

AMERICAN STEWARDS

New BLM Rule Will Lock Americans Out of 240 Million Acres of Public Land!

Sneaky Backdoor Plan to Push Biden's Unauthorized 30×30 Program Will Seize Land That Belongs to All of Us

Dear John Venrick,

Before I fill you in on the latest bureaucratic power play out of Washington, I want to thank you for your generous donation in support of our common cause.

It is only thanks to patriots like you that we can continue to wage the battle to keep American families on their land. You keep us going.

Now onto the disturbing news...

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing a new rule to make the "conservation" of federal lands its top priority – over the many uses now authorized by Congress under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

This is a brazen breach of federal law by an administrative agency. If they get away with it, the American public will be locked out of 240 million acres the BLM manages.

It's the clearest move the Biden Administration has made yet confirming their plan to eliminate the rights of Americans to productively use lands owned by their government.

Here's how the agency is justifying its power play:

"Ensuring resilient ecosystems has become imperative, as public lands are increasingly degraded and fragmented due to adverse impacts from climate change and a significant increase in authorized use."

It's hard to be any more vague than that. It's a word salad of empty verbiage. They offer no proof, backup or examples.

The BLM claims there has been "significant increases in authorized use" of the lands they manage.

But the Congressional Research Service reports that livestock grazing has <u>dropped</u> by 52% since 1954. And the total number of cattle on federal land is significantly smaller.

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The truth is, BLM has already eliminated 50% of domestic livestock usage on the federal lands it manages. That is not an "increase in use" but a staggering decrease.

What's more, since Joe Biden moved into the White House, authorized uses of grazing, mining, timber, oil and gas have all declined.

Yet the agency claims the land is "increasingly degraded and fragmented," and in need of "restoration and protection."

Well guess who was supposed to be taking care of all that land for the past 50 years?

The BLM!

So now, after decades of failed policies, their solution is more of the same. More power, more restrictions to access, and further bans on productive use of the land.

This Spells Doom for Rural Economies

The BLM claims the proposed rule will have little economic impact. We don't buy it.

Replacing grazing, hunting, mining and recreation leases with conservation leases will eviscerate the local tax base.

These industries are what generate the revenue local economies need to pay for schools, hospitals, roads and all other infrastructure.

The Feds don't pay for these services. Local taxpayers do. Remove these industries and you no longer have a tax base to support the services.

This is not what Congress had in mind when it passed the Federal Land Policy Management Act in 1976. This seminal law clearly directed that public lands would always be open to multiple uses, including recreation, grazing, mining, and oil and gas development.

The law <u>still</u> directs BLM to manage these resources to ensure that land, wildlife, and local economies flourish. If the agency now argues the lands are so degraded they must be "protected and restored," as they cite in their proposed new rule, it is clear the agency has failed in its mission.

And here's what's really outrageous...

The BLM has the audacity to insist that its new rules be excluded from any <u>Congressional oversight</u>. Which means their decisions will be outside all the checks and balances Congress has placed on the rulemaking process. <u>Talk</u> about arrogant!

This is all so backwards and destructive that it's hard to know where to start.

As you know, John, there are no better stewards of America's land and water than the ranchers, sportsmen, foresters and landowners whose livelihoods depend on these resources.

We have decades of proof that effective conservation and public access to lands, including for recreational and commercial uses, are not mutually exclusive. On the contrary,

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conservation is made more effective by multiple uses, responsible development, and active private management.

We need to fight this wrong-headed power play.

If we don't, the BLM will essentially quarantine 240 million acres. It will hurt every rural community in the West.

It's time for Congress to reign in unaccountable regulatory agencies like the BLM, and limit their rule-making powers.

These arrogant bureaucrats are running around the rules to implement policies that have been rejected by the people's representatives.

It's all part and parcel of the Biden Administration's ongoing plan to control our land by adopting the international mandate to permanently protect 30% of America's land and water by 2030.

It's the biggest land grab in American history.

Environmentalists call it "30x30," and have disguised it as a "conservation" effort.

It means no drilling for oil or gas... no forestry... no livestock grazing... and no mining.

Hunting? Nope. Fishing? Nope. Boating? Eventually, all gone as well.

Using the ruse of a "climate crisis," the Biden Administration is transferring control of our land to bureaucrats in Washington D.C. and non-profit land trusts. In all, 681 million acres are to be "conserved" by the Feds and permanently kept in a natural state.

To put this in perspective, the amount of land they seek is **larger than the Louisiana Purchase** – by over 100 million acres.

If They Take Our Land, They Take Our Country

We are losing more than our land under this program. We are losing our country. Few of your fellow citizens even realize this is happening.

This is not a grassroots initiative from American citizens. It's not even an American project. It is part of an international agenda urging the world's governments to put 30% of their land in a natural, undeveloped state.

There Is ZERO Scientific Basis for 30x30

There is no credible scientific reasoning that supports the need to preserve any specific amount of land to "cure" climate change.

The hard data shows there is no crisis. None.

The radicals behind this effort claim we are losing "a football field of habitat every 30 seconds." That is 3,000 acres per day. Even if this was true, which actual data refutes... that

would come to only 11 million acres by 2030. So why do they need to protect 681 million acres to avoid a climate disaster?

That's **62 times more** than what they claim we will lose!

This isn't science, it's a political agenda. Scientific conclusions rely on verifiable evidence, not catchy slogans designed for bumper stickers.

No Law Authorizes this Land Grab

None. There is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or *any* federal agency to "conserve" at least 30% of all land and water in the United States. Or even 1% for that matter. If there were, they would have cited it in the Executive Order.

Taking 30% of farm and ranchland out of production means losing 30% of all agriculture

related employment. That's more than a million lost jobs. It also means losing at least 30% of all agricultural production. The Biden administration will destroy small landowners – the first and best conservationists.

Farmers and ranchers know better than anyone how important taking care of their land is. After all, their livelihoods and families depend on it.

Private lands are the most productive, ecologically diverse areas we have. If we take productive American farmland off the table, food prices will rise even higher, the world will be hungrier, and the environment will be worse off.

If We Don't Stop this Land Grab, We Will Lose Our Country

This is NOT what our founders wanted for us. When our country expanded and the pioneers headed west, it was a real-time egalitarian experiment in hard work and freedom.

There was no elite group of policy wonks deciding how we should live. Anyone willing to tame the land was welcome to settle it, rich or poor.

The government trusted you to work your land and take care of it. Thousands of thriving homesteads were created across America this way... which grew into prosperous towns and cities.

Today it's the reverse. The elites are taking control of the land because they don't trust the people.

How Much Land Is at Stake?

The Louisiana Purchase was 531 million acres, shown here on this map. The Biden land grab will be 151 million acres larger. Land *off limits* from human use, forever. It's like the Louisiana Purchase in reverse.



Every American needs to realize what is going on here—especially rural landowners. The fight is here, we're in the trenches, and if we don't fight for our land, nobody else is going to fight for us.

They like to make it sound like they are helping working land owners. They're not!

You have to understand who these people are. They are committed socialists who think private property shouldn't even exist. They believe that the administrative state (which they run) should manage America's land and water.

And they are delusional enough to think they can do it better than landowners whose very existence depends on keeping the land and water clean and productive.

Do you trust 28-year-olds in cubicles in Washington D.C., who have never seen a cow, to manage our country's food supply?

Land grabs are nothing new to me. I know what landowners face when radical environmentalists and the federal government decide they must have your land.

That is why my husband and I started American Stewards of Liberty.

For the past 30 years, we have been running this small but effective non-profit, helping American landowners remain free to produce the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation needs.

- ✓ We stopped the Trans-Texas Corridor that would have confiscated 500,000 acres from private landowners. This international highway was designed to connect Chinese ports in Mexico to Canada moving trade goods and who knows what else, with few inspections, through the center of America. Imagine, if this superhighway had been built, how much faster we would be invaded today with the Biden Administration refusing to protect our borders.
- ✓ We led the effort to stop the endangered listing of two species that could have locked up the Permian Basin oil and gas fields, sealing off 20% of our nation's oil and gas reserves. By the way, the Biden Administration is back at it once again attempting to list both species.
- ✓ We developed the "coordination strategy," a process that gives local governments a vital tool to fight land grabs at the local level.
- ✓ We derailed a plan that would have given the Bureau of Land Management more law enforcement power than local sheriffs, saving us from another attempt to remove local control from the people.

We Don't Run from Fights. You've Shown that You Don't Either...

Make no mistake, the climate activists are committed to converting massive tracts of land into restricted wilderness areas... with no motorized vehicles... where wildfires are allowed to burn freely... and humans are not allowed.

It makes me wonder... Are they protecting the land FOR us or FROM us? This should alarm every American citizen, no matter where they live or how they use their land.

The fight is coming to you, me and all of us... and we ALL need to get engaged. We must stop the international 30×30 agenda from taking root on American soil.

I Thank You for Your Past Help... and Today I Am Asking You to Do Even More

Like any nonprofit organization, we need money. But a little bit goes a long way with a bare-bones, grass-roots group like ours. Which is why I am so grateful for your help so far.

We cannot continue this fight without the help of people like you... Americans who cherish our traditions and who want to save the classic American way of life, where a family can live off the land in freedom, without the government poking into every nook and cranny of their lives.

We will use every penny you send us to fight <u>any</u> land grab and spread the message of why American citizens must own our lands—not government—if "we the people" are going to remain in charge.

There's a lot to do, John...

Between the Biden Land grab, China snapping up millions of acres of prime farmland, the UN's ambitions to control the word's ecosystems... and Wall Street's plot to turn natural resources into financial assets they can buy and sell like stocks... we need the help of every concerned American.

The fight is coming to our door and we can't avoid it.

We Must Keep American Families on Their Land

So please...

Help us by sending the most generous gift you can afford. You've stepped up before and I'm urging you to do so again. We need your continuing help to wage this battle.

The land-grabbers are hoping we will wear down and give up.

Help us fight back. Help us protect your land. Help us save this country. Please do it today.

Thank you and God bless,

Margaret Byfield

Executive Director

P.S. This fight is not about "whether" we will use our land, but "who" will use our land. Will this be you and me, our children, and grandchildren... or the people running the Biden Administration?

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Please help us stop the largest federal land grab Americans have ever faced.

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