

Wetlands - The Freedom and Property Rights Steal

Guest Editorial

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Riparian areas and wetlands are beneficial for wildlife. However, what's happening today with regard to riparian areas and wetlands has little to do with the preservation of wildlife. Rather, it has become a tool used to destroy our freedoms and to undermine our constitutional rights.

The wetlands taking of private property rights is the greatest theft of freedom and property rights ever perpetrated! Another success for the leftist socialist extremists who carry the torch for Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto which said private property rights must be destroyed. The Wetlands taking of property rights without just compensation is without question an outright theft of freedom. Read Article V of Bill of Rights of United States Constitution. "...nor deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation".

As one who lived in the west through the great dust bowl depression, I

can't believe the deception in Wetlands takings.

Before 1937, the western range country was mainly watered naturally. Dams and reservoirs were all but non-existent. Water holes in many areas were very scarce and miles apart. Dams that existed were built with horses and one the whole were small and went dry. A few decent dams were built by WPA with horses in the 1930's.

In 1937, the government started a program assisting ranchers in building dams, drilling wells and developing springs. This also was the time when we left the horse and buggy and went to mechanized power which could move dirt much faster. Since that time, millions of dams were built offering wildlife and fowl the opportunity to flourish. Of course, in those years we had good predator control which also helped the wild animals to increase.

The same can be said about wells and springs. Prior to 1937, existing wells were mainly hand dug surface water wells. Many had limited water and went dry in bad years. Then water well drilling became common. While

the drilled well was mainly for people and livestock, the wild game and birds benefited greatly. (Yes, a bird would drown occasionally but nearly every tank had an old post or board floating to help them get a drink and get out.) The person who never saw wild game and birds at a water tank hasn't been around the west very long.

Up to the 1930's vast areas of western range were largely uninhabited by man or wildlife. Most of the year there was no surface water and hand dug wells couldn't be had. Areas around the water holes (riparian areas) that did exist were badly overgrazed as there were so few places to water.

Lack of water was the reason there is so much BLM government land in many areas. It was never homesteaded as people can't survive without water. Without the ability or money to drill deep wells or build dams of any size, there was just no way to homestead and use it. Had the equipment and know-how existed that we have today, nearly all of the land would have been homesteaded and privately owned.

When they tell you the farmer and rancher has destroyed the habitat for wild game, that's poppy-cock and BS. They are using the big lie technique to steal private property rights. We have more wild-life now. Wildlife and fowl have a thousand times better chance today in the west than they had before man developed it.

Other benefits for wild-life, which are never mentioned, are the irrigation and water pipe lines development. Irrigation has provided water in areas void of water. Return flow made mountain streams live streams year around instead of drying up in the hot summer months. What a benefit for fish and wildlife! Return flow also created many wetland areas that would have never existed otherwise. Thousands of miles of underground plastic water lines have been laid with stock tanks along the way making land useful for livestock and wild game that was nearly useless before.

The biggest threat to wildlife and freedom is the enviro-nuts and politicians who make silly laws protecting predators. A classic example is the desert

tortoise (now listed as endangered). Studies reveal the reason for the drastic reduction of desert tortoises is raven predation. Unfortunately, the government hasn't the guts to reduce the raven population. Likewise, the protection effort to bring back the wolf is utter nonsense and is about as sensible as bringing back small-pox and polio.

Those who think wild game was plentiful everywhere before the white man came have never read history of the hold expeditions to the west where they had to kill and eat some of their horses to survive due to lack of game.

With the help of the news media and Hitler's technique (that if you tell a lie often enough and loud enough people will eventually believe it) has deceived many who support wolf introduction, wetlands, the spotted owl, cattle free by '93, property rights steal and many other far-out deceptions.

Results of wetlands takings, endangered species and EPA regulations can be spelled in 3 words. Recession, Recession, Recession! With their destruction of jobs and business, enviro-nuts and

government bureaucrats are leading the way to the biggest depression the United States and the world has ever seen! Read "The Coming Economic Earthquake", by Larry Burkett, for a preview.

Everyone should read "Trashing The Planet" by Dixy Lee Ray. Ray addresses the "good old days" which weren't so good. Additionally, she addresses the supposed greenhouse effect, ozone, acid rain, global warming and many other environmental hoaxes.

Then after reading Ray's book, read "Walls In Our Minds" by Red Beckman. Beckman addresses the loss of our (your) personal freedom by the ever increasing government. Additionally he tells how millions of people have been killed, by their own countrymen, on orders of politicians. (Note: If you can't find these books locally, contact us for a source.)

The truth could make you free if you inform yourself and then others. Speak out for freedom - your freedom.

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