

Elaine Willman on We The People Radio Sunday, January 14th and Feb 7th, 2016  
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Highly recommended is this in-depth radio interview concerning the changing picture of tribes and reservations throughout the United States. She sees the big picture of how, through claims of nation status and sovereignty by some 565 Indian tribes, the federal government can virtually achieve acquisition and control of the nation's land, water, energy production and our natural resources including uranium. Tribes could even be federally assigned the management of existing public lands including national parks, refuges, water and power generation/distribution systems.

The magnitude and urgency of this threat calls for immediate public and elected official attention!

## "Going to Pieces - the Dismantling of the United States of America"

with Elaine Willman  
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Elaine Devary Willman, MPA is the author of *Going To Pieces...the dismantling the United States of America*, first published in 2005. The book reports on first person visits and experiences of tribal members and citizens residing on or near seventeen Indian reservations during her extensive road trip across the country from Washington State to New York State. Willman's book is selling faster now in 2015 and 2016 than when initially published because the fears expressed in the book are now America's reality.

Subsequent to her two year attendance at Ventura College of Law, Ms. Willman received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Cal State University in 1991, and has obtained 96 credits towards her doctoral work in public policy. Having lived in Western States for over thirty years, and within two Indian reservations for more than twenty years, Ms. Willman has extensive knowledge about federal Indian policy, land use status within Indian reservations, dual-jurisdiction and Constitutional conflicts that impact the rights and lives of tribal members as well as other American citizens.

Ms. Willman's mother and grandmother were enrolled Cherokee members; her spouse is of Shoshone ancestry, and is a direct descendant of Sacajawea. She served as National Chair of Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) from 2001 – 2007 and remains an active CERA Board Member. Mrs. Willman has blended her local land use and strategic planning expertise with federal Indian policy to inform and engage counties, towns and citizens that are co-located within or near federally recognized Indian reservations.

From 2008 until June 2015 Ms. Willman served the Village of Hobart, Wisconsin, as their Director of Community Development and Tribal Affairs. Having made several trips to Montana to study and oppose the CSKT Water Compact, Ms. Willman determined to move her household and business to Ronan, Montana in July 2015 to address the current and long-term impacts of federal and tribal government over-reach in Western Montana.



**Rights of Indians and Non-Indians:** CERF/CERA believes and defends the constitutional rights of Indians and non-Indians. Our mission is to change federal Indian policies that threaten or restrict the individual rights of all citizens living on or near Indian reservations. We do not tolerate racial prejudice of any kind. We do not knowingly associate with anyone who discriminates based on race.

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About Going To Pieces...the Dismantling of the United States of America: Think "Thelma and Louise" – two women who took an unusual road trip. Only the road trip that is Going To Pieces... is about a system taking down this country economically, politically and geographically. The author and a videographer journeyed across 17 Indian reservations from Washington State to New York, capturing over 130 hours of direct testimony on video from farmers, tribal members, teachers, bankers and sheriffs – all manner of folk who live within the historic or actual boundaries of Indian reservations. The stories captured were so stark. The folks speaking had felt unheard for decades. The author promised each of them that their story would be told and offered anonymity to anyone in need. No one wanted anonymity. "Tell the truth; we have to be heard."

While the road trip occurred in the fall of 2004, and the book was written in the spring of 2005, due to serious controversy and risk, the author has just this year assigned an ISBN number to Going to Pieces...and made it available to the open market.

The original purpose of the journey was to produce an 88-minute documentary, but the people interviewed and the stories told were so many, a documentary fell short. So, the author transcribed the actual words from the 130 hours of video, and re-lived the journey for the reader. The reader is asked to realize that this book only addresses 17 of the 565 federally recognized Indian tribes, and leaves it to the reader to imagine the full impact occurring across rural America, and now through tribal casinos, seeping quickly into urban America.

Mainstream media is continuously and substantially funded by tribal casino advertising dollars that the reality of life on Indian reservations is taboo to discuss out loud or on television, in print or on the radio. The end result is "hush-money" to never discuss real life on Indian reservations. Both political parties are equally funded with campaign donations from tribal governments, tribal associations and thousands of lobbyists, to the extent that Congress quickly serves some 565 tribal governments and turns a mournful deaf ear to the hundreds of thousands of their constituents who live on or near Indian reservations but are not tribal members.

**Do you know...** that at least 90 major public spaces and natural resources, including Redwood National Monument (CA) and Joshua Tree National Monument (CA), are targeted by the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife, to be turned over to private tribal governments? The list includes: 41 national refuges; 34 national parks, wildlife refuges and hatcheries; and 15 regional water projects. In each instance, a tribe will take over the management of these public lands. The problem is that what tribes do rarely involves any public process, oversight or transparency. As can be seen in the areas where tribal governments have taken over or been given oversight of public lands, public access is often limited or ended. And the tribes won't pay for the management of these sites; the taxpayers will.

**Do you know... that one small Montana tribe of 5,130 people had in 2004, an annual Operational Management Budget of \$373 million? This annual budget of a single tribe is larger than the national U.S. Fish and Wildlife's annual budget for the entire country.**

**Do you know...** every Indian reservation is co-located within a county or counties and often towns, villages and cities? Their tribal government annual operating budgets exceed the annual operating budget of the counties in which they are located.

**Do you know** that the Department of Interior or any federal agency has never audited or tracked the annual amount of federal (taxpayer) funds going to 565 separate governments from some 27 federal agencies?

**It's in the multi-billions while poverty worsens on the reservations.**

Learn the rest. Read her book. Order the book from Elaine Willman at [toppin@aol.com](mailto:toppin@aol.com) or order the e-book on Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/going-to-pieces-the-dismantling-of-the-united-states-of-america-elaine-willman/1107956292?ean=2940032886785>

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