves under the law. Despite the fearmongering from environmental groups to the contrary, it does not change the wolf plan or legalize the hunting or killing of wolves.

All things considered, HB 4040-A represents a reasonable approach to a difficult problem facing people in rural areas. **The bill is certainly more moderate than a bill introduced by an Eastern Washington lawmaker, whose district has 11 of that state's 13 wolf packs. That proposal calls for packs to be established in Western Washington, where there is presumably more political support for the creatures.**

Please remember--if we do not stand up for rural Oregon, no one will.

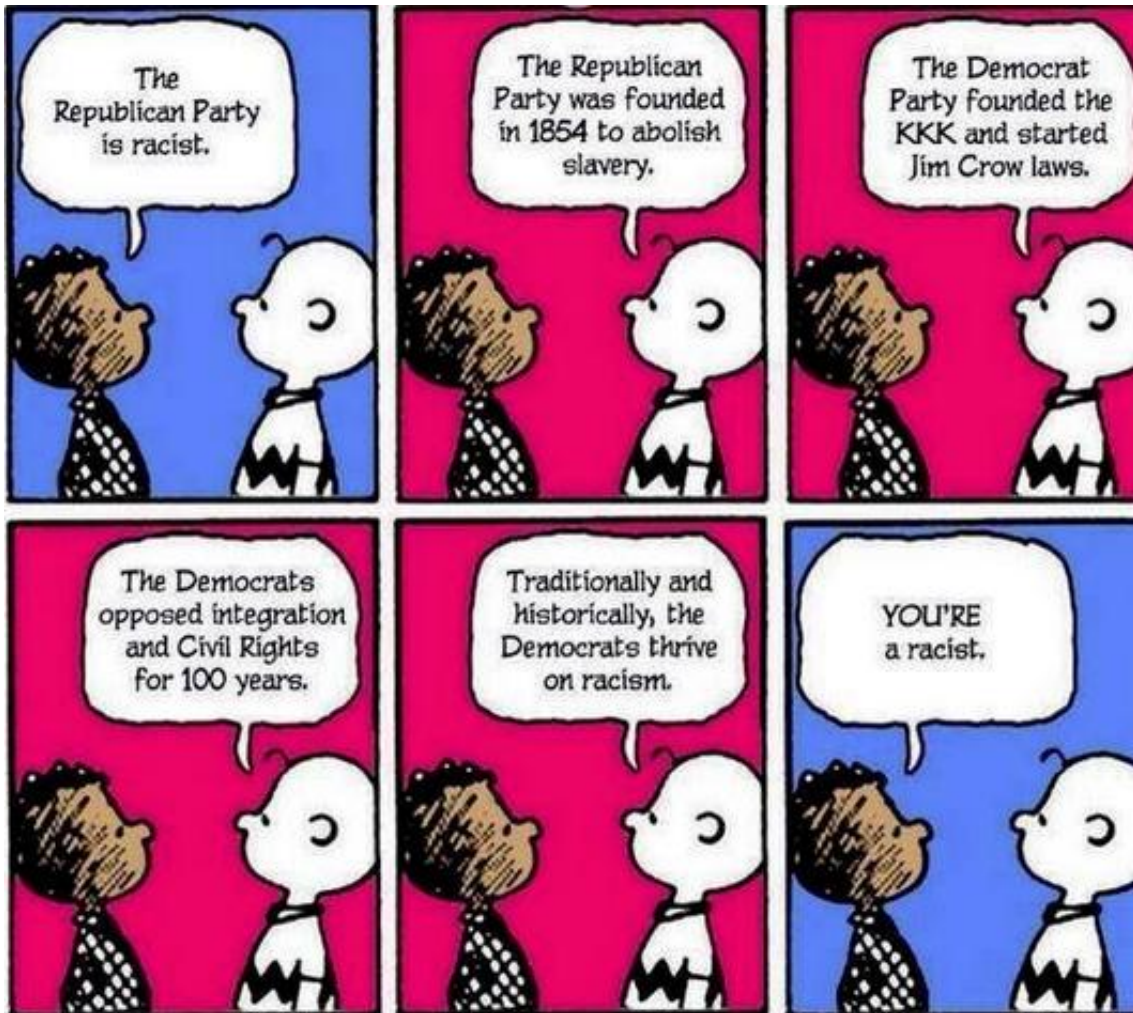
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Statement Regarding Klamath Dam Removal Meeting

March 16, 2016 by Doug LaMalfa, US Representative, District 1

"This entire process has been mired in secrecy and appears to have been conceived as a way to exclude the public from the decision-making process on an issue that very much affects them. Several years ago an advisory measure on the ballot passed by 79% in favor of retaining the Klamath dams. People in my district are VERY concerned about the affect your plans will have on their property and livelihood. For years there have been hotly contested rumors of secret meetings and confidentiality agreements swirling around Siskiyou, Klamath and Modoc counties. Today we know those rumors were all true.

My staff learned of your Sacramento and Portland meetings and attended uninvited a few weeks ago. It was clear to them that the process and agreement was to be conducted in secret and only then a final decision by limited stakeholders and government agencies would be announced to the public. This was not an inclusive process with opposing affected parties at the table. There

were no representatives from local county governments and we have confirmed that none were invited to the meeting.

The first question put to my staff upon arrival was an insistence that they sign a confidentiality agreement. **Government agencies and their contractors should not ask meeting participants to sign non-disclosure agreement in what obviously should be public a policy process.** Contending that this is a privileged and confidential negotiation does not square with the taxpayers footing the bill every step of the way including untold hours of state and federal employees and government entities time crafting agendas and finding Congressional "work arounds". **No government entity, much less three, should be conducting business behind closed doors to avoid pushback from the public.**

It was only with pressure from my office on behalf of the public that you reluctantly held this public meeting. Yet, despite several requests, we are still meeting here in Sacramento, over 275 miles from the shadow of the nearest dam. I will continue to request that full public meetings be held in the area affected, including Klamath Falls and Yreka and not expensive long distance locations such as Portland and the discussed possibility of San Francisco.

Today's meeting is just one more in a long line of involuntary taxpayer financed efforts in this process. **Every government employee in this room works for and is compensated by state or federal taxpayers. That involvement of our tax dollars should be an absolute guarantee that a full public process is followed.**

As evidenced in the previously held meetings, this group plans to use California State Bond dollars and PacificCorp Ratepayer dollars to finance this effort. Both of these funds come from a government authorized source and are paid by the citizens of California and Oregon. The California Water Bond is a general obligation bond and the state general fund comprised of taxpayer dollars pays for the bond.

Transferring these government funds to a newly created 501C3 so that entity can avoid public disclosure, as taken from your slides of February 24, **2015 is highly suspicious. Federal and State authorities clearly ran the meeting, set the agenda, and were explaining to the group of stakeholders the benefits of organizing a 501c3. It was clear that using the 501c3 Dam Removal Entity would avoid Freedom of Information Act requests and the Federal Advisory Committee Reform Act (FACA). Those facts have raised serious questions about the true purpose of the 501c3 Dam Removal Entity as a shield to avoid public disclosure and further to**

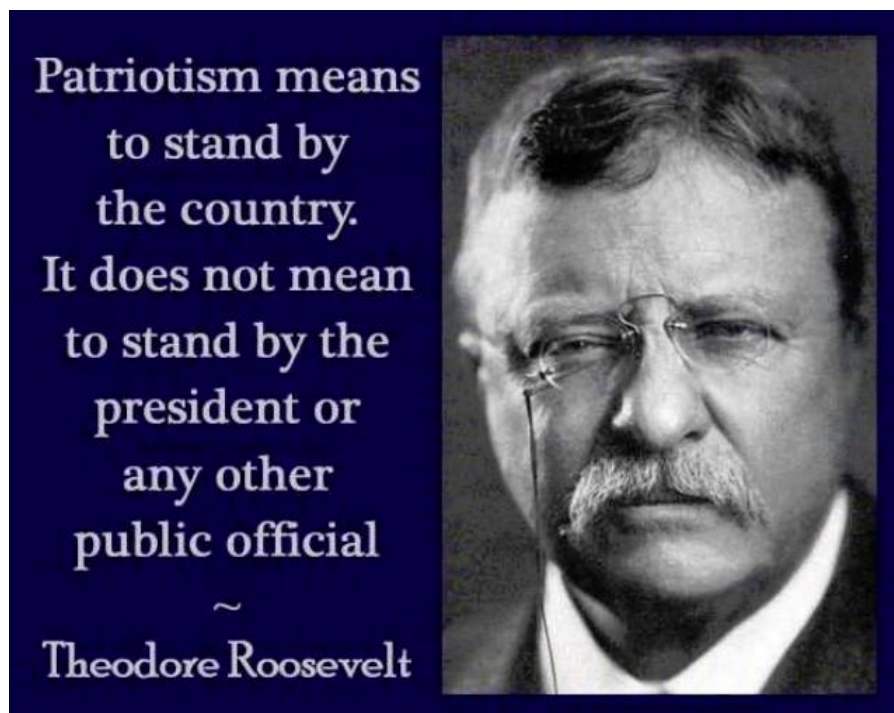
move taxpayer funds to a non-accountable entity that circumvents congressional oversight.

It is important that everyone in the room understands the limitations of the agencies and the limits to their negotiation powers. **None of the agencies of the Federal or State governments may settle a bi-state water agreement, divest federal land to tribes or others, nor can they appropriate federal dollars. All of those are functions of Congress. Any agreement made here is subject to change and cannot be relied upon as a binding deal.** We have just witnessed a prime example of this. Look at what happened when the agencies promised a deal years ago only to have it languish in the Senate and never move through the process. A deal that will ultimately require congressional approval should begin with all parties and those whom they represent at the table to find a deal that benefits all parties and has a high likelihood of passage in the end.

Again, I strongly suggest the agencies to halt this process and restart it from the beginning in a full public forum. Meetings should be held in Klamath Falls and Yreka at the very least so that those affected may have input without driving 275 miles. It is imperative that this be an open process that allows the citizens an opportunity to influence the outcome. You can count on my continued fierce opposition otherwise."

Respectfully,

Doug LaMalfa, US Representative, District 1

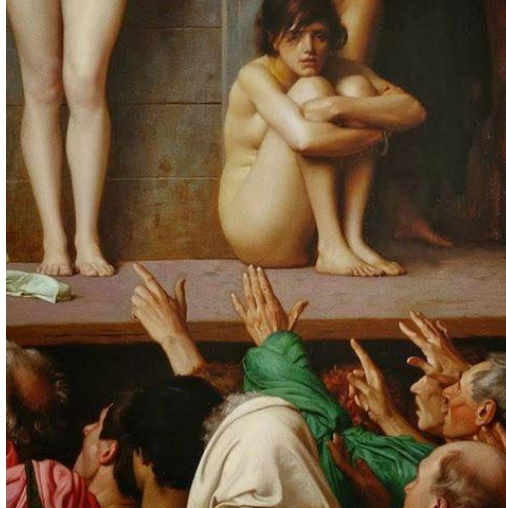


-HONEST AMERICAN HISTORY-

IRISH, THE FORGOTTEN WHITE SLAVES

Peter Thomson, October 1, 2014

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They came as slaves: human cargo transported on British ships bound for the Americas. They were shipped by the hundreds of thousands and included men, women, and even the youngest of children.

Whenever they rebelled or even disobeyed an order, they were punished in the harshest ways. Slave owners would hang their human property by their hands and set their hands or feet on fire as one form of punishment. Some were burned alive and had their heads placed on pikes in the marketplace as a warning to other captives.

We don't really need to go through all of the gory details, do we? We know all too well the atrocities of the African slave trade.

But are we talking about African slavery? King James VI and Charles I also led a continued effort to enslave the Irish. Britain's Oliver Cromwell furthered this practice of dehumanizing one's next door neighbour.

The Irish slave trade began when James VI sold 30,000 Irish prisoners as slaves to the New World. His Proclamation of 1625 required Irish political prisoners be sent overseas and sold to English settlers in the West Indies.

By the mid 1600s, the Irish were the main slaves sold to Antigua and Montserrat. At that time, 70% of the total population of Montserrat were Irish slaves.

Ireland quickly became the biggest source of human livestock for English merchants. The majority of the early slaves to the New World were actually white.

From 1641 to 1652, over 500,000 Irish were killed by the English and another 300,000 were sold as slaves. Ireland's population fell from about 1,500,000 to 600,000 in one single decade.

Families were ripped apart as the British did not allow Irish dads to take their wives and children with them across the Atlantic. This led to a helpless population of homeless women and children. Britain's solution was to auction them off as well.

During the 1650s, over 100,000 Irish children between the ages of 10 and 14 were taken from their parents and sold as slaves in the West Indies, Virginia and New England. In this decade, 52,000 Irish (mostly women and children) were sold to Barbados and Virginia.

Another 30,000 Irish men and women were also transported and sold to the highest bidder. In 1656, Cromwell ordered that 2000 Irish children be taken to Jamaica and sold as slaves to English settlers.

Many people today will avoid calling the Irish slaves what they truly were: Slaves. They'll come up with terms like "Indentured Servants" to describe what occurred to the Irish. However, in most cases from the 17th and 18th centuries, Irish slaves were nothing more than human cattle.

As an example, the African slave trade was just beginning during this same period. It is well recorded that African slaves, not tainted with the stain of the hated Catholic theology and more expensive to purchase, were often treated far better than their Irish counterparts.

African slaves were very expensive during the late 1600s (£50 Sterling). Irish slaves came cheap (no more than £5 Sterling). If a planter whipped, branded or beat an Irish slave to death, it was never a crime. A death was a monetary setback, but far cheaper than killing a more expensive African.

The English masters quickly began breeding the Irish women for both their own personal pleasure and for greater profit. Children of slaves were themselves slaves, which increased the size of the master's free workforce.

Even if an Irish woman somehow obtained her freedom, her kids would remain slaves of her master. Thus, Irish mothers, even with this new found emancipation, would seldom abandon their children and would remain in servitude.

In time, the English thought of a better way to use these women to increase their market share: The settlers began to breed Irish women and girls (many as young as 12) with African men to produce slaves with a distinct complexion. These new

“mulatto” slaves brought a higher price than Irish livestock and, likewise, enabled the settlers to save money rather than purchase new African slaves.

This practice of interbreeding Irish females with African men went on for several decades and was so widespread that, in 1681, legislation was passed “forbidding the practice of mating Irish slave women to African slave men for the purpose of producing slaves for sale.” In short, it was stopped only because it interfered with the profits of a large slave transport company.

England continued to ship tens of thousands of Irish slaves for more than a century. Records state that, after the 1798 Irish Rebellion, thousands of Irish slaves were sold to both America and Australia. There were horrible abuses of both African and Irish captives. One British ship even dumped 1,302 slaves into the Atlantic Ocean so that the crew would have plenty of food to eat.

There is little question the Irish experienced the horrors of slavery as much (if not more, in the 17th Century) as the Africans did. There is also little question that those brown, tanned faces you witness in your travels to the West Indies are very likely a combination of African and Irish ancestry.

In 1839, Britain finally decided on it's own to end its participation in Satan's highway to hell and stopped transporting slaves. While their decision did not stop pirates from doing what they desired, the new law slowly concluded this chapter of Irish misery.

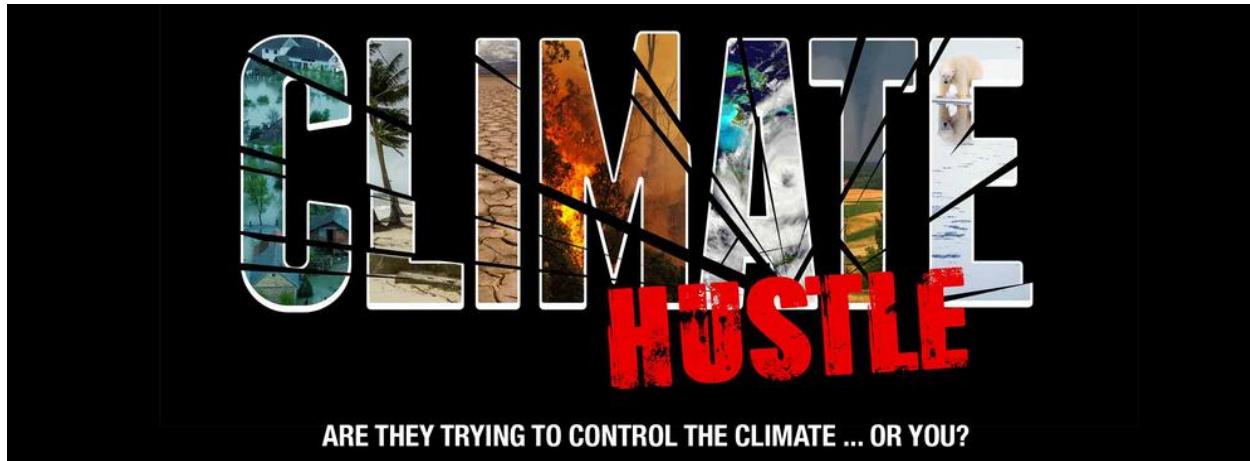
But, if anyone, black or white, believes that slavery was only an African experience, then they've got it completely wrong. Irish slavery is a subject worth remembering, not erasing from our memories.

But, why is it so seldom discussed? Do the memories of hundreds of thousands of Irish victims not merit more than a mention from an unknown writer?

Or is their story to be the one that their English masters intended: To completely disappear as if it never happened.

None of the Irish victims ever made it back to their homeland to describe their ordeal. These are the lost slaves; the ones that time and biased history books conveniently forgot.

-GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE-



‘Climate change’ lawyers quietly lay groundwork for EPA takeover of U.S. energy

[Michael Bastasch](#), CFact, February 4, 2016

<http://www.cfact.org/2016/02/04/climate-change-lawyers-quietly-lay-groundwork-for-epa-takeover-of-us-energy/>

Environmental lawyer have been pushing a legal theory that would give the Environmental Protection Agency cover to regulate every facet of state energy policy — effectively eliminating states’ authority to craft their own regulations.

“Buried in the Clean Air Act is an extremely powerful mechanism that

effectively gives EPA carte blanche to tell states to make drastic cuts to their emissions,” [Brian Potts, a partner at the law firm Foley & Lardner wrote in Politico Monday.](#)

“This provision, which can now be used thanks to the completion of the Paris climate deal, raises important questions about national sovereignty and states’ rights — questions that Republicans would undoubtedly use to try and kill such a proposal,” Potts wrote. “But the benefits of using this mechanism dwarf those concerns.”

Potts is referring to Section 115 of the Clean Air Act. Liberal legal scholars argue the Paris global warming treaty has triggered this little-known provision of federal law, and now the EPA can launch a full takeover of states’ environmental regulatory agendas.

“Section 115 of the Clean Air Act provides an untapped but potent opportunity for achieving many of the United States’ long-term climate

change goals," [13 liberal legal experts wrote in a January brief published by the Institute for Policy Integrity](#).

Several lawyers working for various environmental law groups want the EPA to use this provision to implement a nationwide cap-and-trade system. Ever since the defeat of cap-and-trade in Congress in 2010, environmentalists have been looking for legal loopholes for the EPA to use to unilaterally impose cap-and-trade on the U.S. economy.

"EPA and the states could implement a Section 115 regime with less difficulty than the current ... approach," the lawyers wrote, "and could instead combine multiple sectors and source types in a single rulemaking that could establish a nationwide, market-based emissions reduction program."

'We Saw This Coming'

Attorney Chris Horner isn't surprised by the arguments coming from these environmental law groups. Horner says President Barack Obama has always sought to use the United Nations agreement in Paris to further his regulatory agenda.

"As we have made plain all along to any who cared to listen, the administration's intention behind agreeing to the Paris deal was quite transparently to create an argument and a trap for successive congresses and administrations to impose ever-tighter EPA energy rationing rules in the name of catastrophic man-made global warming," Horner, an attorney with the Energy & Environmental Legal Institute, told The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Horner has led the charge against the EPA's so-called Clean Power Plan, filing lawsuits and [uncovering emails showing the agency's cozy relationship with environmental activists](#) hoping to push more regulations on businesses. Now, Horner has turned his attention to uncovering the legal implications of Obama's agreeing to cut U.S. emissions.

"Unlike previous global warming treaties like Kyoto, which had a finite life, Paris — which obviously a treaty on its face — includes an evergreen provision promising new rules every five years," Horner said, adding the Obama administration is already using the Paris agreement as legal precedent to block challenges by states to EPA rules.

"Going forward, expect those arguments in court and in the media echo chamber to help shield EPA's rules, and to compel more rules every five years," Horner said. "'We've promised the world!' Except, only Obama promised them."

The Path To EPA Rule

Legal scholars say there are two conditions that need to be satisfied before the EPA can take over state regulatory decisions.

First, EPA needs findings from an international agency showing American pollution is harming public health in other countries. Carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas blamed for global warming, has been listed as a pollutant by the EPA.

“The many reports put out by the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change over the past few decades meet this requirement,” Potts argued. “The U.S. is one of the top greenhouse gas emitters in the world, and its pollution undoubtedly endangers public health and welfare in many other countries.”

Next, EPA must show a foreign country that’s harmed by U.S. emissions has given America “essentially the same rights with respect to the prevention ... of air pollution occurring in that country,” according to Potts. This is where the recent United Nations agreement comes into play.

“The Paris agreement satisfies this reciprocity requirement because there are now nearly 190 countries planning to reduce their emissions, at least in part, to protect one another’s health and welfare,” Potts wrote.

Potts even argued the fact that the Paris agreement isn’t legally-binding doesn’t matter. In his words, “nothing in Section 115 requires such enforceability.”

But the Paris agreement can still be derailed by the Senate, even though it’s not seen as a traditional treaty. The Senate can still assert its constitutional power over treaties to derail the agreement before Obama signs it.

“It is the complete failure by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to do its job, choosing instead by inaction to cede its shared constitutional role in the treaty process to be one that exists at the pleasure of the president,” Horner said. “Now it is time for others to take over.”

“If the Senate as a whole does not provide its Art. II ‘advice’ — that Paris requires ‘consent’ to mean anything to anyone — prior to the president’s planned “Mother Earth Day” signature, we might as well disband the committee and agree with Sec. Kerry that the treaty process is dead, that binding us into perpetual, unpopular schemes is now a unilateral function of the executive,” he added.

This article originally appeared in [The Daily Caller](#)



Climate Engineers Continue To Disrupt Global Weather As US Military Conducts Climate Change War Games

[Dane Wigington, geoengineeringwatch.org](http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org), February 10, 2016
http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/climate-engineers-continue-to-disrupt-global-weather-as-us-military-conducts-climate-change-war-games/?inf_contact_key=6849c8be8c9f7c736e05b7cefc5f30e222bdee8dbdfdd1620316c29c938ef3f



The vast majority of global populations are unfortunately not yet willing to face the fact that [Earth's climate and life support systems are being totally disrupted and derailed](#) by a global power structure that is inarguably insane and completely out of control.

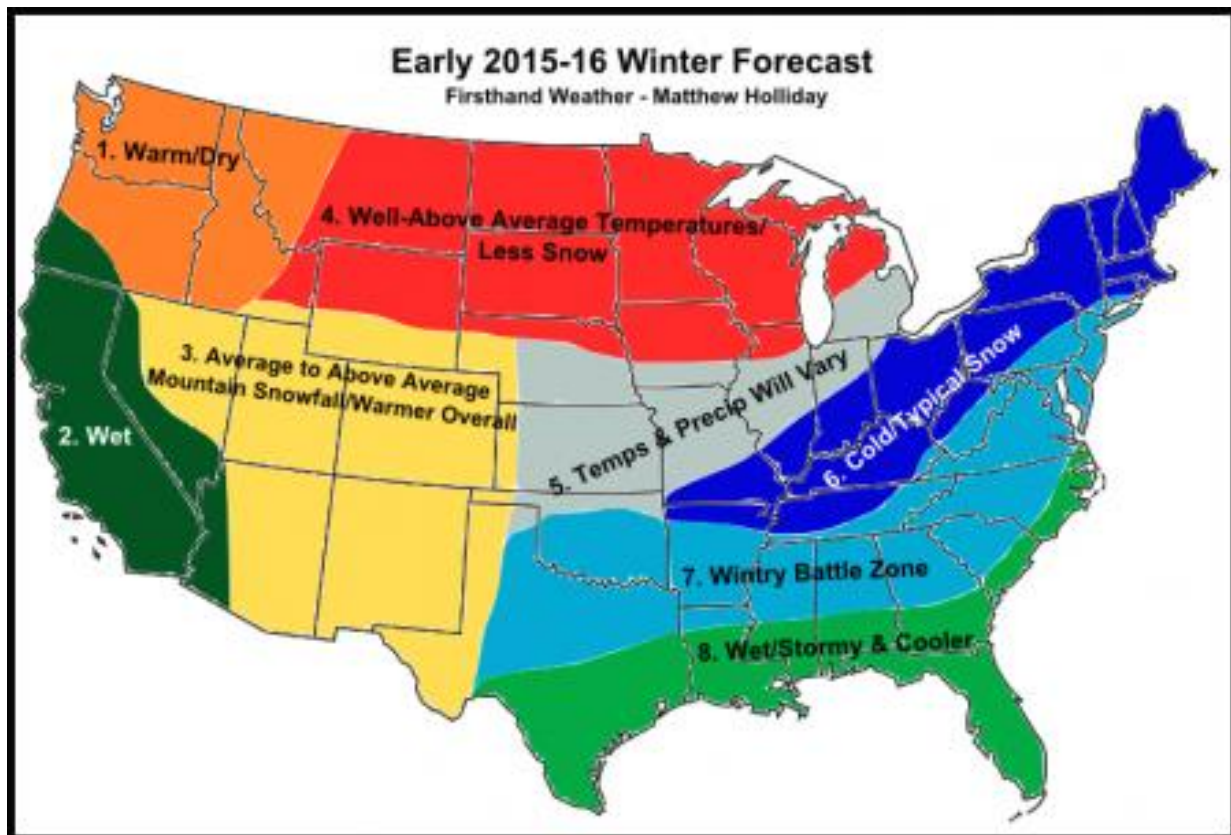


"US military planners have been ordered to [war game climate change scenarios](#), focusing on geopolitical and socioeconomic instability linked to extreme weather". Photo: US Military/Flickr

A new directive says forces need to undertake joint training exercises with allies to "enhance capacity" and "improve tactics" for tackling impacts linked to global warming.

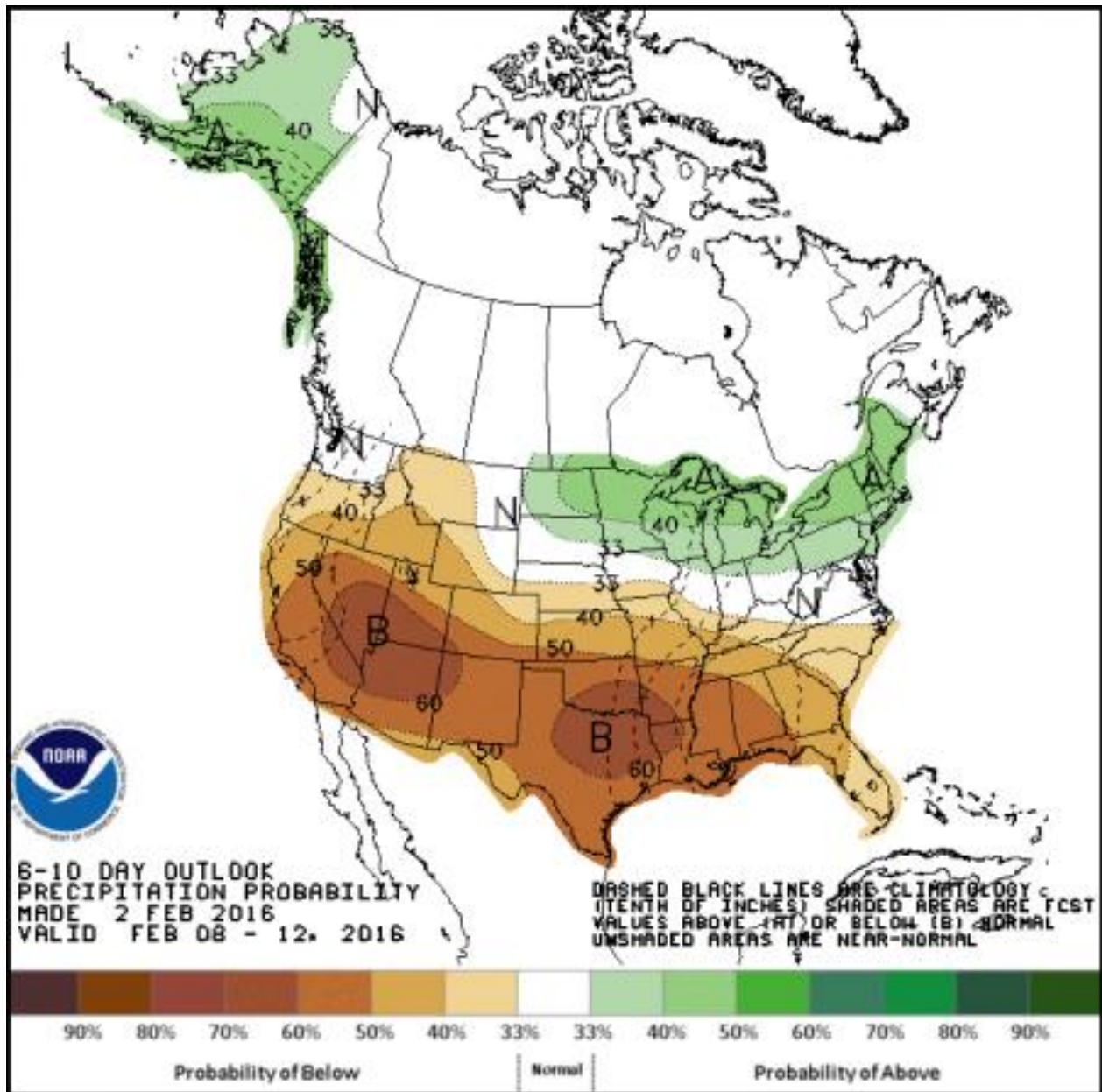
"Mission planning and execution must include identification and assessment of the effects of climate change on the DoD [department of defense] mission"...

The [blocking of the the previously forecasted rains from the US West](#) is one of the latest assaults being carried out by the climate engineers. In [May, of 2015, geoengineeringwatch.org stated on the record that in spite of the coming record El Niño, the climate engineers could still suppress the rain if they chose to \(that is exactly what is occurring\)](#). Even mainstream sources are admitting "[This Is Not What California Expected From A Super El Niño](#)".The forecast map below clearly shows the previously predicted El Niño wet weather for drought stricken California ([long since a victim of the ongoing climate engineering programs](#)).



Though some locations in California have received moderate amounts of early season precipitation, [reservoirs are still not filling up](#). As "winter" passed its mid point, the climate engineers have yet again shut off the spigot.

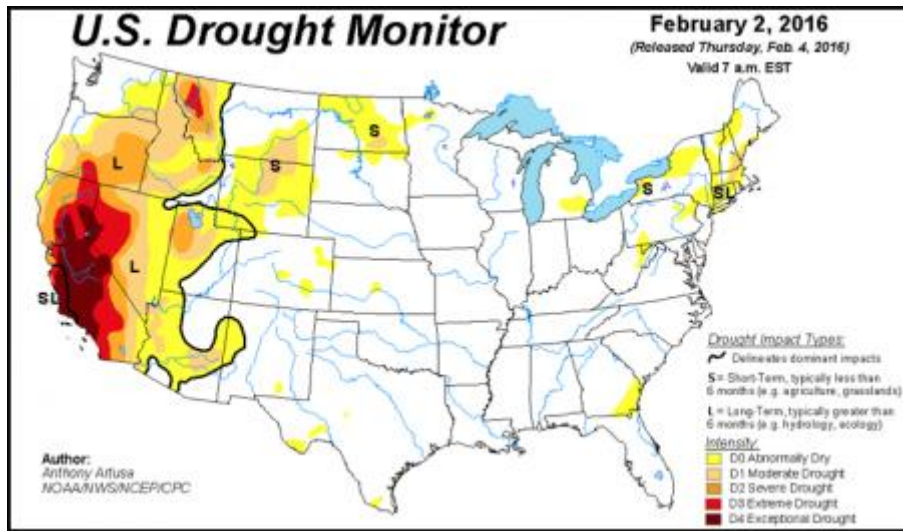
The NOAA precipitation map below reflects the complete antithesis of the predicted El Niño event. Far "below normal" precipitation is forecasted (scheduled) for the US West and South.



As previously stated, the "ridiculously resilient ridge" of ionosphere heater induced high pressure is completely blocking the flow of precipitation from the US West once again.

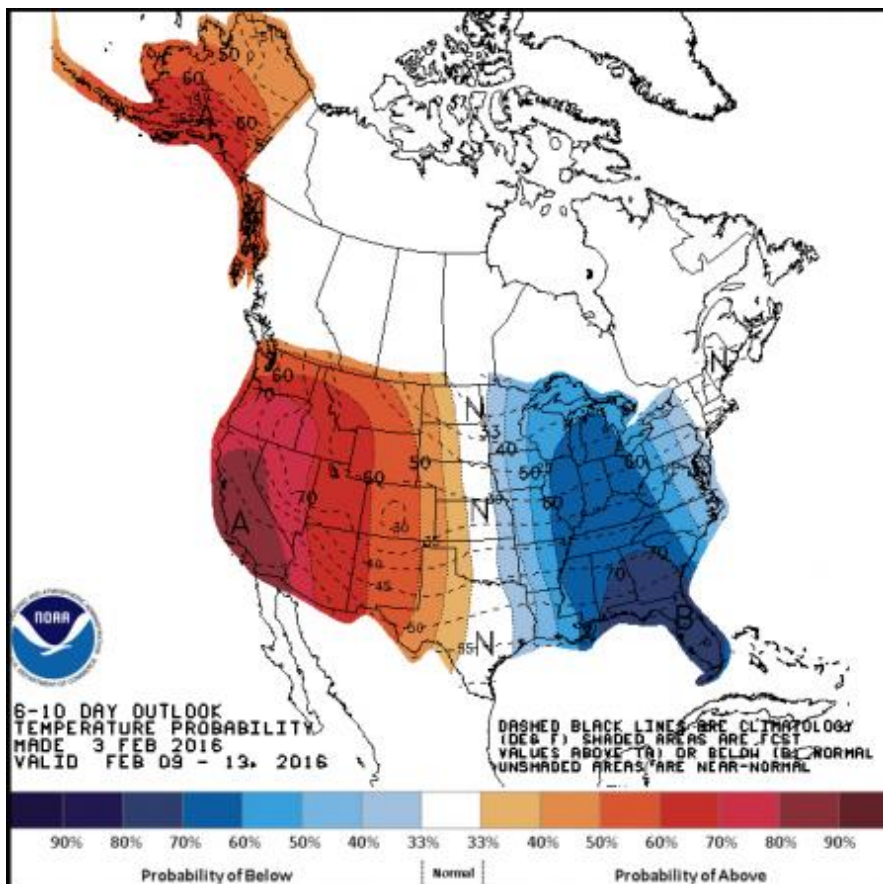
The corporate controlled media has recently been glossing over the western US drought catastrophe which has not improved and in fact may

now be heading into even worse territory in spite of the record El Niño. [The population as a whole is unfortunately all too willing to continue ignoring and denying the geoengineering issue and its catastrophic impacts.](#) The [climate science community's denial of climate engineering](#) is criminal.



The protracted drought is ongoing in California.

The geoengineers are again demonstrating that they can [freeze the eastern half of the country \(conveniently timed for election primaries?\) while frying the West.](#)



The completely unnatural and historically unprecedented scenario reflected in the NOAA map above has become all too often the norm in recent years as the weather makers wreak havoc on the overall climate system.

The ongoing attempt to "Engineer winter" is clearly a top priority for the geoengineers as the climate continues into total meltdown from the Arctic to Australia. The [January ice cover in the Arctic was the lowest ever](#) and [Australia is in "uncharted territory" in regard to the relentless record heat and increasing drought](#). Earth's [oceans are superheating](#) while global [methane releases are also far worse than previously acknowledged](#) by official sources. [The planetary meltdown is accelerating](#) with [climate engineering helping to fuel the overall fire](#).

[Engineered snow storms](#) are a primary tool for the climate engineers. The 90 second video below of an East Coast radar loop has clearly captured recent [chemical ice nucleating](#) efforts over the US East. On this short video clip, waves of precipitation can be seen migrating in from the record warm Atlantic Ocean. The flashes of blue (frozen precipitation) occur as [chemical nucleating agents/elements](#) are sprayed/dispersed into the rain cells.

Our planet is not just dying, it is being killed. If we wish to survive for much longer, exposing and halting the ongoing [climate engineering/weather warfare/biological warfare](#) insanity must be our top priority. All of us are inhaling the toxic particles being sprayed, [the damage done to our health from air particulate contamination lasts for decades even after the exposure is stopped](#). Though there are countless anthropogenic sources of damage to the climate system and the biosphere, mathematically speaking, the global geoengineering is the most decimating of all. If you care, [make your voice heard](#) while we still have something left to salvage of Earth's life support systems.



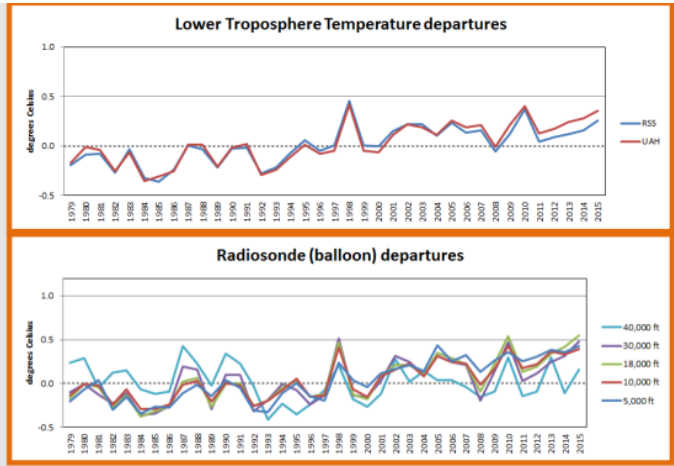
NOAA Radiosonde Data Shows No Warming For 58 Years

Posted on March 7, 2016 by Tony Heller

<http://realclimatescience.com/2016/03/noaa-radiosonde-data-shows-no-warming-for-58-years/>

In their "hottest year ever" press briefing, NOAA included this graph, which stated that they have a 58 year long radiosonde temperature record. **But they only showed the last 37 years in the graph.**

- NESDIS STAR: 5th warmest
- Lower Troposphere (37 yr record)
 - UAH: 3rd warmest
 - RSS: 3rd warmest
- Radiosonde data (58 yr record)
 - ~5,000 ft (850mb): 2nd warmest
 - ~10,000 ft (700mb): 3rd warmest
 - ~18,000 ft (500mb): warmest
 - ~30,000 ft (300mb): 2nd warmest
 - ~40,000 ft (200mb): 14th warmest



[NESDIS Strategic Communications](#)

Here is why they are hiding the rest of the data. The earlier data showed as much pre-1979 cooling as the post-1979 warming.

**Global Temperature Variation, Surface–100 mb :
An Update into 1977**

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(Manuscript received 27 December 1977, in final form 7 March 1978)

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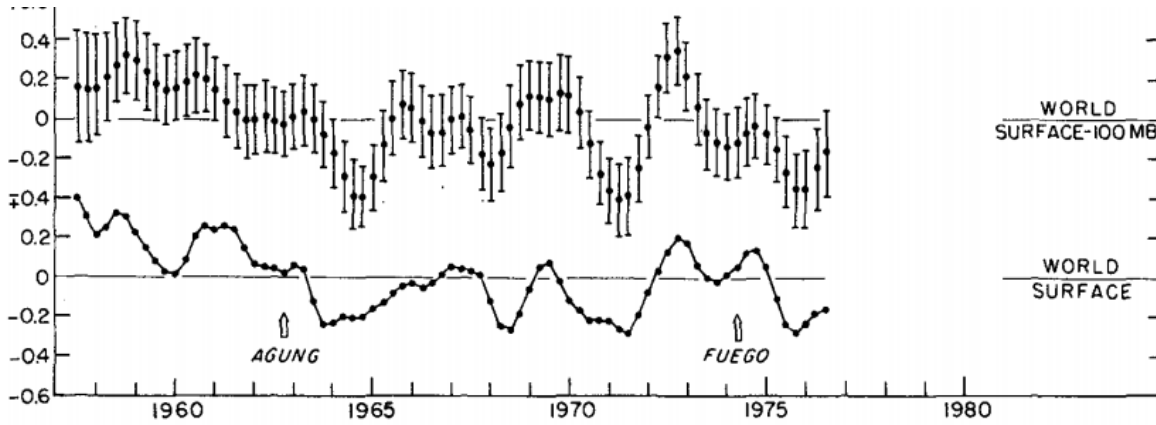
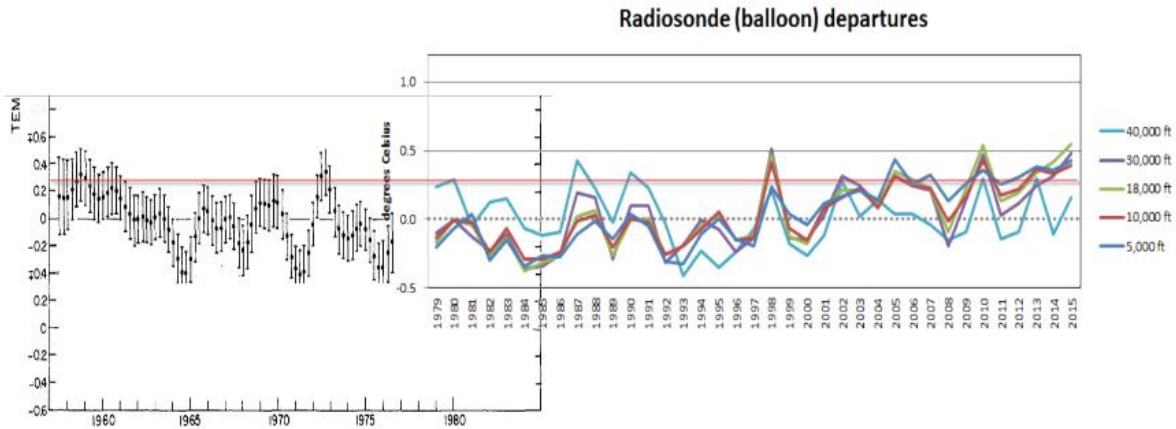


FIG. 4. Temperature variation for the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, and for the world as a whole. The eruptions of Mt. Agung and volcano Fuego (Guatemala) are indicated at bottom. Otherwise, see Fig. 1 legend.

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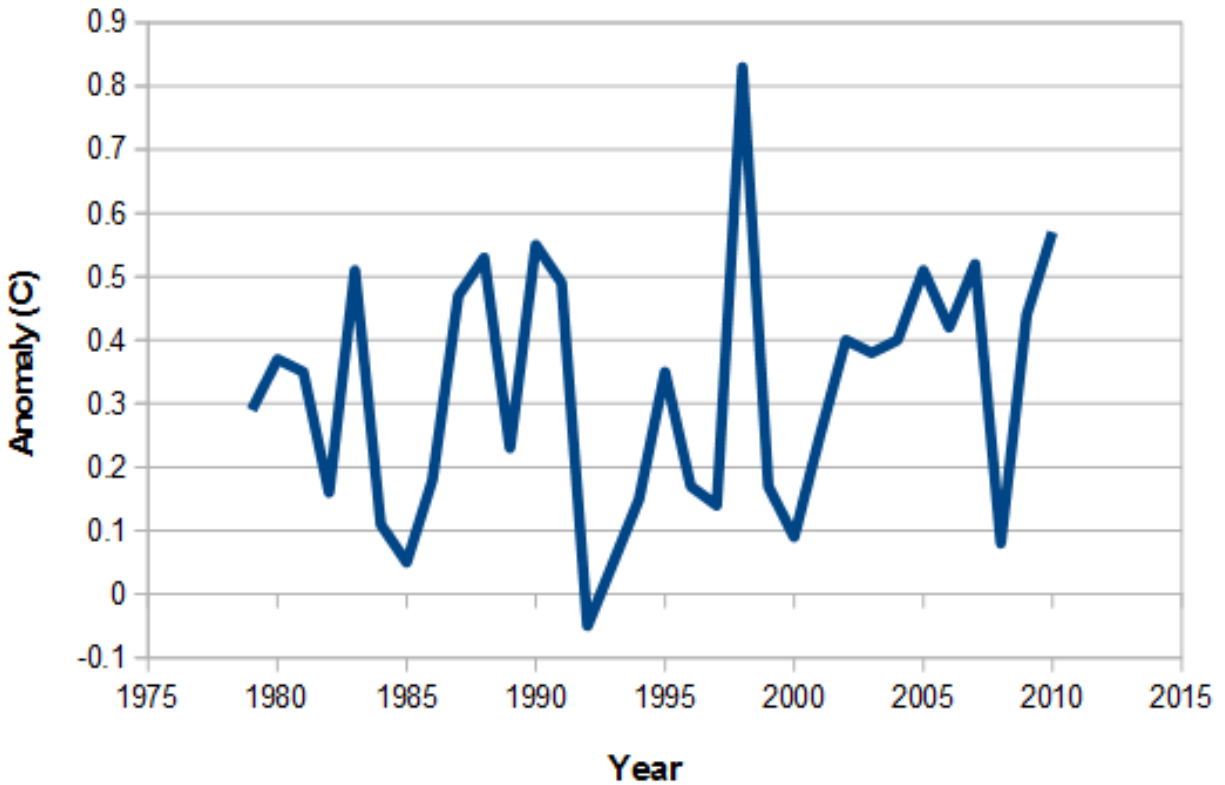
I combined the two graphs at the same scale below, and put a horizontal red reference line in, which shows that the earth's atmosphere has not warmed at all since the late 1950's



The omission of this data from the NOAA report, is just their latest attempt to defraud the public. NOAA's best data shows no warming for 60 years. But it gets worse. The graph in the NOAA report shows about 0.5C warming from 1979 to 2010, but their original published data shows little warming during that period.

NOAA Troposphere Temperature Anomaly

850-300 mb

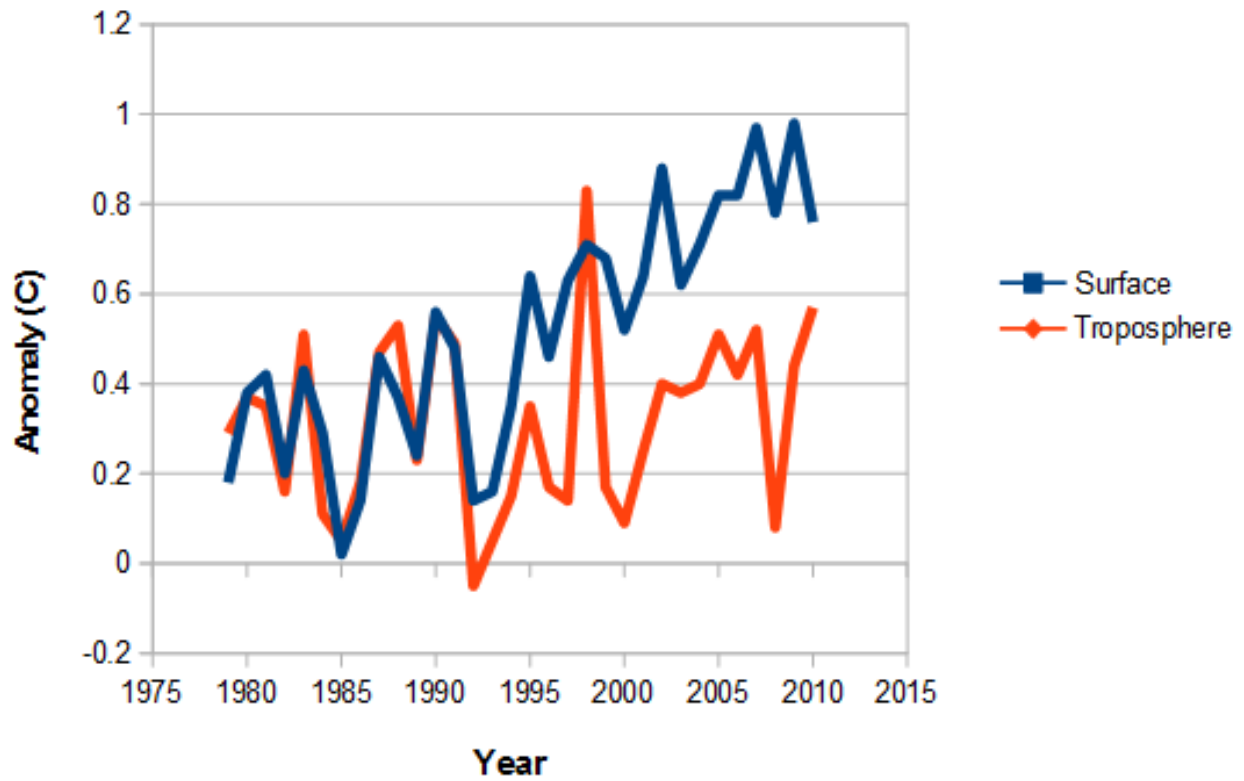


cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/ftp/trends/temp/angell/global.dat

Due to Urban Heat Island Effects, the NOAA surface data shows nearly one degree warming from 1979 to 2010, but their original radiosonde data showed little warming during that time. Global warming theory is based on troposphere warming, which is why the radiosonde data should be used by modelers – instead of the UHI contaminated surface data.

NOAA Surface Vs. Troposphere Temperature Anomaly

850-300 mb



NOAA's original published radiosonde data showed little net troposphere warming from 1958 to 2010, when the data set ended.

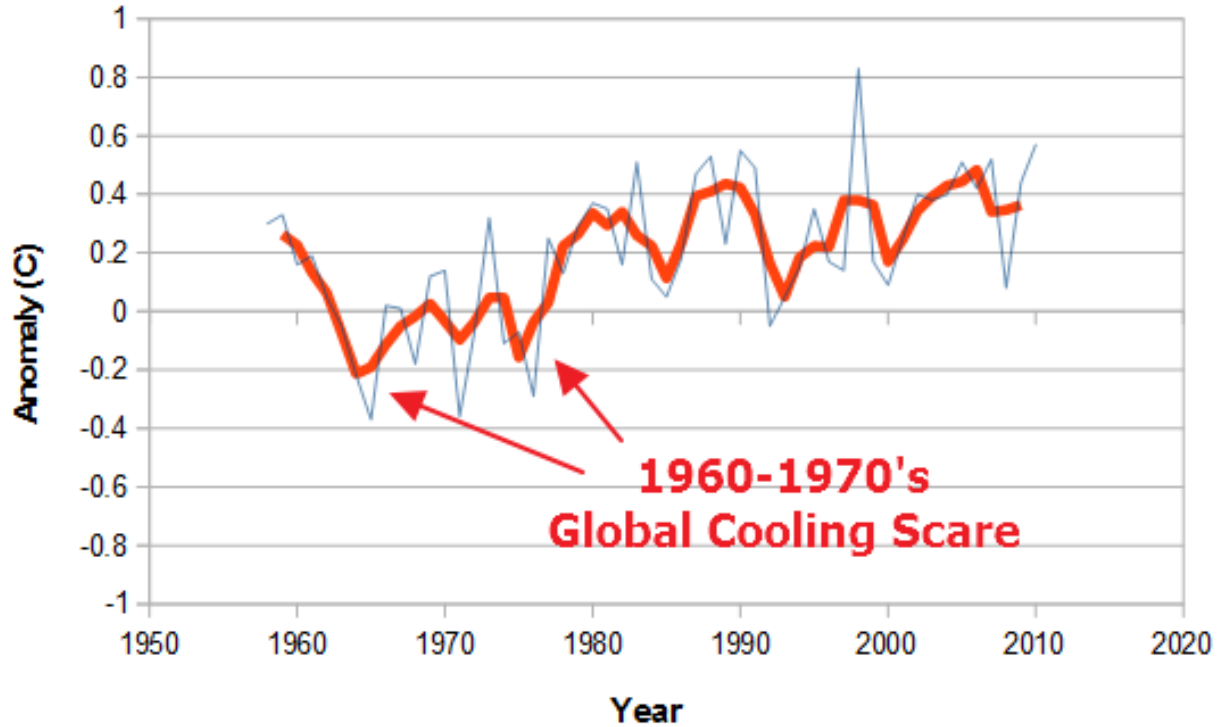
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*** Annual and Seasonal Global Temperature Deviations ***
*** in the Troposphere and Low Stratosphere, 1958 - 2010 ***
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NOAA Global Troposphere Temperature Anomaly

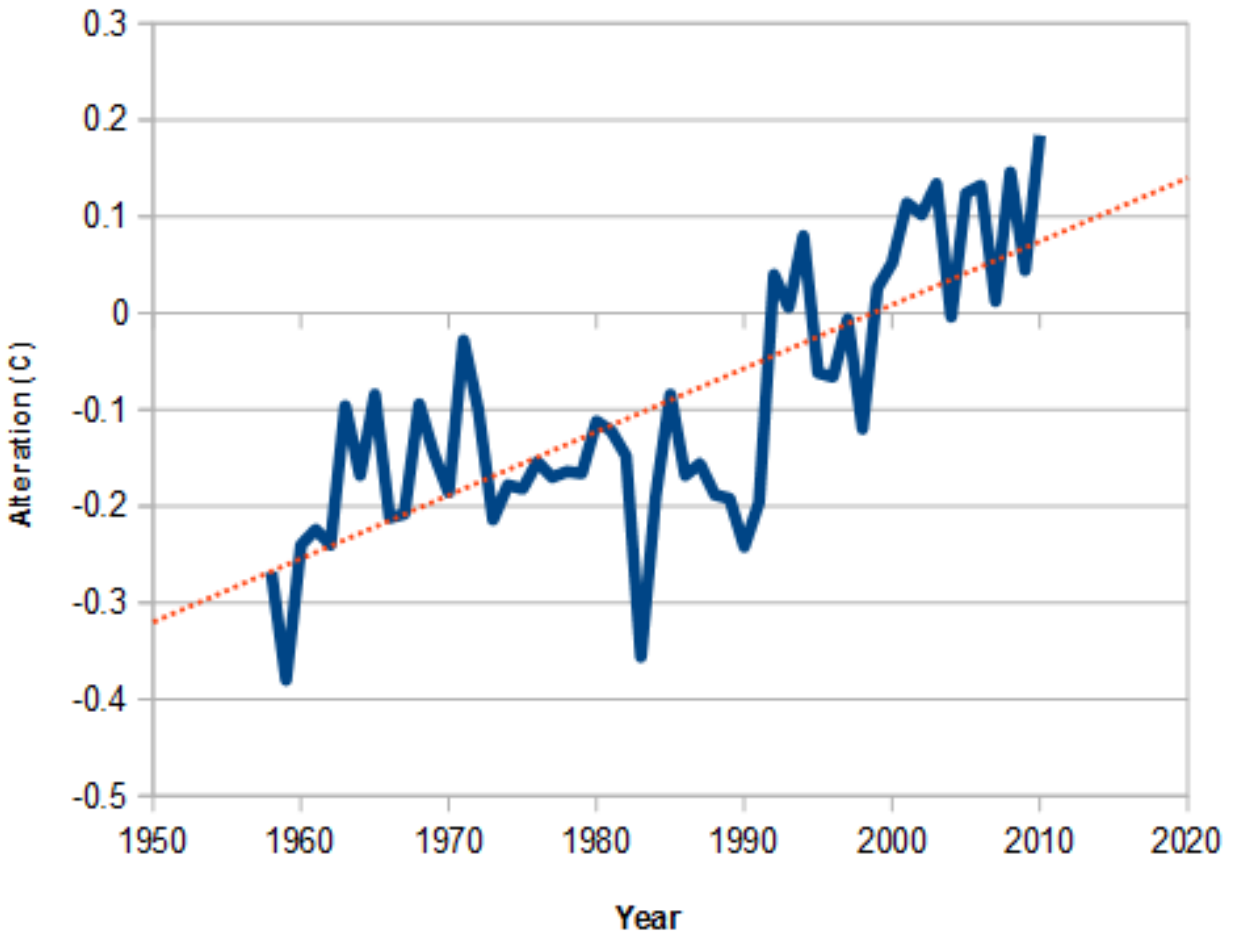
850-300 mb



The next graph shows how NOAA has altered their 850-300 mb temperature data since 2011. Another hockey stick of data tampering.

Changes To NOAA 850-300 MB Radiosonde Temperatures Since 2011

2016 Version Minus 2011 Version



[2016 version : RATPAC-A-annual-levels.txt](#)

[2011 version : global.dat](#)

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Trump- Nevada, US need a president who obeys rule of law: [Trump Calls BLM Out For Stealing Ranchers' Land](http://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2016/01/07/trump-nevada-us-need-president-who-obey-rule-law/78422530/)

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The United States of America is a land of laws, and Americans value the rule of law above all. Why, then, has our Congress allowed the president and the executive branch to take on near-dictatorial power? **How is it that we have a president who will not enforce some laws and who encourages faceless, nameless bureaucrats to manage public lands as if the millions of acres were owned by agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Energy?** In Nevada, the lack of enforcement of immigration laws and the draconian rule of the BLM are damaging the economy, lowering the standard of living and inhibiting natural economic growth. The only way to change these circumstances is to bring to Washington a president who will rein in the federal government and get Congress to do its job. It's not that we don't have talented people in D.C. It's that we have no leadership there.

The BLM controls over 85 percent of the land in Nevada. In the rural areas, those who for decades have had access to public lands for ranching, mining, logging and energy development are forced to deal with arbitrary and capricious rules that are influenced by special interests that profit from the D.C. rule-making and who fill the campaign coffers of Washington politicians. Far removed from the beautiful wide open spaces of Nevada, bureaucrats bend to the influence that is closest to them.

Honest, hardworking citizens who seek freedom and economic independence must beg for deference from a federal government that is more intent on power and control than it is in serving the citizens of the nation. In and around Clark County, the situation is even worse.

Because the BLM is so reluctant to release land to local disposition in Nevada, the cost of land has skyrocketed and the cost of living has become an impediment to growth. Where are the city and county to get the land for schools, roads, parks and other public use areas if they have to beg Washington for the land and then pay a premium price for it? How are people who see a future in Nevada to find housing and employment if the federal government is inhibiting economic development? How are businesses to find the employees to fill the jobs that could be created if there were better leadership in Washington? Unfortunately, many of the jobs are filled by those who came to this country illegally.

Illegal immigration costs the people of Nevada over \$1.2 billion a year. That is nearly \$6,000 for every man, woman and child in the state. Those are tax dollars that could go to build those schools, roads, sewers, water treatment plants and all the other services needed for a growing economy. Illegal immigrants absorb tax dollars from public schools, public health and public safety. Illegal immigration suppresses wages and undermines the ability of workers to organize and seek better working conditions. Illegal immigration is an affront to the very rule of law valued by all Americans and most assuredly by all Nevadans.

What is needed in Washington is a president who will rein in the executive branch and work with Congress to make sure the legislative branch does its job. What is needed in Washington is a president who has the will, strength and courage to lead. What is needed in Washington is a president who is not beholden to special interests and who is only interested in putting America and Americans first.

When I am elected president, I will bring the executive branch back inside the Constitution and will work with Congress to put America first. I will lead the effort to gain meaningful tax reform, trade reform and education reform. I will lead the effort to protect your right to worship as you see fit and your right to protect your family and property with the right to keep and bear arms. Together, we will make America great again.

Donald J. Trump, a Republican, is a businessman and a candidate for president of the United States.



Area officials react negatively to proposed Oregon Douglas fir National Monument

[ALEX PAUL, Albany Democrat-Herald](http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/area-officials-react-negatively-to-proposed-douglas-fir-national-monument/article_496bd2c4-3590-5f94-bc02-15ad587b8f69.html), March 4, 2016

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ALBANY — Linn County Commissioners John Lindsey, Will Tucker and Roger Nyquist said this week they oppose a proposal by a coalition of environmental groups to develop a nearly 500,000-acre Douglas-fir National Monument in Linn and Marion counties.

Tucker said the monument would encompass most of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management forest lands in Linn County, plus almost 50,000 acres of private land, if they became available for purchase.

“This is very scary that this is being proposed,” Tucker said. “We’re definitely against this. We need to stop it now.”

According to a website devoted to the monument plan, the total acreage would be 481,324 acres. It would include 401,693 acres of U.S. Forest Service property, 31,761 acres of BLM property, 1,272 acres of state forest lands and 46,598 acres of privately held land.

But Andy Kerr, a conservation lobbyist and one of the coalition's leaders, said the monument overlay would not impose regulations on state or private lands, unless the lands were acquired by the federal government.

Included in the proposal would be Gordon Meadows in the far northeast corner of Linn County, Iron Mountain, Jumpoff Joe, Moose Creek near Cascadia and the Three Pyramids.

"This is the worst case of land grab," Tucker noted in an email. "The old trees they talk of, the 300- to 900-year-old trees are already protected. The private industrial owners apply practices that meet or exceed protections in the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The BLM and Forest Service are both working on management plans that exceed the Oregon standards and are rewriting them as we speak."

Tucker added, "We do not need more protection, we need better science applied to forest management. We do not need more private land to be taken from private ownership. We need more public access to federal lands and federal land returned to Oregon, or the resource of Douglas fir managed as a resource."

Kerr, who owns the Larch Co., said the coalition considers the draft proposal as a way to "start a conversation."

"This would be an investment of enduring conservation on behalf of future generations of these magnificent Douglas fir forests," Kerr said.

Kerr said that in "most ways, management would not be much different. Significant portions are already allocated under the Northwest Forest Plan. Areas not allocated, but that have mature and old growth forests, aren't being logged either."

Kerr said clear-cutting of timber, especially of old growth forests, is a practice of the past.

"The timber industry has lost its social license to log older forests," Kerr said.

When asked why the national monument issue is being proposed, Kerr said, "Why not?"

"Plans change, administrations change," he explained. "In the future, old growth forests could be opened up again. It is in the national interest and local interest, too, to protect these forests."

Kerr said that unless the public believes returning to the age of clear-cutting is possible — which he said won't happen — "the highest and best use of these forests is for conservation and recreation."

Kerr said that a national monument designation would draw tourists to the area.

“They will spend money locally while they are enjoying the forest,” he said. “The difference is in branding. If it shows up as a different color on the map, they will think, ‘Hey, here’s something special,’ and come see it.”

Kerr said the best way to capitalize on “ancient forests” is to “market them, brand them, enjoy them.”

“If you think you can go back to the old days (of logging), give it a try,” he added. “I don’t think you will be successful.”

Kerr said there are half as many lumber mills and half as many mill jobs as there were in 1995 when the Northwest Forest Plan went into effect.

“Yet, the milling capacity is 25 percent greater,” he said. “We will continue to see mills automate, resulting in fewer jobs.”

Kerr added, “It’s time for local economic interests to look at these forests in a different way, to quit thinking that the only value to these forests is making studs.”

The real question, according to Kerr, is, “What do we want to see 20 years from now?”

According to the proposal, the northern boundary of the national monument would “abut the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, Opal Creek Wilderness and Bull of the Woods Wilderness. The southern boundary would be the hydrologic divide between the South Santiam and McKenzie River watersheds. The eastern boundary would be the Cascade Crest and the western boundary would generally follow the existing boundary of the Willamette National Forest.”

The proposed monument would include all of the Middle Santiam and Menagerie Wilderness areas, Quartzville Creek Wild and Scenic River and a portion of the Mount Jefferson Wilderness.

It would encompass 752 square miles (487,000 acres) and dwarf other national monuments in Oregon such as the Oregon Caves, 4,558 acres; John Day Fossil Beds, 13,944 acres; and the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, 50,000 acres.

The proponents blame long-term industrial logging for fragmenting the forest lands, leading to a monoculture of tree farms, not natural mixed age and species forests.

Timber harvesting would be allowed for about 30 years before being banned completely.

Key goals would include:

- ★ **Landscape conservation and restoration of Douglas fir ecosystem.**
- ★ **More and better fish and wildlife habitat.**
- ★ **Watershed conservation and restoration of nature and people.**
- ★ **Helping the climate through carbon storage.**
- ★ **Opportunities for educational and scientific study.**
- ★ **Outdoor recreation.**
- ★ **Spiritual renewal.**

The monument would be administered by either the National Park Service or the U.S. Forest Service with the edict of “conservation and protection of the natural environment. Only uses that are compatible with that goal would be allowed in the national monument.”

Dave Furtwangler, president of Cascade Timber Consulting in Sweet Home, said he has not been contacted by proponents of the monument plan, even though the more than 140,000 acres the company manages is intermingled throughout the Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

“Nobody has called us about it,” Furtwangler said.

Furtwangler said developing a national monument “would create a lot of issues for us. We have cost-share roads in that area with the U.S. Forest Service and those roads probably would not be maintained in the way we could make use of them. It would devalue our property.”

Furtwangler said Cascade Timber Consulting — which manages the Hill family properties — is not the only private company that would be affected.

State Rep. Sherrie Sprenger, R-District 17, represents much of the area that would be in the monument overlay area.

“I am extremely nervous about this, greatly concerned,” Sprenger said. “The more I learn about this effort the greater my concern is.”

Sprenger said old-growth forests are already protected.

“The last thing we need to do is tie up more federal land with regulations,” Sprenger said.

Sprenger said she is also concerned that private timber land owners, whose properties would be surrounded by the monument overlay, would eventually lose access to their properties and be put in a negative negotiating situation when it came time to sell.

Allison McKenzie of Grow Santiam, an economic development group representing the North Santiam Canyon, said 42 percent of jobs in communities in that area are in wood products.

"In Oregon, we take pride in protecting our natural resources and special places," McKenzie said. "These lands are already so well-protected."

President Obama could declare the Douglas fir National Monument without seeking approval of Congress through the American Antiquities Act of 1906.

The first national monument was Devil's Tower in Wyoming, established by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The topic will be among the afternoon workshops Friday during the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference at the University of Oregon.

Presenters will be Kerr; Stephen Sharnoff, research associate at the University of California at Berkeley; and Dominick DellaSala, president and chief scientist of the GEOs Institute.



Mary's River Lumber Co. closes

KYLE ODEGARD, Corvallis Gazette-Times, March 17, 2016

http://www.gazettetimes.com/philomathexpress/local/mary-s-river-lumber-co-closes/article_501f75be-eb9-5515-b352-d8809c78033e.html

Mary's River Lumber Co., which **had 80 workers** at a cedar saw mill in Philomath and a finishing plant in Corvallis, has **ceased operations after 42 years**.

The closure came on Monday because of difficulties in finding suitable cedar logs, primarily due to harvest restrictions in public forests, said Brad Kirkbride, Mary's River Lumber Co. president.

"It's a sad moment, but there comes a point where with this extreme shortage of logs, you just don't see a future," he added. "We fought this thing for a long time trying to keep the business open. This is a situation where it isn't going to get any better. It's been rough."

The business will continue to operate in a limited capacity to finish and sell the rest of its inventory, which should take four to five months, and actively market its facilities for sale, Kirkbride said.

For the time being, about 45 employees in Benton County have been retained.

He would love to see someone acquire the local facilities and keep them running. "Likely, that would mean a different tree species," Kirkbride said.

Mary's River Lumber Co. also has two plants in Washington — in Montesano and Bow — that combined employ about 130 workers.

The company primarily produces siding, decking and boards for trim.

Kirkbride said that, **along with very restricted harvests on federal and state lands in Oregon and Washington**, private landowners generally don't replant cedar, and target Douglas fir instead, as most mills in the area make framing lumber.

"Another thing is, even where cedar does naturally regenerate, the wildlife like to mow down the seedlings," he added.

The mill was founded by the Avery family and focused on second-growth western red cedar.

The lumber industry had operated for decades under the premise that there was only value in giant, old and increasingly rare cedar trees, but the Avery family proved the resilient wood of younger, renewable cedar could be just as valuable.

"The logs were there — they just didn't know what to do with them," said company co-founder Robert Avery, in a 2014 interview.

And the Mary's River Lumber Co.'s products began to sell as fast as the business could produce them. The company rose to become the nation's largest producer of Western red cedar products, selling to Home Depot and Lowe's.

In 2011, the company made furloughs as it dealt with a downturn in the housing market, however. At its peak, the company had about 160 workers, Kirkbride said.

Besides a quality product, Avery also attributed the business' success to taking care of employees and customers.



Wallowa-Whitman National forest calls for 1,261 miles of roads to be destroyed

Posted by [Big D keepitopen](#) on December 16, 2015

<http://forestaccessforall.org/wallowa-whitman-national-forest-calls-for-1261-miles-of-roads-to-be-destroyed/>

Today the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest released its analysis of the roads not needed for forest management or access to our mountains. The report calls for **the destruction of 1,261 miles of roads**, which equates to 2,656 segments within the boundaries of the forest. These are roads to access wildfires, manage overgrown vegetation, gather firewood from, and provided areas of solitude for our veterans, elderly and families.

By releasing such a report the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has turned a deaf ear to our residents, our culture, and our ways of life to sustain our families from the mountains and continues to ignore their mission to serve the public in Eastern Oregon.

Link to analysis report – http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fsbdev7_008909

Very disappointing to see this, and to know that no one at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest had the integrity to work with even the county commissioners on this issue.



Obama creates three new national monuments to protect California desert

Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains designated as national monuments to push total land and water protected by Obama to 265m acres

[Oliver Milman](http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/feb/12/obama-california-national-monuments-mojave-trails-sand-to-snow-castle-mountains#img-1), the guardian, 12 February 2016
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Mojave Trails national monument, which will take in parts of the Mojave desert, is the largest single monument yet declared by Obama at 1.6m acres.

Barack Obama is to nearly double the amount of public land he has protected as national monuments, by signing off on the conservation of nearly 1.8m acres (0.7m hectares) of [California](#) desert.

The three new national monuments [designated by President Obama](#) – the Mojave Trails national monument, Sand to Snow national monument and Castle Mountains national monument – will further burnish the president's reputation for using executive action to protect vast tracts of public land and water.

Obama has now protected more land and water – at more than 265m acres – than any other president, although a large chunk of this total is found in a network of marine reserves in the Pacific. The president has used the Antiquities Act 22 times, placing him behind only Franklin D Roosevelt, who spent longer in office.

Mojave Trails is the largest single land monument yet declared by Obama. The 1.6m-acre wilderness is composed of mountain ranges, lava flows and sand dunes. The area is considered historically significant as it includes ancient trading routes, training camps from the second world war and the longest remaining undeveloped stretch of route 66.

The Sand to Snow monument is one of the most biodiverse areas in southern California, hosting more than 240 species of birds. It also includes about 1,700 native American rock carvings and the region's tallest alpine mountain.

The Castle Mountains monument is an important site for Native American heritage, as well as a critical wildlife corridor for golden eagles, mountain lions and bobcats.

The White House said the listings, which follow a conservation campaign by California senator Dianne Feinstein, are widely supported by local businesses, tribal groups and elected officials. The [Obama administration](#) also insists its policy of designating national monuments is economically beneficial, pointing to the \$646bn spent each year by visitors to America's wilderness areas.

"The California desert is a cherished and irreplaceable resource for the people of southern California," said Sally Jewell, the US interior secretary.

"It is an oasis of nature's quiet beauty just outside two of our nation's largest metropolitan areas. **Its historic and cultural resources tell the stories of armies, travelers, ranchers and miners and of the original caretakers of this land.**"

Jamie Rappaport Clark, chief executive and president of Defenders of [Wildlife](#), said: "National monument status guarantees the conservation of unique ecological, recreational and economic benefits of landscapes far into the future.

“President Obama's inclusion of the California desert is particularly important since this desert is the most intact, undisturbed landscape left unprotected in the Lower-48 [states].”

Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to use the Antiquities Act to declare a national monument, protecting Devils Tower in Wyoming in 1906. There are [more than 100 national monuments](#) across the US.

Obama's use of this executive action has, however, been controversial among Republicans who claim that economically valuable land has been sidelined.

Earlier this month, the Senate rejected an attempt by Republican senator Mike Lee to limit the president's ability to name new national monuments without congressional and state approval.

Lee, from Utah, said the use of the act has resulted in “government-sponsored injustice and bureaucratic tyranny”.



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*Dave Foreman - Founder of Earth First!
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“A total population of 250-300 million people, a 95% decline from present levels, would be ideal.”

Ted Turner - Billionaire, Socialist, and Wolf Supporter

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The Etymology of “Conservation Biology”

Jim Beers, 22 February 2016

I was having discourse with my good friend/ author/ biologist/ Congressional Fellow, Mr. James Beers on the topic of the pseudo-science called "Conservation Biology". Well, he took our conversation to the next level and published an entire article on the topic, which I am sharing here.

etymology, (*et-e-mol-oji*), *n.* The study of historical linguistic change, especially as applied to individual words.

conservation, (*kon-ser-va-shun*), *n.* **1.** The act of conserving; preservation. **2.** Official supervision of rivers, forests, wildlife, etc. **3.** A District under such supervision.

biology, (*bi-ol-oji*), *n.* The science of life or living matter in all its forms and phenomena; often especially with reference to origin, growth, reproduction, structure, etc.

I have been asked to explain the origin (i.e. etymology) of the term “conservation biology”.

The term “conservation biology” has a very interesting history in the USA that is fraught with hidden agendas, stolen credibility and its use as a means to grow government and increase bureaucratic power while disguised as both a harmless and beneficial means of “saving” renewable natural resources.

The mid to late 1800's and early 1900's were a chaotic period in American history: the West was settled, farms sprung up everywhere, Americans killed wildlife for personal food and to sell to others for food; buffalo herds dwindled and then were extirpated and large predators were eliminated or greatly reduced to make homesteads, farming and animal husbandry possible; and some wild animals like Passenger Pigeons and North American Parrots were recognized as having become extinct. Large swaths of forestlands were cut to build homes, railroads, mines and infrastructure like bridges and tunnels. Grazing on “open range” was intense as a result of government reluctance to transfer public lands in the West to private ownership after The Civil War thus leading to the historic abuse of “the commons” as seen in Europe for centuries.

Not all of the reckless abuse of renewable (forests, forage and fish/wildlife) natural resources was attributable to European settlers. Native people were generally nomadic and abandoned sites as they became polluted, relatively devoid of food for a host of reasons, or increasingly dangerous due to human factors and/or the presence/behavior of dangerous wild animals. Native people used fires to drive herd animals off cliffs and for other purposes: these fires had both positive and negative effects on wildlife, trees and habitats including human dwellings. Native people carried on lively trading for centuries in animal parts such as the bills of the now-extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker whose value outside its range up to and into present-day Canada was immense in terms of the economy of the day.

Mention of the impacts of natural phenomenon on North American species and the landscape are seldom noted when describing the American concern about the impact of European settlement on “rivers, forests and wildlife”. For centuries the impacts of glaciers and low temperatures (Ice Ages) made many species extinct from dinosaurs to mastodons that are still being dug up and in some instances eaten and exploited for ivory in Northern parts of our globe. Earthquakes such as the New Madrid Earthquakes (1811-1812) that rang church bells 1,000 miles away, rechanneled the Mississippi River and even caused it to run backwards for a period of time, caused great damage and desolation to “rivers, forests and wildlife”. Add into this mix periodic overgrazing by wild animal herds; predator population highs and lows due to everything from food availability, disease, weather, human purges and competition with other predators; plus learned behaviors of predators as some like saber-toothed tigers became extinct and wolves, cougars and grizzly bears came and went with the factors

mentioned earlier in this paragraph and you have a picture of a dramatically changing North American environment which was affected by European ("developed?", "advanced?", "technological?", "industrial?" take your pick) rearrangement of the landscape, governance and human activities.

The early 1900's saw a great awakening of the national conscience about what was seen to be the extirpation of renewable national resources everywhere you looked. The speeches, writing and actions of the like of Teddy Roosevelt, his forester pal Gifford Pinchot, wildlife aesthete Aldo Leopold and semi-philosophers such as John Muir and John Burroughs all called for dramatic action by government to "save" Yosemite/Yellowstone/Forests/Buffalo/Birds/"Wilderness"/etc.

America was growing rich and powerful at the time as railroads, steel mills, jobs and an immigrant work force combined to create a national vision that we could do whatever we set our mind to. The 19th century idea of Manifest Destiny (the idea in the middle 19th century, that it "was the destiny of the U.S. to expand its territory over the whole of North America and to extend and enhance its political, social, and economic influences") came to be viewed in an international sense in that we (the US) were becoming so much more powerful and rich than any other nation in the world that we would "lead the way" into the future.

Federal lands being withheld in the late 19th and early 20th century by an increasingly powerful federal government (thanks to the perception that the Civil War not only destroyed "States 'Rights'" but also indicated things would be better if the federal government remained in charge of things rather than giving State governments too much jurisdiction) remained in federal "ownership". Some of these lands were classified as Refuges for Wildlife and others were added to the Yellowstone concept of being "National Parks". Other such lands were declared "National Forests" and still others (an enormous acreage) were classified as grazing or "public lands" to be "managed" for public benefit. Suffice to say, thus were born the US Fish and Wildlife Service (formerly the Bureau of Biological Survey), the National Park Service, the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Gradually, each bureaucracy began writing regulations and "working" with a compliant (even then) Congress to buy private lands and expand current landholdings and declare new units everywhere. As in the last 50 years of the passage of the ESA, Antiquities Act, Wilderness Act, et al; Congressmen and Senators quickly saw the benefits to their re-election of a refuge/park/forest in every District and State (like the "chicken in every pot"). Bureaucracies called for "research" activities, "education" activities, operations funding, maintenance funding, etc. and each year – "more laws", "more" employees and "more" funding.

Let us return to that late 19th and early 20 century period. As citizens in polluted cities and rural families developed an agreement with government that indeed

human activities were causing too much devastation to “rivers, forests and wildlife”, an understandable accord arose between the governed and the governed that government action was needed. Now let us concentrate on the “wildlife” aspects (in the broadest sense of all wild animals and their supportive landscapes and plant habitats).

The Bureau of Biological Survey (the precursor of the US Fish and Wildlife) was the lead government wildlife agency as the US Forest Service was the lead “forest” agency and today’s BLM is generally recognized as the lead (off Forest Service and Wildlife Refuge lands) agency for grazing and mineral development.

The Bureau of Biological Survey offered three nostrums to reverse the concerns of the American public about the future of wildlife in America:

1. A robust federal Animal Damage Control Program nationwide to both reduce and eliminate the loss of valued wildlife like deer, elk and moose; and to reduce and eliminate damage by wildlife (mostly predators) to private property like livestock, dogs agricultural activities and to reduce and eliminate any dangers to human health and safety.
2. A Wildlife “Research” Program to determine the Life Histories of “wildlife” and thus to make “scientific” recommendations regarding their survival needs and ways to minimize any threats to their continued survival or methods to control them.
3. A “System” of Wildlife Refuges where practical wildlife management processes resulting from “scientific research” would be applied both to test their effectiveness and to provide exemplary models for management of State and Private lands where wildlife considerations might show benefits to the Nation.

Note that all three were to be based on “science” guiding “research”. This was the age of American inventions and “applied science”. Henry Ford, Cyrus McCormick, Thomas Edison, Tesla, Orville and Wilbur Wright, and Albert Einstein made “science” almost biblical as the last word in whatever field you were interested in. In the field of wildlife, the “science” of Biology was clearly the basis for the promise of government deliverance of wildlife from what ailed us at that time.

But, biology alone was a somewhat disconcerting idea. Would these government “scientists” sit around in laboratories looking into microscopes and puffing on pipes in some seminar in conference rooms? Would they publish papers in Latin and require listeners to either have advanced degrees or simply take “their word” about what was needed? No, the noun “biology” needed a modifier and adjective to set the public and politicians minds at ease.

The word “Conservation” fit the bill perfectly. This was long before the concept of “renewable natural resources” (wildlife, timber, forage) as opposed “non-

renewable natural resources" (oil, coal, natural gas) was used so the notion that "conserving" these precious resources (while continuing to USE them) was the goal that was understandable and supported by citizen and politician alike. Conservation Biology was thought to have a "good ring to it".

Now, before proceeding further with the term "Conservation Biology", any discussion must consider a very important factor. At no time was there any public intention or statement that this "Conservation Biology" would be the basis for:

- ★ introducing and protecting wolves;
- ★ introducing rattlesnakes into settled states like Massachusetts;
- ★ arresting persons for protecting their families and property from grizzly bears or cougars;
- ★ wrecking the economies and social structures of Counties on behalf of owls or woodpeckers;
- ★ federal/state "partnering" to introduce and protect free-roaming buffalo in the midst of settled rural communities and agricultural/livestock operations;
- ★ federal spending of Billions of dollars per year by the federal government to force state governments into a federal subcontractor status and to bribe Universities to become publishing houses for "science" that is little more than alchemy notes copied from medieval wizards;
- ★ etc., etc.
- ★ Had any of those early wildlife philosophers, bureaucrats or political leaders inferred that "Conservation Biology" would be used to:
 - ★ close public lands,
 - ★ condemn private property,
 - ★ eliminate hunting,
 - ★ eliminate fishing,
 - ★ eliminate trapping,
 - ★ justify using predators to shut down ranching,
 - ★ justify closing grazing lands,
 - ★ justify increasing lead ammunition and fishing tackle costs,
 - ★ forcing rural families to live with uncontrolled deadly and destructive predators,
 - ★ eliminate highly desirable wildlife like brown trout, pheasants, chukars, etc. while undesirable and destructive wildlife like pythons, boa constrictors and Asian carp are imported and allowed to escape into settled landscapes,
 - ★ justify tearing down irrigation/power dams,
 - ★ finance buying private property and easing private property and expanding federal authorities until the entire nation is under federal control,

★ etc., etc.

Not only would anyone making such a claim have been thought daffy, if there was even the slightest chance that such unimaginable things would result – the very existence of these four agencies, their funding and their budgets would have been in great jeopardy if not eliminated all-together.

Make no mistake: “Conservation Biology” existed and grew NOT because it was thought necessary to impede or destroy American rights or the American Way of Life.

“Conservation Biology” existed and grew because the American People (i.e. *We the People...*) wanted to make every reasonable and affordable effort to sustain wildlife in the midst of the settled American landscape and the American Way of Life so generously provided by our Constitutional society and our protected human activities as described in the Declaration of Independence as “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”.

Thus, once the bureaucratic wildlife ball got rolling during WWI, the federal government signed a Treaty with Britain to protect 212 bird species thereby seizing state jurisdiction over those birds. Subsequent Treaties expanded the number of federal birds. A federal law was passed to outlaw the interstate transportation of contraband wildlife. Refuges were bought, “rounded-out”, and proposed annually. Federal conniving (the correct word) with UN staffs and faux “Treaties” led to all manner of “necessary” land control and land set-aside maneuvers as well as all manner of import controls that have all but killed the sustainable international commerce in wildlife from big game hunting to commercial uses of wildlife parts.

States began to professionalize their own wildlife agencies made up at first of mostly game wardens and then with “managers” with titles like Upland Game “Biologist”, Big Game “Biologist”. Universities began teaching courses and then forming Departments and then even Colleges granting degrees up to and including PhD’s in “Wildlife Biology” and “Wildlife Management” and “Wildlife Resources”; all based on or derived from “Conservation Biology”.

Simultaneously, the US Fish and Wildlife Service:

- ★ grew annually,
- ★ hired “more” biologists, refuge managers and enforcers,
- ★ lobbied and got an Excise Tax on fishing equipment, arms and ammunition to assist the states to “professionalize” under federal oversight (i.e. be more like their federal cousins),

★ joined with radicals in the 1960's to lobby and obtain the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Animal Welfare Act, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Wilderness Act, etc.

The end result being a "Great Robbery" of State Jurisdictions and Authorities by federal bureaucracies based on fuzzy "science" claims of federal "experts" and romance "Biology" ground out by Universities kenneling sub Rosa federal subcontractors with initials after their names.

While "Conservation Biology" started all this, the term fell into disuse from the 1970's forward. The reason "Conservation Biology" fell into disuse was because of the steady takeover of the US Fish and Wildlife Service by environmental/animal rights activists and interest groups. These radicals absolutely hated (the correct word) hunting, fishing, trapping, grazing, timber management, fur products, and all the trappings of European settlement and the American system of government. They advocated an all-powerful central government enacting Rural Clearances and abolishing every human activity and things like guns that they did not favor.

In the US Fish and Wildlife Service they transferred the timeless and beneficial animal damage control program to the Agriculture Department where they could roundly condemn it and advocate its elimination. They imposed ammunition restrictions for wildlife under federal jurisdiction. They shifted refuges from models of wildlife "management" to sealed enclaves where non-management led to worthless and overgrown disasters. They shifted enforcers from wildlife protectors to human regulators and overseers as happened in the BLM and US Forest Service. They began lying like National Park Service employees ("the elk are in the back country", "don't believe people that say that wolves kill and eliminate elk", etc.) and State employees ("global warming has killed most of the elk and moose", "don't believe anyone that tells you that wolves killing moose calves has eliminated most of the moose", and the whopper "wolves don't attack and are not a danger to people").

Many of the activist employees came in under the shadow of Equal Employment Opportunity. That is the federal program giving women and minorities preferences over white males. This was done by eliminating requirements and standards for hiring, transferring and promoting much like Apartheid in South Africa. Other activists began infiltrating the US Fish and Wildlife Service politically like the current Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and many lesser "appointments" not accurately publicized.

Beginning in the 1990's these activists shared one sterling attribute. They did not hesitate to say they "hunt and fish". Although in most cases this was a plain lie, it was used as a mask over their real agenda, the elimination of wildlife management for humans and the advent of strict human management by government justified where possible on claimed benefits for wildlife from the

proclaimed “endangered’ mega-critter to the lowliest and unseen critter that provided a “necessary” niche in some contrived ecosystem and was in great need of yet another land purchase, regulation or arrest.

During this period (1990 – 2014) the term Conservation Biology was, to US Fish and Wildlife Service and its New Age cooperators and employees, much like the term “untermenschen” (A Nazi term for Jews and other inferior – to the Nazis - races) is in Jewish and Eastern European conservations; that is a despicable word from the past. However, as opposition to all the federal abuses of citizens in the name of wildlife grows and the “science” it is based on is seen to be bogus and as we approach a Presidential election wherein the biggest “citizen abuse by wildlife” political support Party (both Parties support all of this wildlife abuse of the citizenry, one only slightly less than the other) worries that they may not only lose “more” power but that anti-establishment candidates might actually get elected and reverse things: illusions and diversions are called for.

Reigniting the widespread use of the benign and fondly-remembered term “Conservation Biology” is one such illusion. It is like wolf puppies in the tender arms of a young lady employee in a government uniform. Who could be against this except for some pervert that tore the wings off flies as a youth and grew up into a misogynist? It is like federal attempts to “List” the Sage Grouse and then suddenly realizing that the Sage Grouse were doing better than anyone could expect (“but it’s the thought that counts”). Why “they” are once again using “Conservation Biology” as they (fill-in-the-blank). Who could be against that?

So as I write, “Conservation Biology” is everywhere. Like releasing thousands of criminals from prison or prattling on about how Planned Parenthood sale of fetal tissue rivals the Salk vaccine for Polio, don’t be misled by this restoration of an antiquated term like some quaint term in a Shakespeare Play. It is simply one more ploy to keep you playing the federal carnival game of “which shell is the pea under?” It is “their” rules and “your money”.

Like the once-greatest walleye lake in Minnesota, Mille Lacs, that Indians netted so much they crashed the walleye fishery and then began buying up the resorts and cabins on the shores at rock bottom prices with the millions Minnesotans pour into the Indian casinos; America is similarly being destroyed and bought up by the taxes we render to Washington and the debt we allow Washington to ring up. Americans, like Minnesotans have “met the enemy and he is us”.



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Fish and Game upheaval reveals shift in state wildlife policy

By [Peter Fimrite](#), San Francisco Chronicle, January 23, 2016

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife Warden Ryan McCoy checks the shotguns of hunters during daily patrols on the California Delta near Brentwood, Calif. on Sat. January 9, 2016.

The sudden resignation of the most adamant defender of hunting and fishing on the California Fish and Game Commission could put the finishing touches on a sweeping philosophical shift in the way the state views wildlife, sets rules for fishing and controls predators like mountain lions and wolves.

Chaos at Fish & Game

Commissioner Jim Kellogg retired in late December in frustration over what he termed a lack of consideration for the sportsmen and women he represents. The resignation — combined with the unrelated recent departures of commission President Jack Baylis and Sonke Mastrup, the commission's executive director — sets the stage for Gov. Jerry Brown to appoint conservationists to the increasingly pivotal state board.

Such a move may, observers say, complete the transformation of the commission from an organization that advocates for fishing and hunting to one that safeguards endangered species, preserves habitat and protects California's top predators from slaughter.

But it won't happen without a fight. While environmentalists say they are finally getting a fair shake in the high-stakes political game of wildlife management,

advocates for outdoor sports fear that they have lost their voice and that the role they have played in the protection of species is being forgotten.

Facing divisive issues

The five-member commission, whose job is to recommend policies to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been wading through divisive issues that could profoundly impact the future of the state, including what to do about diminishing salmon populations, sick sea lions and disappearing sea otters.

How California responds to growing numbers of wolves, coyotes and mountain lions is a central battle. The question is whether the predators should be tolerated or encouraged — or driven away by guard dogs or gunned down when they get too close to people or livestock.

Historically, the commission has been made up almost entirely of hunters and fishermen, but that focus has changed in the past several years.

“It has been going through a transition from a predominantly hunting and fishing commission to more of an environmental commission,” said Bill Gaines, a hunting advocate and lobbyist for the outdoor sports community. “They are responsible for a lot of things that would never have been on their agenda several decades ago.”

Brown, who is responsible for appointments on the commission, did not say when he would fill the vacancies.

“We aim to fill all of our vacancies with the most qualified, capable and committed candidates from a broad and diverse pool of applicants,” said the governor’s spokesman, Evan Westrup, in a written statement. “That ultimately dictates the timing of our appointments.”

Shift of power

Fish and Game’s transition ratcheted up over the past few years with the departures of two commissioners: Michael Sutton, an avid hunter and fisherman who nevertheless disapproved of trophy hunting and supported marine protections, and Daniel Richards, who was [famously photographed with a dead mountain lion](#) he had killed in Idaho.

Richard Rogers, who was not considered a friend of the outdoor sporting community, also left the commission last year.

The replacements for Sutton and Rogers — Anthony Williams, a 47-year-old lawyer and Democratic consultant from Huntington Beach who is the first African American in the commission’s 145-year history, and Eric Sklar, 52, of St. Helena — are viewed as more on the conservation side of the ledger.

But it was the resignation of Kellogg, who often teamed up with Sutton and Richards, that was viewed by many as the end of the line for the hunting and fishing coalition on the commission.

"I'm leaving pretty much out of frustration," Kellogg said in an interview. He had been on the board for 14 years when he retired Dec. 31, the longest-serving member of the commission.

"I'm just tired of being the only one fighting the fight for the hunters and fishers," he said. "The first 12 years I won most of the battles, and the last couple of years I lost almost every battle."

The changes on the commission are an illustration of a statewide phenomenon. Californians, more than ever, regard wildlife, including apex predators, as a valuable part of the ecosystem instead of as food or vermin.

Chuck Bonham, the director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, says he is committed to embracing science-based wildlife and ecosystem management while preserving the history and traditions associated with hunting and fishing.

Telling name change

Clearly, though, there has been a movement away from those traditions. The transformation became vivid in 2012 when then-Assemblyman Jared Huffman of San Rafael, who has since been elected to Congress, introduced a bill to change the name of the department that has managed fishing and hunting in California since 1872 from ["Fish and Game" to "Fish and Wildlife."](#)

The bill passed in 2013 despite opposition from hunters, who saw it as a signal that game animals would soon be made off-limits. The commission itself, however, maintained the "Fish and Game" moniker despite lobbying by environmental groups to change the names of both the commission and the department it serves.

The name change was part of a slew of legislation requiring, among other things, that the department take into account ecosystem balance and sound science when managing wildlife. To conservationists, it represented a rejection of an archaic view that wildlife is meant to be shot or speared and mounted on a wall.

"It has become a more open-minded forum where Californians of all viewpoints can be heard and, on any given day, anyone can win," said Jennifer Fearing, a lobbyist for the Humane Society of the United States and other animal protection organizations. "I think it was stacked against conservationists for so long that any shift seems like a victory for conservation."

Many farmers, ranchers and rural residents, however, believe the state is turning away from them as they struggle to hold on to their heritage.

"I come from the days when most people grew up with a fishing pole and kids spent most of their life outdoors. Today kids just sit on the couch with their cell phone," Kellogg said. "The whole world is changing. What people don't understand, though, is that when there isn't any hunting in California, there won't be any native wildlife, because it is the hunters and fishermen who spend the money on wildlife management."

In fact, Gaines has argued, hunting and fishing tags and license fees contribute \$80 million to \$100 million a year to the Department of Fish and Wildlife — roughly a quarter of the annual budget. He said 60 percent of the interior wetlands of California are privately owned, preserved and managed for duck hunting, and that the national wildlife refuge system is overwhelmingly funded by hunters.

Fewer hunt, fish

At the same time, noted Gaines, recent studies have shown that only 10 percent of Californians actively support hunting. The number of state residents who hunt and fish has been declining for decades, according to researchers.

Hunting groups believe animal rights advocates want to outlaw the pastime entirely. They point to recent laws banning [bobcat trapping](#), the use of [lead bullets](#), coyote [killing contests](#) and the [hounding of bears and bobcats](#).

The establishment of vast marine protected areas along the coast and the [recent release of a draft management plan for carefully handling wolves](#), which are expected to multiply in California after a long absence, served as further proof to some ranchers and sportsmen that they are playing second fiddle to what they see as tree-hugging, save-the-whales city slickers.

Far from wanting to ban hunting and fishing, Fearing said she just wants state policymakers to listen to all sides. Until recently, she said, anyone who introduced science that contradicted rural ranching and pro-hunting doctrine was dismissed.

"If you want the rest of the state to chip in and advocate for more resources to make sure we have robust protection of our wildlife, you have to convince the public that you are an agency that shares their values," Fearing said. "I think they are doing that now. It's incumbent on them to grow that trust."

Geoff Shester, the California program director for the marine advocacy group Oceana, said he hopes the Fish and Game Commission will be guided by a responsibility to protect rather than destroy in the future.

"What's happening is not an anti-fishing or anti-hunting perspective," said Shester, who has fought for the protection of ecosystems, including the San Francisco Bay herring fishery. "It's more about how to do these activities responsibly. Dealing with

issues like overfishing is good for both fishing communities and for the conservation community.”



House Republicans seek to open up national forests to mining and logging

Oliver Milman, The Guardian, February 24, 2016

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/feb/24/house-republicans-open-national-forests-mining-logging-oregon-militia-malheur-wildlife-refuge>

Weeks after an anti-government militia's takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge, legislators are presenting bills to loosen federal authority over public land

Congress is to consider two bills that would allow states to hand over vast tracts of federal land for mining, logging or other commercial activities – just weeks after the arrest of an armed militia that [took over a wildlife refuge](#) in Oregon in protest at federal oversight of public land.

The legislation, [which will be presented](#) to the House committee on natural resources on Thursday, would loosen federal authority over parts of the 600m acres (240m hectares), nearly one-third of the land mass of the US, it administers.

A bill put forward by Republican Don Young would allow any state to assume control of up to 2m acres of the national forest system to be “managed primarily for timber production” in order to address what Young claims is a decline in national logging rates.

A further bill, written by Republican Raúl Labrador, would allow state governors to assign up to 4m acres of land as “forest demonstration areas”, which would allow logging free from any federal water, air or endangered species restrictions.

The bills, which will be heard by a Republican-dominated committee, come just two weeks after the [dramatic end to the armed militia occupation](#) of the Malheur national wildlife refuge in Oregon. The 41-day occupation, which resulted in the fatal shooting of the militia's spokesman before the arrest of the rest of the group, was sparked by the group's anger at federal land use regulations.

The heavily armed militia, led by Ammon and Ryan Bundy, said the occupation could last for “[several years](#)”, with some saying they were willing to die for the cause. Republican presidential contender Ted Cruz [recently aligned himself](#) with sentiments expressed by the group, releasing an advertisement in Nevada that criticized federal control of public land.

“If you trust me with your vote, I will fight day and night to return full control of Nevada’s lands to its rightful owners,” Cruz said in the advertisement. The Texas senator came third in the Republican caucus in Nevada.

Environmentalists have decried the latest attempt to strip federal control from public land, warning that endangered species and vital ecosystem services, such as clean water, will be put at risk.

“The natural resources committee is pretty radicalized at this point,” said Bobby McEnaney, senior lands analyst at the Natural Resources Defense Council. “The fact that they would react to what’s happened in Oregon to advance an agenda to take land from the federal government is seriously tone deaf.

“Most of this committee didn’t condemn the actions at Malheur, so this is not completely unexpected. The agenda here is being driven by oil, gas and timber industries. The Republicans are interested in a deregulation race to zero.”

Donald Barry, senior vice-president for conservation programs at Defenders of Wildlife, said the authors of the bill were in a “time warp”.

“One would expect this kind of thing would happen in the 1900s, but not the 21st century,” he said.

“National forests are no longer viewed by the public as an ATM machine based on the exploitation of natural resources. They are places to hike, camp and to be protected in order to provide clean water supplies. The American people clearly realize this now.

“The idea that states will manage this land well is just an illusion. They don’t have the resources to do so, which means there will be a fire sale for mining and timber companies. The American public would lose access to these lands. Those days should be behind us.”



Utah’s Mike Noel again takes aim at federal law enforcement, wants to give locals more control

By BRIAN MAFFLY | The Salt Lake Tribune, Feb 24 2016

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/3577075-155/utahs-mike-noel-again-takes-aim>

Rep. Mike Noel’s latest effort to rein in federal law enforcement in rural Utah sailed through a legislative committee Wednesday.

The Kanab Republican alleges **the Bureau of Land Management has become an unbearable police presence, encroaching on the authority of elected county sheriffs and intimidating local residents.**

"It is a problem brought to me numerous times by the Utah Sheriffs' Association," said Noel, whose son is the Beaver County sheriff. "This jurisdictional issue needs to be resolved. I don't believe they have the right to be out there except as a proprietary officer for protecting their own resources [such as timber and artifacts]. I definitely don't believe they have the right to arrest you or me for traffic citations or violations on county roads."

Noel's critics say in many cases the county roads are merely rights-of-way counties have claimed across federal lands, nothing more.

"Federal law enforcement are clearly empowered to patrol federal lands and enforce federal laws on those lands," said Steve Block, legal director for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. "So much of Rep. Noel's arguments are unsubstantiated rumor and innuendo. We hear these alleged horror stories of federal overreach from local politicians but there aren't any facts offered to back them up."

His [HB391](#) would help ensure that federal land agencies rely on local law enforcement to the maximum extent possible, as required under the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976, Noel told the House Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environmental Quality, which unanimously advanced the bill to the House floor.

No one representing the U.S. Forest Service and BLM spoke at the meeting, and a BLM spokesman did not immediately return a phone message.

"They have really militarized this law enforcement. They have 10 times the equipment that local law enforcement has. They are dressed to the tens with flak jackets and automatic weapons. It's a little intimidating when you're out there backpacking and you run into these people as opposed to your county sheriff," said Noel, echoing complaints long leveled by southern Utah county commissioners. He did not identify any specific instances of federal officers overstepping their authority.

The state's most outspoken critic of federal land management, Noel said that federal agencies are improperly exercising "concurrent or exclusive" jurisdiction on BLM lands and national forests. The agencies used to contract with local sheriffs to patrol these lands, but that spirit of cooperation began evaporating several years ago.

"It's a real problem. We have one individual who is a bad actor. The governor's office asked he be removed, that hasn't happened," Noel complained, referring to Dan Love, the BLM's special agent in charge of Utah and Nevada.

Two years ago a federal judge invalidated another law Noel had sponsored that would have essentially handcuffed federal land agencies' law enforcement

functions. His latest bill is much less intrusive. It would establish a process where a chief county executive or sheriff may determine whether BLM law enforcement is operating within the limits of FLPMA. If the agency is found to be operating outside this scope, the sheriff could put it on notice with a deadline for to cease and desist. If BLM fails to abide with the demand, the county may then "pursue all available legal remedies."



**Wages falling,
but Congress wants MORE guest workers**
Sen. Sessions debunks myth of worker shortage

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A repeated claim made by CEOs in the technology industries is they cannot find American workers to staff their companies and thus need to have access to an expanded pool of foreign guest workers.

The I-Squared bill in the U.S. Senate would do exactly that, more than tripling the potential field of skilled guest workers allowed into the country on H1-B visas.

The CEOs of Microsoft, Oracle, Apple, Yahoo and Google have gone on record in support of the legislation, shunting aside claims of abuse of existing H1-B laws by Disney and others.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., heard testimony Wednesday before his subcommittee on immigration and the national interest that debunked the claim that these companies suffer from a "labor shortage" in the United States.

Steven Camarota, a Ph.D and director of research for the Center for Immigration Studies, said there is no government data to back up the claim of a labor shortage in the tech industry – or almost any other industry.

He said, in the year 2000, three-fourths of Americans of working age were employed, but in 2015 only two-thirds were employed.

He informed the Senate panel that real wages have been static for 15 years running. During that time, native-born Americans have accounted for two-thirds of the growth in the working-age population while a majority of the employment gains have gone to immigrants.

Students are graduating with STEM degrees and not finding jobs in STEM-related fields.

"Real wages for STEM workers nationally – that's science, technology, engineering, and math – real wages for bus boys and maids, all show the same trend," he said.

"And at the bottom in some ways people are actually making less than they used to," he added. "And if you look at the kinds of people who do those jobs, say people who have only a high school education, or less than a high school education, the fraction holding a job is even worse ... sometimes only half are working."

And it's even worse for minorities and young people, he said.

"My only point is that all the government data suggests, whether it's stem or whether it's high school dropouts, ... no evidence of a labor shortage. The only evidence we have are testimonials, from owners of businesses. So at least, maybe one thing to do when a chicken plant says, 'Gosh, you know we can't find anybody,' try to see how much they've raised wages. If they haven't raised their wages in 10 years, or they just did it to keep up with inflation, that may suggest that, yeah, they just want to pay really low wages. That's very different than I can't find anybody. It's I can't find anybody given the way I want to treat workers. I can't find anybody given what I want to pay."

The H1-B visa is currently capped at 65,000 per year. The I-Squared bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Mike Lee, R-Utah, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., and four other Republicans along with four Democrats, would increase that cap to 195,000 while also allowing the visa holders to bring their family members to the U.S. on work permits.

The actual number of H1-B visas issued under I-Squared could be closer to 300,000 when including nonprofit entities taking advantage of the legislation.

[See all the sponsors of the I-Squared bill in the U.S. Senate.](#)

The legislation has a companion bill in the House called the SKILLS Visa Act.

'Just another redistribution program'

Also testifying Wednesday was Harvard economist George Borjas. He said immigration has become "just another government redistribution program."

"If we look at the impact of immigration over the last few decades in the U.S., one rough rule of thumb that comes out is that when you increase supply of workers in a particular group by around 10 percent, the wage of that group will go down by 3 percent, which is not a trivial number," Borjas said.

He added:

"And that's true whether we look at a particular city – for example, Miami after Mariel where the impact is actually greater – or just follow skill groups over the last 50 years, the fact is that the groups that receive the most immigrants will tend to do slightly worse off after that by about 3 percent for every 10 percent increase in supply. Now what that would imply in terms of the net gain, is that the net gain to the U.S. economy is only around \$50 billion a year, and that is a number that comes straightforwardly out of the laws of supply and demand. And one of the lessons from that model that's actually very difficult to manipulate the model in a way that would make that number much bigger. So, we have a fifty billion dollar gain on net that accrues to natives and a huge redistribution [of wealth] from the people who compete with immigrants to the people who use immigrants of around half a trillion dollars a year."

Guest-worker bill unlikely to pass in election year

With all of the debate among presidential candidates about guest workers being used by Disney and others to replace Americans, the bills have stalled. But they are likely to come up again next year, after the election.

The visa, which is good for six years, has been used heavily not only by Disney. Southern California Edison, Cargill, Harley Davidson, Deloitte, Northeast Utilities and other corporate giants have used the H1-B to replace American tech workers with foreigners who will work for about one-third lower salaries.

Disney even forced its American IT workers to train their replacements or risk losing their severance packages.

The I-Squared bill has the backing of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Software Alliance and heavyweight execs from Oracle, Microsoft, Apple, Yahoo and Google, among others.



Office of Sheriff

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We swear to preserve the Office of Sheriff, as intended by the founders, as our legitimate Constitutional Peace Officers. To educate the People and our Public Servants in the historic and lawful authority of the Sheriff's Office and the oath they make to the Constitution of the United States and the Free and Independent State in which they serve; in order to promote, protect and maintain individual freedoms and liberties.

Vitae Justiciae, Vitae Legis, Vitae Republicae – explained as follows: the Sheriff's powers and duties at common law comprised three of the most important aspects of sustaining the operation of representative government;

vitae justitiae – “for no suit begins, and no process is served, but by the sheriff”

vitae legis – “he is...to make execution [of judgments] which is the *life and fruit* of the law”; and finally

vitae republicae - "...he is *principalis conservator pacis*[, i.e., conservator of the public peace] within the county, **which is the life of the commonwealth**, *vitae republicae pax.*" Murfree, ch. 1, § 2, p. 2 (emphasis added).

The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's integrity. There are times in our lives when the right thing to do is quite simple, but doing the right thing seems impossible. One of the truest demonstrations of integrity is the blunt refusal to be compromised. Sheriffs across the country are standing in integrity, doing what's right. They are unwilling to compromise themselves or their principals and have taken a stand on behalf of the people who elected them, to honor their Oath.

★ "A constitution defines and limits the powers of the government it creates. It therefore follows, as a natural and also a logical result, that the governmental exercise of any power not authorized by the constitution is an assumed power, and therefore illegal." -Thomas Paine, *Constitutions, Governments, and Charters*, 1805

★ "Today, when a concerted effort is made to obliterate this point, it cannot be repeated too often that the Constitution is a limitation on the government, not on private individuals - that it does not prescribe the conduct of private individuals, only the conduct of the government - that it is not a charter for government power, but a charter of the citizens' protection against the government." - Ayn Rand

★ Sheriffs in Colorado did not give in to gestapo politics and are fighting back. Sheriff Jeff Christopher (Sussex Co., Delaware) is in a battle to preserve the Constitutional Office of Sheriff for us all. Sheriff Christopher's case could determine the fate of the Office of Sheriff nationwide, yet he struggles for funding this legal battle. The mounting attack on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms has inspired many sheriffs to speak out publicly. Others are in their own local battles to protect the life, liberty and property of those they serve, while struggling to keep their Office and Oath intact. The duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff are becoming more and more complicated and contentious.

★ "The idea that 'the public interest' supersedes private interests and rights can have but one meaning: that the interests and rights of

some individuals take precedence over the interests and rights of others." - Ayn Rand

★ "There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpation." James Madison, 1809-1817

★ Across the nation, the Office of Sheriff is being dismembered. In the East, they are being stripped of their powers by unlawful, unconstitutional judicial and legislative infringement; in the West, they are being bankrupted and forced to operate under dangerous, life threatening conditions due to unconstitutionally imposed budget cuts. By direct infringements on the constitutional sheriffs' duties and powers, or indirect refusals to fund their offices in an amount sufficient to perform their constitutional duties; legislators, courts and judges are breaching their own oaths of office by engaging in unconstitutional infringements upon the constitutional office of sheriff. In doing so, *these entities are unconstitutionally disenfranchising the People's right to choose who shall be their chief executive law enforcement officer on their behalf in their respective parishes and counties.*

★ "Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government." - James Madison

★ "If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy...No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare. " - James Madison

★ The esteemed Office of Sheriff has a long and honorable history of protecting the Rights of the people to a republican form of self-government, which is guaranteed by the Constitution, and which was bought and paid for with the blood of our founding fathers. The Office of Sheriff is *Vitae Republicae Pax- Vitae Justiciae, Vitae Legis, Vitae Republicae* – The life blood of the republic's peace, this is a responsibility and duty not to be taken lightly or influenced by any favor. Without unity and moral support we may lose this most sacred and trusted Office of Sheriff to LEO's who are NOT accountable to the people, but instead accountable only to those having no integrity or accountability to the People.

★ Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand - Matthew 12:25



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