

# -30x30-

# LAND GRAB



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## WHAT IS 30 X 30?

**It's not about conservation.  
It's about control.**

**30 x 30** is an international plan to permanently protect 30 percent of the world's lands and oceans by 2030. These lands are to be kept in their natural state, with the ultimate goal to prohibit all human use.

To attain this target, they need to take control of another 400 million acres in America. This is the equivalent of protecting an additional area the size of nine states of Nebraska or two states of Texas by 2030.

# This is the largest unauthorized federal land grab our nation has ever faced.



**President Biden** launched this agenda on his sixth day in office. It was initiated by Executive Order, circumventing Congress and a vote of the people. There is no Congressional or Constitutional authority for 30x30.

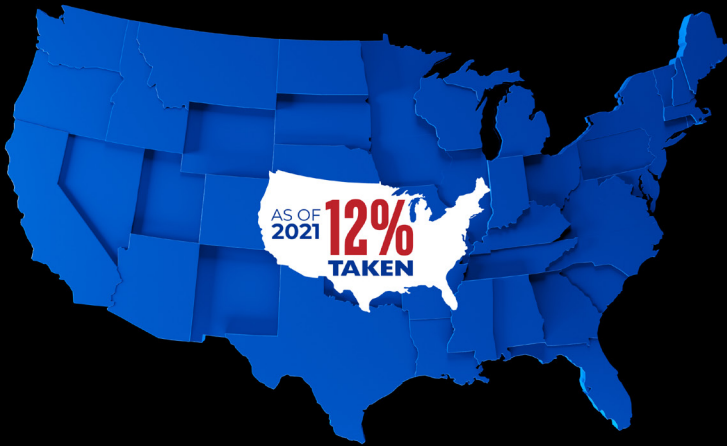
The Biden Administration has redirected existing funds and programs to meet this target. Every federal agency is using their authority to impose more control over Americans' land.

As they take control of land uses, the federal agencies are increasing their regulatory powers to impose climate crisis mandates on landowners by changing regulatory rules and imposing new agency directives. These are driving more Americans out of business and off the land.

**The more land the government owns, the less power we the people have to keep them in check.** Eliminating the

citizens' ability to make the best decisions for their land will cause immeasurable damage to our economy, natural resources, and the land they claim to be protecting.

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## 30 x 30 is not about conservation.

It is a plan to take property and power away from the people, consolidating both into the hands of governments, global elites, and environmental organizations.



# 10 KEY POINTS

## ... to know about the 30 x 30 Program

**1.** One of the Administration's first actions was to rescind an order that gave States and local governments veto power over federal land acquisitions. Now they can acquire more federal land without the peoples' consent.

**2.** Three months after the agenda was exposed, the Biden Administration changed the name of the program to "America the Beautiful," masking the land grab. They claim they are conserving and restoring the land, yet they refuse to define the key term "conserve."

**3.** They say we are losing a football field worth of habitat every 30 seconds. This totals roughly 11 million acres in ten years. Why then are they trying to protect another 400 million acres in nine short years if their "nature crisis" prediction will result in a fraction of this amount?

**4.** On lands the government already owns (40% of America) they are increasing restrictions, preventing public access, withdrawing large critical mineral deposits, canceling oil and gas leases, and designating millions of acres as protected. All these actions force people off the land and shutter the industries that support local economies.

**5.** To acquire control of the private lands they are flooding the markets with billions of dollars for conservation programs that take land out of production and result in driving up prices. This pressures the small landowner into "voluntarily" signing up for the federal programs just to stay in business.

They are also pouring billions of dollars into environmental organizations who then use these funds to pressure landowners into conservation easements - giving the easement holder permanent control of that land forever.

**6.** Only 5.4 percent of the land in America is developed. Half of this is considered open space that includes city parks, golf courses and large lots. That means roughly only 2.5 percent of America has manmade improvements, where we have our homes, schools, hospitals, churches, businesses, stores, and roads.

**7.** If government control of the land would solve the climate crisis and prevent species from going extinct, as they claim, there should be no crisis today. Almost 40 percent of the United States is already owned by federal, state, and local governments and are managed under nature-preserving policies.

**8.** The lands that make up the 12 percent already protected are our National Parks, State Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, and conservation easements on private lands. These are highly restricted areas with limited access or no use.

**9.** The lands with the greatest productivity and biodiversity are privately owned. Proponents of 30x30 are very concerned that as of 2021, only 1 percent of these lands are permanently protected. This is why many of the 30x30 tools are focused on controlling America's private lands. Making the private landowner subservient to the green agenda is a key goal. This will lead to immeasurable damage to our land, liberty, and the species they claim to protect.

**10.** Taking 30 percent of our lands and oceans is only the first step. Advocates' next goal is the "Half-Earth" agenda where they plan to preserve 50 percent of the world's lands and oceans by 2050.

30 x 30 is an unconstitutional policy shift, moving us from a nation founded on private property principles to one controlled by the administrative state.

# HOW IS 30X30 BEING IMPLEMENTED?

## **The Biden Administration promised**

to use every tool in the toolbox to entrench the 30x30 program throughout the administrative agencies. He has redirected existing funds and programs to meet this target. Every federal agency is using their authority to impose more control over Americans' land.

On the federal lands, the administration is moving more of our multiple-use lands into special protected categories, such as designating expansive National Monuments, advancing more wilderness areas, creating restrictive Areas of Environmental Concern, withdrawing critical mineral deposits from exploration and freezing oil and gas leases.

They are also rewriting regional land use plans that reduce grazing, timber harvest, recreational access and energy development as well as rewriting planning rules that elevate conservation over the multiple-uses that Congress established as the purpose for the land.

They are circumventing Congress by rewriting these plans and rules because existing law does not authorize turning one third of our nation into a nature preserve. Current law requires that we keep our federal lands open to

meet America's food, fiber, energy, and recreational needs for today and in the future.

To gain control of private lands they are flooding the markets with billions of dollars for conservation programs that take land out of production and drive-up prices. This pressures the small landowner into "voluntarily" signing up for the federal programs just to stay in business, creating a federal nexus to their property.

The conservation programs are directly competing with, and out pricing the working landowner. They are making it more profitable for a landowner to set aside land in "conservation," than to produce food. This is driving up the cost of the land and the taxes on non-conservation lands, as well as driving up food prices.

Counties that have large amounts of conservation program lands are finding it difficult to pay for the schools, hospitals, emergency service, roads, and other infrastructure. Tax revenue is significantly reduced on the conservation lands as well as the production that comes from these lands, both of which support the local economy.

With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022 (IRA), another \$20 Billion was allocated for these programs. However, along with the new money came a new purpose, which has not been publicized. The pre-IRA funding was to help agriculture production. The new IRA funding is to mitigate climate change, reduce livestock emissions and control agriculture production, or in other words, conscript these private lands into the 30x30 agenda.

Every acre enrolled with IRA conservation funding obligates that land to carry out the 30x30 agenda.

They are also pouring billions of federal dollars into environmental organizations who then convince landowners to place conservation easements on their lands - giving the easement holder permanent control of that land forever.

The result of all these programs is they are making property more expensive, which pushes the middle class off the land while the government, global elite, and environmental organizations assume ownership of America.

## Is 30x30 Connected to the “Natural Asset” Agenda?

**The 30x30 objective** is to push more land out of the hands of the people and into a vehicle for proponents of 30x30 to exclusively profit from these lands, and to collateralize the increased federal debt.

ASL recently led the campaign to stop the formation of “Natural Asset Companies (NACs)” on the New York Stock Exchange where the ecosystem services from these protected lands would have allowed private and foreign investors to reap the profits.

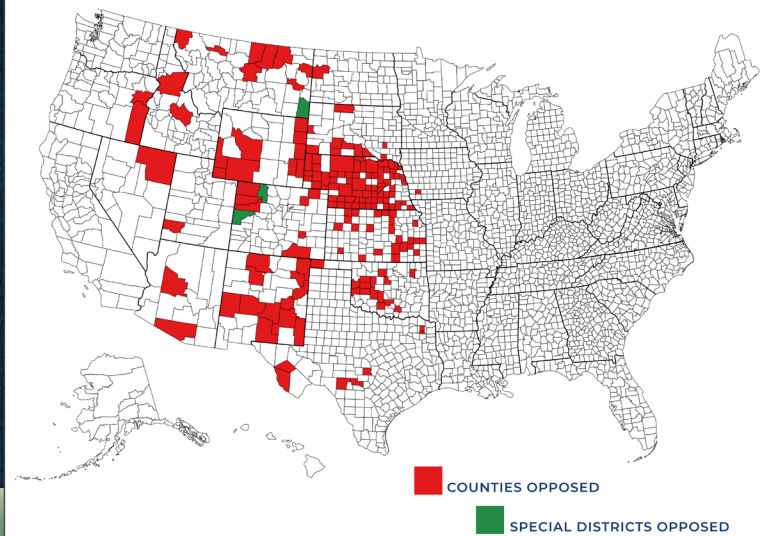
The investors would have had “management authority” over those ecosystem services and been required to ensure the land was managed “sustainably” with limited to no use. This would have invited our enemies, such as China and Russia, to invest in a NAC and functionally control the natural resources of America.

Although the NACs have been stopped for now, the federal government is executing a similar strategy where they are monetizing the natural processes that make up the ecosystem services and are placing these on the federal balance sheet under “Natural Capital Accounts.” The natural processes they are monetizing, and claiming ownership of are elements such as pollination, photosynthesis, the health benefits that come from people being in open space, etc. These are naturally derived processes that every life form depends upon, and no one has a right to own.

If they can own and allocate credits for the air we breathe, then they can constrain the citizen’s activities and functionally control the people.

# STOP 30 X 30 Campaign Results

## COUNTIES OPPOSING 30 X 30



**When the 30x30 agenda was exposed in 2021,** local leaders began educating their communities, which resulted in the passage of hundreds of local government resolutions by counties, cities, soil and water conservation districts, other special districts and organizations. The map above represents many of the communities who have taken this action.

# MODEL RESOLUTION OPPOSING 30 X 30

The following language can be modified and passed by your county, special districts and even associations. Check out the website to see examples of what other counties have passed across the nation.

Once you've passed a resolution make sure to send it in to ASL to get your community on the map.

## RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

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WHEREAS, [County] is a legal and political subdivision of the State of [Name] for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, the wellbeing, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of [Name] County, its businesses, and its citizens depend on the productive use of the natural resources within the County's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, private property rights are guaranteed full protection under the Constitution of [State], as well as, the Constitution of the United States, which prohibit the erosion of these rights for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008, entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Chairman of the Council of Environmental Quality, and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least thirty (30) percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, an estimated 700 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state by 2030, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and water in the United States is a public purpose, not voted on or consented to by the people, Congress, or the [State] Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program seeks to replace the decision-making of independent Landowners who have been caring for these lands for generations without federal mandates and restrictions; and



WHEREAS, placing lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economy of [State], and counties, such as [Name] whose citizens depend on the land for their security and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, lands placed under permanent conservation reduce the value of that parcel of land while increasing the tax burden on other landowners and industries to make up the property valuation difference; and

WHEREAS, federal conservation programs artificially drive up the cost of, and directly compete with, the working landowners who depend on the ability to lease or purchase those lands for the production of the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation requires; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies, and programs of [Name].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of [Name] County, [State] as follows:

1. WThe Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving at least 30 percent of the Nation's lands and waters in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of lands within our jurisdiction.
2. The Board further opposes the designation and use of lands in [Name] County to be included as a part of the "30 x 30" program, whether these be through conservation programs, easements, or other federal or state designations preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of [Name] laws governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under [State] law.
5. The Board opposes and disagrees with using any public purpose, including global climate change, to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing sellers/landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of [Name] County, its businesses, and its citizens.
7. The Board requires that any proposed federal land acquisitions within their jurisdiction have the consent of the Board of Commissioners. This includes any transfer of conservation easements from land trusts to the federal government.
8. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture, the [State] Department of Agriculture, [State] Attorney General, Governor [Name] and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## Dig Deeper

### 1. What is the 30 x 30 program?

The 30 x 30 program is an international agenda advanced by radical environmental activists to permanently protect 30 percent of the world's land and oceans in their natural state by 2030. The program in America was initiated by the Biden Administration through Executive Order 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619), signed January 27, 2021.

Proponents argue climate impacts are human-caused, and permanently preserving 30 percent of America's land and oceans is necessary to reverse climate change. This action must be taken immediately, they claim, to avoid impacts on the ecosystem and wildlife. However, science and data do not justify these extreme policy measures.

### 2. What is the scientific basis?

There is no scientific reasoning cited in the Executive Order and the environmental literature cites primarily press releases and opinion papers issued by like-minded advocacy groups and international reports. The same holds for the Administration's annual 30 x 30 reports.

The Heritage Foundation released a paper entitled "Lands and Habitat in the United States: A Reality Check," by Robert Gordon. This report debunks many of the 30x30 claims relying on hard data, not the unreliable climate crisis projections that attempt to predict what nature will look like decades from today.

Climate crisis science is based on scientific models that forecast what may occur decades from now given different variables. It is a guess, and not even an educated guess given that what we actually know about climate systems is inadequate to form any reasonable conclusion.

### 3. What law authorizes the program?

There is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008, or in the 30 x 30 report published May 6, 2021, entitled "America the Beautiful."

## 4. Who is behind 30 x 30?

In 2019, the progressive organization Center for American Progress (CAP) published the primary report supporting the 30 x 30 program in America, entitled “How Much Nature Should America Keep.” This was followed by a Resolution calling for the 30 x 30 program to be introduced in both the U.S. House (HR 835) and Senate (SR 372). One of the 10 Senators that co-sponsored the Resolution was current Vice President, Kamala Harris. On the House side, one of the five cosponsors was Representative Debra Haaland, now the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

CAP was founded by John Podesta with funding from George Soros-backed Foundations. Podesta was appointed as Chairman of the National Climate Task Force September of 2022, by President Biden to implement 30x30 and other climate crisis programs through the administrative agencies.

The author of the two CAP reports setting the 30 x 30 agenda is Matt Lee-Ashley. He serves as Chief of Staff for the Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ), which is leading the White House’s Climate Crisis Task Force 30x30 workgroup.

The Rockefeller Foundation, Jeff Bezos Earth Fund, Bill Gates, The Nature Conservancy, World Economic Forum and other global elites and environmental organizations promulgating the climate crisis narrative are actively driving this agenda.

## 5. Are We Losing a Football Field Worth of Habitat Every 30 Seconds?

The Department of Interior (DOI) released a Fact Sheet in conjunction with the Executive Order that mirrors the CAP report conclusions. DOI states:

“Approximately 60% of land in the continental U.S. is in a natural state, but we are losing a football field worth of it every 30 seconds. The decline of nature threatens wildlife; across the globe, approximately one million animal and plant species are at risk of extinction in the coming decades, including one-third of U.S. wildlife.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports that only 12% of lands are permanently protected. Studies show that roughly 23% of America’s ocean is currently strongly protected, with the vast majority of ocean protections found in the western Pacific Ocean.”

Norman James, a natural resource attorney with Fennemore Law, ran the numbers to see if this theory is justified in his article “The 30 x 30 Land Grab” published in Liberty Matters, February 16, 2021. Here is what he concluded:

Proponents claim we are losing a football field of land every 30 seconds, or about 3,000 acres per day. That equals 1.1 million acres per year, or 11 million acres per decade.

· By contrast, 11 million acres is just 0.5% of all land in the U.S. (out of 2.27 billion acres), and only 1.7% of the land already owned by the federal government (640 million acres). That figure does not include Tribal land, which is likely to be unaffected by the 30 x 30 program due to the federal government’s trust responsibilities.

· Additionally, the U.S. Geological Survey reports that 12% of the land in the U.S. is already “permanently protected” — over 274 million acres of land. What is already protected is 25 times the amount of land that purportedly will be lost over the next 10 years.

Why are proponents trying to add another 400 million acres under permanent protection in 9 short years when by their own calculations, only 11 million acres may be impacted?

## 6. Is the long-term agenda to take 50% of America’s land?

EO 14008 calls for the conservation of “at least” 30 percent of the land. The CAP report sets a long-term goal of permanently preserving 50% of our lands and oceans by 2050. This is set forth as Principle number 8 in the report and has been promoted by other radical organizations that oppose land and resource development.

50x50 comes from the “Half Earth” philosophy, where it is advocated that 50 percent of earth must be returned to wilderness. This is an international goal that is being pushed on every nation. September 22, 2021, the IUCN World Conservation Congress went beyond this number and passed resolution number 101, which calls on all nations to work towards protecting 70 percent of the world’s lands and oceans.

In America, two States have also advanced this idea. The New Mexico Governor signed an executive order calling for 50% protection of the land in the State. The Vermont Legislature passed a bill calling for 50 percent of the land to be protected by 2050.

## 7. What qualifies as “permanently protected in its natural state?”

The Executive Order is not clear on what land is being targeted for the program or how it would be managed. But it appears that this land would be set aside permanently and be off-limits to most human use. For example, the lands included in the 12% permanently protected figure cited in the DOI Fact Sheet is comprised of:

**National parks**  
**Wilderness areas**  
**Private lands with**  
**permanent conservation easements**

**State parks**  
**National wildlife refuges**  
**National monuments**

**These are the most restricted lands in America.**

## 8. Will private land be targeted?

The CAP report states that 60% of land in the contiguous 48 States is privately owned, but only 1% is permanently protected. They also conclude that “more than three-quarters of the natural area that the United States lost in the contiguous 48 states from 2001 to 2017 was on private lands.” Private lands are a primary target of the 30x30 agenda.

Proponents have stated protecting these areas will be necessary to reverse their projection that over one million species will go extinct in the coming decades. This should alarm every landowner.

Additionally, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies are to prioritize projects and acquisitions near or adjacent to existing protected areas. That means those areas that already have large protected federal land holdings, or private lands with conservation easements, are also primary target areas for LWCF monies. Congress permanently authorized \$450 million annually for private land acquisitions.

Our private lands are the most productive, ecologically diverse areas in the nation because they have a landowner caring for these lands whose livelihood depends on them being productive well into the future. Our poorest managed lands are those already owned and managed by the government.

## 9. Will restrictions increase on federal lands?

It is likely that a substantial portion of the land and water to be preserved will come from the land owned by the federal government in the 11 contiguous western states and Alaska. Specifically, the lands near or adjacent to areas already under permanent protection are vulnerable for inclusion in the program, as they help create the core reserves and connected corridors environmental activists have long been seeking.

In August of 2022, when Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117-169, Aug. 16, 2022) environmentalists launched the “ReWilding of the American West” campaign where they are advocating for the creation of 11 districts on federal lands, 5,000 square kilometers, to be connected through conservation easements and private land acquisitions. This will create wildlife corridors from Canada to Mexico, specifically designated for wolf and beaver introductions. The first uses to be eliminated are livestock grazing, mineral extraction and off-road vehicles.

We expect that the federal lands the administrative agencies are unable to fully restrict before the end of President Biden’s term will be withdrawn as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act - a process that circumvents Congress and the people.

The House of Representatives’ Select Committee on Climate Crisis produced a report in June of 2020, entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis,” where they called for policy changes to implement the 30 x 30 agenda. These include expanding the boundaries of national parks, monuments, and wildlife refuges. They advocate converting more lands into restrictive wilderness areas where the land must be managed in its natural state with no motorized vehicles, and where wildfires are allowed to freely burn.

## 10. How will the program be funded?

The Biden Administration is using existing funds, programs, and authorities to implement the agenda through the administrative state. Upon initiation of the program in 2021, the Administration quickly increased funding for many of the conservation programs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, such as the Conservation Reserve Program and conservation easements to entice more landowners to enroll their private property into programs creating a federal connection to the land.

The President's 2022 proposed \$6 Trillion budget identified "America the Beautiful" (i.e. 30 x 30) as one of the programs the budget will fund. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2022 Budget made 37 appropriations for the program.

At the end of 2021, the Department of the Interior committed \$1 Billion to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to re-grant to land trusts, other conservation groups and government entities implementing programs that will help the Administration reach its 30x30 target. They reallocated funding authorized by Congress for other purposes to fast track the program.

Additionally, in 2019, Congress passed a bipartisan bill that fully and permanently funded the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which receives \$900 million annually for land acquisition and conservation projects. Half of this funding is dedicated to federal acquisitions of private land.

## 11. Do Traditional Conservation Programs Create a Federal Nexus to Private Land?

U.S. Department of Agriculture has been actively encouraging landowners to sign up for conservation programs to help achieve 30 x 30. However, what is not often publicized is that programs that use federal funds to pay landowners for conservation activities can create a federal nexus to the property, giving the Administration an avenue to control the use of private lands they otherwise would not have. Landowners are already seeing contracts under the Biden Administration that contain new restrictions for lands to be re-enrolled into these conservation programs.

Regardless of whether a contract lists a specific issue that may trigger more federal oversight of the property, the fact that federal funds are used for the program can trigger restrictions through other federal laws. For instance, critical habitat for endangered species does not affect private property "unless there is a federal nexus. The federal nexus is created when a landowner enrolls the private property into a program that is "authorized, funded, or carried out" by a federal agency. The Endangered Species Act requires "all" federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service when there are potential species' impacts or modification of the habitat through a federal program. This would include the programs administered through the Department of Agriculture (DOA). (16 U.S.C.A. § 1536(2)(a), Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act)

## 12. Did the IRA change the purpose of conservation programs to impliment 30X30?

In August of 2022, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (HR 5376) authorizing an additional \$20 Billion for conservation programs administered by DOA, such as the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP), Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and others. Landowners have been using these programs since 1985, which were originally created to help improve soil conservation, water management and other productive purposes. However, while the names of the programs have not changed, the purpose for the funding has been significantly altered. The new funds under HR 5376, have been allocated to mitigate climate change, control agriculture production and reduce livestock emissions.

Landowners should be cautious and diligent in understanding the potential federal control and new purposes this new language can place on private property. The 2024 Farm Bill should be closely monitored as advocates for 30x30 have stated they aim to make this new language applicable to all future conservation funding.

## 13. Are Conservation Easements a part of 30 x 30?

The Department of Interior includes conservation easements (CE) in perpetuity on private lands as a part of the 12 percent of lands in America that are currently “permanently protected.” When a landowner places their land in a CE, they are selling more than just the development rights. They are transferring control of the property to the land trust or federal government who will now ensure the land is managed for the priority of the conservation purpose.

The landowner may still hold the title, but they no longer have functional control of the property. While some agriculture activities may continue, these are limited to the existing activities and levels of these activities specified when the contract is finalized. This prevents the agriculture operation from adapting to changes in nature and technology as they normally would to ensure sound land management practices, and a profitable business.

## 14. Does the “America the Beautiful” Report answer landowner’s questions?

The Administration’s first report on 30 x 30, released May 6, 2021, entitled “America the Beautiful,” was intended to be an implementation plan, as called for in the Executive Order. Instead, it is a carefully packaged message with lofty sounding goals that resonate with the urban public, such as “locally-led,” “stakeholder collaboration,” and “working lands conservation.” But their principles and goals are empty ideals with very few details of how they are to be achieved.

Although the Administration states we must “conserve” and “restore” our lands, it does not define what this means nor how this will be achieved. It does not even define what lands or land use designations qualify. The Department of Interior seemed certain only 12 percent of

the nation was “permanently protected” when the Executive Order was released, but now the Administration will not confirm that these highly restricted areas are a part of the 30 x 30 plan.

The few specifics that are listed in the Report focus on enticements for urban and suburban communities who know little about the federal restrictions currently placed on our rural lands inhibiting good resource management. The Administration is marketing this program to these target audiences, counting on their buy-in and support.

For instance, they emphasize the need for more parks in urban areas, so people have access to open space within ten miles of their homes. They advocate for unlocking access to landlocked public lands for hunting and recreation, which require public access across private lands. Further, they offer funding to tribal communities. The Administration needs these three constituencies to support the more aggressive land restrictions required to reach their 30x30 goal.

None of these small-sized actions will get them to a 30 percent goal alone. There must be more – a lot more – and although they are not telling us directly, they have been revealing what these are since taking office.

## **15. Will the Administration work with landowners?**

Executive Order 14008 and the 30 x 30 report state they intend to work with landowners, that the conservation efforts will be locally driven, that they want to help agriculture keep working lands working. Yet, they fail to define what they mean by “conserve,” are pushing for more restrictive land designations, and have revoked States and local governments’ ability to object to federal land acquisitions. Further, they expect landowners to believe 30 x 30, an international agenda, will be locally driven.

The Administration’s actions do not match the rhetoric. Local governments directly impacted have been asking to meet with the Administration since early February 2021. Instead, the Administration has conducted “listening sessions” with environmental and stakeholder groups that support the program. Additionally, 15 Governors sent the President a letter within the first two months the agenda was implemented. They asked specific questions on how the program would be implemented. The letter remains unanswered.

The Administration has failed to provide the public with the most fundamental details about the program. Instead, we are to trust the rhetoric and ignore the decisive, unauthorized action the Biden Administration has taken to impose this agenda on the American people.

**This is not about conservation.  
This is about control of our land and liberty.**



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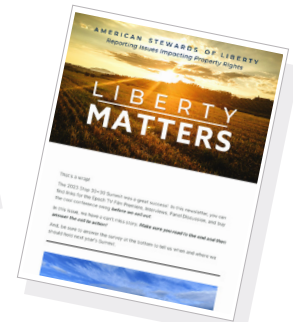
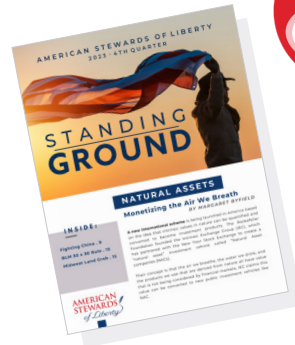
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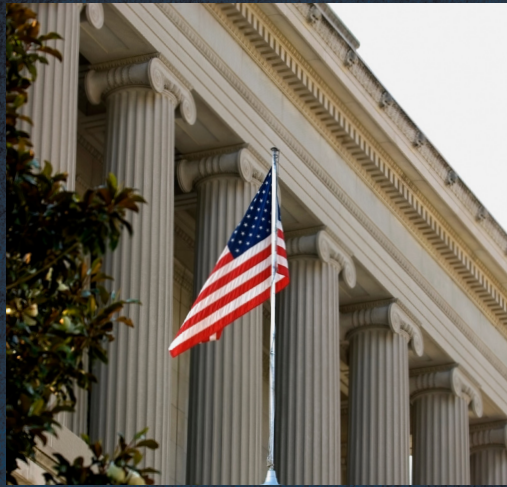


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