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## Don't limit land use to protect the Greater Sage-Grouse

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I would propose that you increase the hunting for Coyotes, Bobcats, and Mountain Lions, and stop the introduction of Wolf populations and importing Lynx where they never existed before. Shooting feral cats and dogs on site would also protect the Greater Sage Grouse while allowing multi use of our public lands for recreation, ranching, and mineral development. It's ridiculous to think that China controls 98% of all Rare Earth Mineral mining while special interests stop US exploration and mining for these critical economic resources for our Green Energy Industry and our High tech guidance systems development. I see how global warming and the endangered species act has been used as a political tool to shape the landscape of our country and limit economic prosperity here at home. While we do this China pumps acid down raw bore holes to dissolve rare earth minerals and then pumps the caustic slush into unlined pits to evaporate off the liquid and then scrape the minerals off for processing. Not only does this hurt our US economy but it destroys the very environment that the do gooders attempted to protect. We need to find a way to make this country resource independent while employing technology to the development of our resources in such a way to protect the environment. No job or economic development is so important that we can't accomplish it safely! We can do that here at home, let's stop exporting jobs and our resources when we can build a stronger USA.

The hidden agenda that you have to replace hunters with top level predators is not going to work, animal populations vary with food availability and prey animals have a major negative impact on the Greater Sage Grouse. It is natural for species to go extinct and have population crashes. I've seen coyotes run through a breeding area Leck and pick off one Greater Sage Grouse male after another. Shoot the coyotes, don't limit land use.

When your policy's promote the predators by limiting hunting pressure and techniques the prey animals population will go down. If you use this then to close and limit land use the people that live in these area's economy's will suffer. That is wrong, change your policies on predator hunting, reduce the predator population and the Greater Sage Grouse will prosper once again not withstanding normal population cycles due to outside factors.

For example: Lynx never existed in the Vail Valley area, they were introduced and they have devastated the snow shoe hair population. That is bad policy!

For example: Mountain lions & Bears hunted with dogs allow hunters to harvest only Male Lions and Bears which is more ethical than shooting a Sow w Cubs or a Lioness with Cubs. Using bait also enables this humane way to control these top level predators. The Deer population in California has crashed and has endangered the deer in some areas eliminating hunting opportunities altogether. That is proof that protecting predators does not work. This has already starting to happen in Colorado due to DOW protecting the top level predators. It used to be in the 70's you could buy an over the counter deer tag, today the dear hunting is very limited to very selective draw type hunts that take years to get. This is destroying the hunting economy within the State of Colorado. Now you have less hunters, shorter and limited multi seasons, and higher tag prices to make up for the revenue shortfalls. It's clear that the progressive agenda and anti-hunting politics are destroying the cash cow that the sportsman provide to the DOW and the local rural economies. (Sportsman fund 88% of the Colorado DOW budget) Have you ever seen a private sector business destroy their own customer base by bad policy?

For example: A program was introduced into WY to sterilize wolf populations because they were over populating and starting to kill livestock. That's all well and good but the wolfs were not breeding the livestock, they were eating them.

It's sad to see the destruction of our economy by political forces that use the endangered species act to advance the progressive agenda. It's an often misused tool to promote a hidden agenda financed by foreign interests. Follow the money trail and you will see that Big Oil interest's in Saudi Arabia are funding the Anti-Fracking movement right here at home. The do gooders are just pawns in a global political front.

It's high time for the BLM and the US Forest Service to give the public lands back to the States where the local population can design a more locally controlled use of the public lands for the populations that live, work, and take care of the land we love. We don't need government employee's in DC with a hidden political agenda funded by lobbyists to tell us how to use our local resources, that system of centralized control has failed time and time again to get the needed results and just wastes more and more of our resources. Take a look at Argentina where big centralized government and big business have raped the land, and you will see why we need to stop the insanity.

Regards,

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