Add your comments here: It is with grave concern watching the demise of our Multiple Use National Forest turn into what it has, mismanaged, over bloated fire budgets and for why? Is it because the USFS no longer is receiving any timber receipts, any budgets for road building, road maintenance, tree planting or harvesting of trees for seedlings? Grazing fees are down? Mining receipts?

And yet when local people step up and have a fire almost under control, (JOHN DAY) A fire complex management team is called in and the fire becomes out of control. IT would seem that the only budget the USFS gets any funding for through Congress now is for Wildfire. 

IS it any wonder the USFS wants to remove access to all the roads? Is it so the forest is no longer able to have access to so we can’t see what the wolves are doing to the wildlife? Is it so that we can’t see how the bugs that are not being addressed are killing our trees?

USFS has become in league with the Center for Biological Diversity as well as Dave Foreman’s Wildlands Institute, who brought us taking the land back to where it was in 1492 and the Yuccatan to Yukon Wildland Project. Andy Kerr was hung in effigy in Wallowa County a few years ago but now his Oregon Natural Resource Council (private not govt) is also in league with our government agency.

Hells Canyon Natural Resource Council use to be concerned with the Hells Canyon so they could raft the wild waters of the Snake River. Interesting that Ric Baily and some others in those days belonged to these groups yet made money from their float trips in the summer. They can use it for their purpose but people who owned the land were driven out.

Now we have environmental attorneys, professors, and others who sit on the boards of these groups that sue the federal government if they don’t get the results they want. Yet others who have bid on timber sales, grazing rights, mining rights and paid their bid are left out of this process. Yet they get to foot the bill so to speak.

It'd be interesting to see what condition the forest was when it was being managed by foresters who knew how to mark the trees, engineers who knew how to build roads and the forest was a vital part of the economy of the community around it.

Instead of being locked up and only utilized by a few.

Years ago this would’ve been collusion. And all done with our tax dollars.

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