

The Dangers of Ruling by Absurdity

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Our Guest: President of Oregon Natural Resource Institute, Jennifer Hamaker

This Week: Far-left government officials have determined that natural resources can't belong to the individual, they must be government owned. So reports are rushed together to prove whatever rationale that government wants proven so they can point to their unsurprising data to say, "See. Emergency. Vacate now." And just like that - hundreds of thousands of acres of state and private forests are suddenly under federal control.

They say it's for our children's sake so that children will have the outdoors to enjoy in years to come. But our children will have to be 80 years old, or older, by the time people are once again allowed back into those forests.

Thankfully there are a group of people, who are growing in numbers, that are saying absolutely not. They are standing up to those government officials who are working on a backroom deal called the HCP, or Habitat Conservation Plan, that will take Oregon's state and private forest lands offline for 70 years and hand them over to federal government control. Consequently, we might as well kiss them permanently goodbye if this happens.

This week, we welcome back Jennifer Hamaker, President of ONRI (Oregon Natural Resource Institute) that has taken this battle on full force, to challenge those who have the power to make this horrible plan happen. So far, ONRI has gotten their attention.

With a big meeting held in Sisters last month, Jennifer brings us up to date with what happened, how the Board of Forestry's panel handled the information ONRI presented, and how the panel seemed to be surprised with the

pushback. Along with the ONRI board, there were many opponents to the state’s plan in the audience. And relatively few supporters on the side of the state. But Jennifer tells just where some of these opponents came from to support an *Oregon* plan. And then there’s the critical omissions the Forestry Board just happened to forget to add into the HCP. Among other aspects, they include omissions about economic forecasts. Were they omitted so that the public can’t know just how bad this plan really is?

Tune in to hear some of ONRI’s wins and why this battle is far from over.

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