

AMERICAN STEWARDS

of Liberty

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Dear Member,

American Stewards of Liberty is grateful for your financial support in 2016. It was a good year filled with many accomplishments:

- We pursued the delisting of four species from the Endangered Species List, two of which, if delisted, will free up restrictions on private land in eleven states. On another species, we obtained a federal district court ruling that exposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's total failure to review key documents we provided proving the species was not endangered. They are now to make a final decision by March of this year!
- We organized the 2.0 Coalition made up of over 30 local governments in the West and filed suit against the Bureau of Land Management over their new Resource Planning Rules that restrict local governments from coordination. Those rules will destroy local government's ability to manage their economies and natural resources for their citizens.
- We brought suit against the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), the nation's largest and most powerful state agency, when they refused to coordinate with a local planning commission over the High Speed Rail between Dallas and Houston. The State District Judge ruled TXDOT failed to adhere to Local Government Code 391 and ordered them to coordinate with the local planning commission within 30 to 45 days!

This February, American Stewards will have the opportunity to speak directly to the U.S. Congressional Western Caucus about coordination. Our hope is it will lead to encouraging the new administration to implement coordination, changing the way federal agencies work with local governments.

We truly believe our fight for property rights can be strengthened even further with a new and friendlier administration that agrees with and understands how local control is paramount to the success of our nation and its citizens. As we look forward to 2017, we have a renewed sense of hope for *real* and substantive changes for our country's future and we are actively working to make this happen.

Thank you for your continued support of American Stewards. Your donation is confirmation that you also believe in what we are doing and understand the importance of our work. For that, we are humbled and grateful.

Here's to a wonderful new year and may God bless you and your family,



Dan Byfield
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