

Biden Launches Land Grab Larger Than the Louisiana Purchase How Much of It Is Yours?

Dear American Patriot,

Less than a week after he took the oath of office, Joe Biden signed off on the biggest land grab in American history. Deceptively titled “America the Beautiful,” it sets in motion an agenda to **permanently protect at least 30% of America’s land and water by 2030.**

Environmentalists call it “30x30,” and have disguised this 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

When Thomas Jefferson acquired the vast territory of Louisiana from France in 1803, he doubled the size of the country overnight. Then our founders did something Dictators and Monarchies never do – every citizen who wanted a piece of land could stake a homestead.

It would be their private property, their place to build a home, raise a family, and live the American dream.

This created the land rush we used to read about in American history and propelled this nation as the greatest free society on earth.

It was also the first time individuals were given the opportunity to create their own

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destiny shaped by hard work and ingenuity instead of social status. They were given a piece of property where they could provide for and defend their family.

Our Founding Fathers knew for us to keep the self-governing nation they established, the people must own the land. This was essential for people “we the people” to control our government.

I assure you, those running the Biden Administration know this as well.

That’s why, under the guise of a “climate crisis,” the Biden Administration is quickly and quietly implementing the 30x30 land grab – pushing conservation programs onto landowners who think they are doing the right thing – while control of the land is being transferred to radical environmentalists who want government to control everything.

We are losing more than our land under this program. We are losing our country.

Claiming We Are in a “Crisis,” Biden Has Empowered the Progressive Agenda

By his ninth day in the White House, Joe Biden had signed 40 Executive Orders – a record for a U.S. president. He unleashed a tsunami of far-left programs straight from the socialist wing of the Democrat party onto the American people.

But on day six, January 27, he signed the single most devastating blow to America’s landowners: Executive Order #14008.

Most EOs are a few paragraphs long. This one is 57 pages. It takes an hour and a half to read it... and it sets in motion the unauthorized agenda to **“conserve at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.”**

Then, **just 13 days later**, the Biden Administration rescinded Department of the Interior Secretarial Order #3388. This eliminated a policy that required the approval of counties and states for federal land acquisitions.

It was the only practical way local governments and landowners had to fight back when their land was targeted for acquisition.

The Administration’s claim that this is a voluntary, locally-driven initiative lost all credibility when they took away the ability of local governments to reject federal land grabs in their community.

But this was only a start of what we would be facing.

On February 16, 2021, the House passed H.R. 803, a bill permanently protecting 1.5 million acres of new “wilderness.”

This bill also withdrew **1.2 million acres of rare earth minerals** from production. Minerals needed for high-tech devices and national security. Minerals we already import from China and Europe because our government will not allow us to mine them here.

The Biden Administration pressed Congress to get this done quickly in order to advance the 30x30 land grab before Americans knew what was happening.

They controlled the House, Senate and Presidency, and they wasted no time launching this stealth attack to take Americans' land rights under the guise of "conservation."

Who Is Behind This?

The progressive left *Center for American Progress* (CAP) wrote the playbook for this plan. In fact, the language in Biden's Department of the Interior Fact Sheet on 30x30 is from a 2019 CAP report.

But this idea was first officially launched by then-Senator Kamala Harris, introduced as Senate Resolution 372 in January 2020.

That's right. Our Vice-President has been a leading advocate for the land grab.

But she's not the only tip-off here...

"30x30" is supported by Michael Bloomberg and an entire cast of liberal elites, including John Podesta, Stacey Abrams, and Julián Castro.

All the usual anti-development, anti-private property types are also pushing this agenda, because they will directly benefit from the transfer of land and wealth in the name of "conservation."

The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society Action Fund, Wildlands Network, Center for Biological Diversity, World Wildlife Fund – they are all in on this.

And let's not forget that the *Center for American Progress* was founded with money from George Soros.

This Is NOT a Grassroots Initiative from American Citizens

It's not even an American project. It is part of an international agenda to put 30% of the world's resources into the hands of a global elite.

The 30x30 plan comes from 1990's *United Nations biodiversity convention* that urged governments to put 30% of their land in a natural, undeveloped state.

Now that we are nearing 2030, the radical leftists are demanding we do this in seven years.

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.

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. Proponents cite each other’s reports, which cite studies built on projections made on very few facts and a lot of assumptions.

The hard data shows there is no crisis. None.

Watch The Heartland Institute’s President James Taylor’s talk on our *Stop30x30* website if there is any question in your mind that we are in a crisis. He eviscerates the climate crisis arguments.

But even their own math does not add up.

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.

How Much of Our Country Do They Want?

Currently, at least 681 million acres.

That’s nine states of Nebraska, or two states of Texas.

And for what?

Nebraska has done a great job preserving its natural resources. In fact, Nebraska has the sixth-best environmental rating in the country, and it is 97% private property.

Guess which state has the sixth-worst? Delaware. Joe Biden’s home state. Maybe the President should worry about Delaware and leave the rest of us alone.

30x30 Myth #1:

“We are losing a football field of habitat every 30 seconds.”

Fact is, only 5.3% of America’s land is developed. And more than half of that “developed land” is actually open space, including parks, golf courses, etc.

So everything that a regular person thinks of as “developed land,” like houses, apartments, office buildings, stores, warehouses, roads, highways, parking lots and schools... comes to even less than that, about 2.5% or so. And development is not increasing fast. It’s hardly increasing at all.

Between 2001 and 2016, developed land in America increased by just 0.3%. (And that doesn’t even count wide-open Alaska or the number would be even lower.) At this rate, it would take another 40 years to develop even 1% more of the Lower 48.

The United States would have to more than double its farm land (which has been declining)... or suddenly bulldoze, pave over and build on 10x more land than it has since colonial times. No sane person is projecting anything remotely like that.

They’re just trying to scare people.

America's lands are doing just fine under the stewardship of private landowners. The lands that need to be restored are those already managed by the federal government. Most of the forest fires we see ripping across the west start in the highly protected Wilderness Areas, where fires are not suppressed because that is viewed as an "unnatural" act.

The Biden Administration claims the fires are a result of "climate change," when instead they are the result of years of federal mismanagement.

That's not my idea of conservation, nor do I believe it is yours. It's obvious that 30x30 is about something else.

It's Not About Conservation

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.

As a result, private lands are the most productive, ecologically diverse areas we have, which, as you have probably already guessed, is why the "30x30" proponents are targeting these lands.

If we take productive American farmland off the table, food prices will rise even higher than they are today, the world will be hungrier, and the environment will be worse off.

Property taxes will rise to make up for the land removed from the tax rolls. And it will drive up the price of the remaining land, making it harder for farmers and ranchers to survive – unless, of course, they enroll in the 30x30 conservation programs.

Whose Land Are They After?

They won't tell us directly. The Executive Order is deliberately vague on what land is going to be set aside. In fact, they haven't even provided us with a basic definition of "conservation."

But they have stated only 12% of the lands are currently permanently protected, a figure that comes from the U.S. Geological Survey GAP Analysis. These lands include:

30x30 Myth #2:

"If we do not permanently protect 30% of our lands and oceans by 2030, over 1/3 of America's species will go extinct in the coming decades."

Again, totally false. By and large, species in America are not in danger. In fact, many animals are expanding far outside of their historical areas.

The red fox, javelina, armadillo, and opossum are expanding their ranges. The coyote, raccoon, and snow goose are also expanding. Even game species, which are hunted and trapped, are growing. Elk, pronghorn, white-tailed deer, musk oxen, black bears, bobcats, red foxes, otters, beavers, gray seals, wild turkeys, red-tailed hawks, merlins, wood ducks, sandhill cranes, trumpeter swans, and many other species have doubled and tripled in number.

If landscape-scale species are expanding, that indicates other species who rely on the same habitat are also benefitting from the increase. America's species and wildlife are thriving, not declining.

- National Parks
- Wilderness Areas
- Permanent Conservation Easements on private lands.

They are not just talking about increasing the restrictions on lands already owned by the government – a stunning 40% of our nation. They are also targeting *private property*.

In fact, this cannot work equitably across America without taking land from private citizens.

Take my State of Texas, where 97% of the land is privately owned. Remove 30% of Texas, and you must take at least 27 % of our state away from private landowners.

It's not just Texas. Many states in the U.S. are mostly private land.

Set aside 30% of these areas and put it off limits, you're going to force a lot of people off their land.

If they crank up the regulatory pressure on farmers and ranchers enough, they will destroy their livelihoods. Rural communities will shrink, businesses will fail and schools will close.

Here's How They Get Their Foot in Your Door...

The Department of Agriculture is encouraging landowners to sign up for conservation programs... claiming they will help you keep your land beautiful and pristine. What they don't say is that if the program uses any federal funds, it creates a federal "nexus" to your property, giving them a way to control your land.

For instance, let's say an endangered species appears on your property and your land is considered "critical habitat." Normally, critical habitat rules do not apply to private property.

But if your property is enrolled in a program "*authorized, funded, or carried out*" by a federal agency, you can be trapped in a web of expensive regulations that can bankrupt you fast.

How Much Will Be Enough?

Ask the people in Custer County Idaho. 97% of their 3.1 million acres is already owned by the Government. But do they feel safe? Absolutely not. They know they have a big bull's-eye on their remaining 3%.

You see, 30x30 proponents argue they must have large intact ecosystems that cross counties, states and regions, connecting landscapes for species and wildlife without any human interference.

They want every acre of land within the ecosystems protected, so even the areas with just a few more acres to secure are prime targets.

If You Think They're Going to Stop at 30%, Think Again

30% is just the first step. The “progressives” are working towards the global “Half-Earth” agenda, which says that **50% of the planet** must be returned to its natural state, never to be touched by man.

The *Center for American Progress* promotes this at Item #8 in their report, “How Much Nature Should America Keep?” Here is what it says:

“In fact, if the United States achieves 30x30, the country will be well positioned to pursue a longer-term goal of conserving half of all its lands and waters.” (CAP Report, Page 1)

This is the last line in their report. The message they end on. *Their ultimate goal!*

The CAP employee who co-authored this report is now Chief of Staff for the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality in the White House... the chair of Biden's 30x30 Task Force.

But again, they are not going to stop at 30%. Look closely at the strategic language used in the Executive Order... they are to “*conserve at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030.*”

And they are in full control of our government... meaning they control every agency they need to get this done.

Yet, so few people know about this.

Environmentalists are quietly amassing control over our land – land that future generations of Americans may never be able to get back.

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

How the Feds Are Getting Around Their Own Rules

By government decree.

There is no law or Constitutional provision that gives the President the power to transfer control of 30% of our land to the administrative state.

Instead of asking Congress to pass a law giving them this authority, he has circumvented the other two branches of government and done this by Executive Order.

And why is he avoiding complying with laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act? This law requires the Feds to prepare an environmental analysis before implementing a program for “major federal actions.” 30x30 certainly qualifies. Why isn't Biden doing this?

The answer is simple – even the President would not be able to get this radical program across the finish line if this transparent analysis was done.

Everything Biden and his administration are hiding would come out. Their attempt to strip Americans of their property rights would be exposed.

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.

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?

These "green" extremists want control. They are great manipulators... and they prey on people's good will. They devise a radical plan, give it a patriotic name like "America the Beautiful" and way too many of our fellow countrymen buy into it... without realizing what is really going on.

Can We Stop This?

I've been in this fight since I was a girl growing up on a cow-calf ranch in central Nevada. My mom and dad moved us there from California in 1978, when I was 10 years old.

It should have been an idyllic place to grow up... but environmentalists and the Forest Service were already working together to remove the American people from the land.

My family was one of their early targets and we fought the federal government for 13 years until finally, the federal agency impounded the last of our cattle. We filed suit in 1991, claiming the government violated our rights and threatened our livelihood.

It was the first federal lands grazing takings case in U.S. history. For the next 20 years, my parents' home was littered with legal papers as the case wound its way through the courts.

Along the way, my folks became heroes to ranchers and farmers all over the country for standing up to the federal government.

They were heroes to me, too... but fighting the government took almost every penny they had. They literally bet the ranch to stand up for their principles.

They were finally vindicated in 2008, when a judge ordered the government to pay \$14.4 million in compensation.

But it was too late for my parents.

My mom passed away in 1996 and my dad in 2006.

So they weren't there to celebrate the victory... or feel our crushing disappointment two years later when an appeals court overturned the ruling, putting us back on square one.

Long story short, 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 very effective non-profit helping American landowners remain free to produce the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation needs.

Using creative and aggressive strategies, American Stewards has been behind many of America's most important property-rights victories...

- ✓ **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.

What We're Doing to Fight 30x30

We immediately alerted local, state and national leaders to the dangers of this unscientific, illogical and unconstitutional land grab.

Then we launched our stop the 30x30 Land Grab Campaign to fight back.

- Led by then-Nebraska Governor (and now US Senator) Pete Ricketts, **15 governors signed** and mailed a letter opposing 30x30 to the White House.

The Endangered Species Scam

The Endangered Species Act is supposed to help animals in danger of extinction. But far too often, it's used as a political tool to stop farmers, ranchers and miners from using their land... eventually bankrupting them and driving them out of business.

The problem is that once a species is added to the list, it remains there indefinitely... even when it's no longer in trouble or was listed by mistake in the first place.

So we file cases to delist species that don't need protection. And there are plenty.

These thriving species are being used as pawns. Unless an outside party like us forces the agency to reconsider the listing, these species will never be removed from the list, no matter how well they're doing. And landowners will be deprived of their fundamental right to make a living.

- U.S. Representative Lauren Boebert **alerted members of Congress** and filed a bill to nullify the land-grab agenda with 27 of her colleagues.
- We reached out to local governments all over the country and made sure they were aware of the 30x30 agenda. We gave them model resolutions to adopt and oppose 30x30. **Over 150 local governments have passed these resolutions so far.**
- We post all of these pro-liberty resolutions on a **“National Map of Opposition”** on our website. You can see who is on the map here: www.stop30x30.americanstewards.us

As early as April of last year, we had the Administration on the defensive, explaining in press reports that this was not a “land grab.”

By May, the Biden Administration pivoted and changed the name of the program from “30x30” to “America the Beautiful.”

But they still hid the details from the public, refusing to identify the lands they were targeting or to reveal what restrictions would apply.

Their public report states the program is not about “protecting,” the land, it’s about “conserving” 681 million acres... but then they refuse to define the difference.

They are banking on fooling the American people into believing they are here to help us by controlling more of our land. We are determined to make sure they fail and have been working every day since the program was launched to stop it.

That’s how this letter ended up in your hands. We wanted you to know the truth. **30x30 is not about conservation. It’s about control.**

They Are Trying to Shut Us Down

Have you ever heard of *Arabella Advisors*? They are the left’s dark money network, funded by a group of billionaires who have set up non-profit shells to target anyone who threatens their agenda.

One of their groups, *Accountable.us*, has been following us everywhere we go – sending official letters to the IRS to have us investigated – filing FOIA requests on every county we work with – **planting fake news stories, and attacking us personally instead of debating the issue.**

They are using every intimidation tactic they can.

Frankly, they are trying to keep us from alerting American patriots like you.

But instead of scaring us off, it’s reaffirmed our campaign is working.

On Earth Day, we held the first **“Stop 30x30 Summit.”** Hundreds of patriotic property owners from around the nation gathered in Nebraska to learn how to fight for their land rights. This was not a rally where we simply waved signs and made a lot of noise. This was a professional, high-level meeting with some of America’s most sophisticated leaders.

- **The Summit was hosted by Pete Ricketts**, the first governor in the nation to publicly oppose this land grab.
- **It included** former Secretary of the Department of the Interior, David Bernhardt, as well

as U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer, U.S. Representative Lauren Boebert, and several other national leaders all working to stop this devastating agenda.

- **We were joined by** CFACT, The Heritage Foundation, The Heartland Institute and other highly respected conservative organizations.
- **It was attended by** State Senators and Representatives, County Commissioners, property rights attorneys, local activists, and landowners.

We only allowed select press into the event. The Huffington Post's environmental writer was not one of them, so he's written several fictitious narratives painting us as evil profiteers.

The Center for Western Priorities published a 31-page "dossier" that is so full of lies it's comical. What it does reveal is they are worried – very worried – that we just might succeed and keep them from taking our land.

We Don't Run from Fights. I Bet You Don't Either...

Make no mistake, the climate activists are committed and "30x30" is key to their mission.

They want to convert 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 climate activists promise to use "every tool they have" to gain control.

But we have some tools of our own... and we plan on using them to protect our land, as we've shown we can do plenty of times before.

The fight is coming to you, me and all of us... and we ALL need to get engaged. We must stop the international 30x30 agenda from taking root on American soil.

We Can Stop This, But We Need Your Help

Like any nonprofit organization, we need money. But I think you'd be surprised at how little we need to achieve so much.

You see, a little bit goes a long way with a bare-bones, grass-roots group like ours.

Our small staff of liberty lovers are supported by small donors, average everyday American landowners who treasure our unique way of life.

Our average contribution is \$98 per donor.

We just won an important skirmish, when we exposed the grubby tactics of the Biden Administration and the billionaires behind the land-grab movement. We forced them to pivot, change the name of the program and hide their agenda from the American people, *with an*

annual budget of just under \$350,000.

Most people are stunned to learn what we can do with so little. Namely, the environmental groups themselves, who I am certain spent more than our annual operating budget just protesting our Summit.

Every penny that comes in the door is used to fight the 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.

We Must Keep American Families on Their Land

We must stop this because of one simple truth – private property has always been the foundation of freedom.

George Washington himself said “*Freedom and Property Rights are inseparable. You can't have one without the other.*”

We agree... and I'm convinced most Americans still do too.

So please...

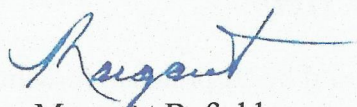
Help us by sending the most generous gift you can afford. We need your contribution to continue this fight.

And will you also complete the enclosed survey on 30x30? We will use your answers to send the message that Americans oppose 30x30, so that our leaders will stand up against this land grab.

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

*We need
your help
to save our
Land & Liberty.*

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?

Please fill out your survey today and send it back to us in the enclosed envelope with your support.
Help us stop the largest unauthorized federal land grab Americans have ever faced.