

"What Do We Own?"

My Name is Jeff Wright. I live in Boise County. I am the author of "The Citizens Last Stand: Are YOU Ready?" I wish to thank the honorable members of this committee for their service and for a chance to provide the following testimony as a citizen of Idaho. As Preamble I'd like to repeat a couple quotes I'm rather fond of:

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

George Bernard Shaw

"Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not." Jeremiah 5:21

As with so many of the issues that confront us today, we observe many government officials and opponents of the Federal Lands Transfer proposal believe that if they demagogue it to death, it will go away and the status quo will be maintained.

After 123 years, the final transfer of public lands to the control of the people of Idaho is probably the 2nd most important action in our history after Admission. It will determine our ability to prosper, to fund the education of our children and allow them to build a future economy for their children. Or, we will remain largely dependents and serfs on our own land. What choice will you make?

Reading through all the testimony, presentations, briefs and legal opinions handed out at the last meeting of this committee, it is easy to see how many minds simply fail to understand, or try to ignore, the nature of the Republic that was set up. The Deputy AGs slide presentation was most disappointing. He seems confused as to the entire premise of the issue.

Or, how the mistakes of the past fail to be recognized today or give any regard of the future. Or, how ridiculous the claims made are in order to continue the status quo.

We seem to live in a time when the complete inversion of the original Republic is the accepted norm.

Many citizens continue to be held in the thrall of Nationalists; economic, political and philosophical Nationalists. We can look all around at the world and easily see the destruction that has been wrought over a century. Even so, it is still being pursued in the United States by the endless drive toward centralization and nationalism, many in this room apparently wish to continue down that self-evidently destructive path.

They construct legalistic and philosophical arguments which attempt to deny and misdirect the fundamental truths that are self-evident to those who see. Centralization of power and decision-making never works and has failed every time it is tried or imposed. Yet, it is almost universally still pursued.

The Nationalists and Progressives, for more than a century and a half, have tried to discard the Republic of free and independent people and states in favor of their single nationalist-progressive state. They appear to “win” because they have convinced themselves and their followers that the centralization and control of everything from a single center is the best method to rule over all. However, as they “win,” liberty and freedom slowly die. Centralization works nowhere in nature. Too many men and women refuse to accept that it also doesn’t work in human nature or its constructs.

For a long time the centralization was given over to the Divine Right of Kings and Queens. Then, it evolved into the enforced powers centralized into of dictators, sociopaths and megalomaniacs. Today, it proceeds as the desires of narcissistic populists and the remaining dictators and oligarchs. The oligarchs are aided by “experts” at every turn.

Let's take the basic misinformation that we've heard handed out by opponents, one at a time:

“The federal government spends almost \$400 million annually to “manage” our public lands, Idaho can't afford that.”

If any enterprise in America accepted the federal cost structure for doing anything, every business in America would go bankrupt tomorrow.

“Various Supreme Court decisions state that the “equal footing doctrine” doesn't apply to economics>”

To say that the economics of being a “free and independent state” doesn't apply to federal control of the land is probably one of the worst Supreme Court doctrines, ever. They are right up there with Dred Scott, Wickard vs Filburn, Kelo, Citizens United and, most recently, the Roberts decision in NFIB V Sebelius (ObamaCare decision) among many, many others. No state can have 2/3 of their state held hostage by the a black-robed oligarchy under the 9th and 10th amendments to the US Constitution.

“Idaho's Founders never intended to keep any of those lands and 'forever disclaimed' them.”

Does anyone in this room believe that Idaho's Founders believed they and all the future citizens of Idaho were giving up 2/3 of Idaho to perpetual federal control when 37 existing states didn't even give up 5%? Did they have the authority even if they did? No. Why did no state east of the Rockies do the same?

“According to The Treaty of Guadalupe and Louisiana Purchase set different legal criteria in disposal of the lands.”

This ridiculous view stands at complete odds with the language of the Enabling Acts, Admission Act and State Constitution.

“The state cannot possibly manage those lands.”

The Idaho Department of Lands has put forward a pretty convincing case that they're doing much better with the 6 million acres they now manage and protect than the federal government does with the 34 million they currently control in Idaho.

"There'll be no more hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in Idaho."

This one is probably the most ludicrous positions being espoused by the Outdoor lobby and others. If no state east of the Rockies has more than 5% of their state lands under federal control, how does that explain the tens of millions of hunters, fishermen and recreationists that hit the field in those states every year? I did 2/3 of my hunting and a lot of fishing on private land in eastern Colorado when I lived there. Much of that hunting and fishing was better than on any of the federal land.

"All the land will be sold off to private owners and Idahoans will no longer have access to their public lands."

This is a statement made by those who do not understand economics. This proposal does not effect already designated wilderness, monuments, parks and certain reserves. Much of the lands has no other economic value other than the ones it was supposed to be used for before closed off by the Feds. It will simply be held by the state for those same purposes. Some percentage should be sold off to better economic use because Idaho should be able to develop its economy like every other state. But then, that does not preclude, as terms of the sale, that traditional outdoor and other access issues be maintained, as well. Neither the Founders of the US or of Idaho would have ever conceived of all land being closed off for all economic development. Never.

In the late 20th and early 21st Centuries the inversion of the Republic has evolved into the concept of economic nationalism and hyper-regulatory democracy. Regardless of truth or evidence, it all has the same end. It started as abject slavery,

continued as indentured servitude, moved-on to Progressive democracy and now continues in a seemingly benign but ultimately destructive paternalistic oligarchy.

I find it tragic that so many Americans, Idahoans and our fellow states have given over their freedoms, happiness and economic determination to a nationalist government foreign to our jurisdiction.

It is telling that when the nation-states of Europe joined the EU, they did not turn over their own national parks and public lands to the EU. Following the suggestion of some in this room, they should have done so. Why would any state in the US do such a thing when even our European brothers didn't do so in their own Federation?

Send out the message that Idaho was created for Idahoans and not as the economic and political plaything of environmentalists, bureaucrats and elected officials in Congress. Produce a final report that recommends proceeding to ACT to finally take sovereign control of our state and our destiny.

Thank you for the time.

**Additional remarks for Federal Lands Interim Committee
By Jeff Wright**

Today, I want to talk with you about our home country of Idaho. How, if we are all to be free and independent people and countries in this Union, each of us can protect OUR land and property. In doing so, only then will we best protect OUR rights and happiness.

It all starts and ends with property. All rights begin and end in property. Objects and entities have no rights. People have rights

alone. Entities such as states, federal governments or corporations can only have DELEGATED POWERS, nothing more. These are extremely critical distinctions that are apparently forgotten or ignored by most.

All productive wealth generation begins and ends with the land. If we don't control our own land then others control our ability to create productive wealth and prosper as a people.

The federal government and the Idaho government have NO OTHER REASON to exist but to protect our rights and liberties, indeed our property, as free people and free states. Many of the state-elected officials are like bystanders when the feds attack those rights and each of us, individually, on a level unprecedented in our history.

A FREE AND INDEPENDENT state REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING FOUR THINGS:

- **Lawfully defined geographic boundaries (check)**
- **Lawfully designated People with defined Residency/non-residency requirements (check)**
- **A system of law insuring right to property and to engage in Commerce and free trade (LARGELY SUBVERTED)**
- **An independent economy with free and sound money (currently a tragic and elaborate joke)**

We, therefore, have to insure we control OUR property if we are to control our rights and liberties. The state and private individuals must control the majority of land in Idaho, in the same proportion as every other state east of the Rockies, if we are to control our destiny as Idahoans. It was a sacred obligation Idaho's Admission Act and Constitution, regardless of the mistakes of history, legalism and nationalist-progressive desires.

Until our land is fully under the control of individuals and/ the State of Idaho, with small constitutional concessions, WE ARE A

2ND CLASS PEOPLE AND STATE and not the Sovereigns intended under the original COMPACT of the Constitution.

Idahoans must control our own economic destiny and I urge our legislators to finally and firmly establish that control. It is no mystery why North Dakota has 25,000 jobs in search of workers. They control 95% of the land withing their own boundaries and the state has its own bank.

The states of our Union have less control of their economic destiny under the Federal government than do the nations of Europe under the European Union. In the West, we are actually more akin to the old Soviet Socialist Republics than even to the EU.

Idahoans have the right and the power to enforce their own economic sovereignty and regardless of the opinion of any federal court or any Acts of a Congress acting beyond their Constitutional authority. That means we also have the right and the power to protect our INTRASTATE COMMERCE from federal interference. Asking for permission from a federal court for a personal right or a delegated state power is the parent asking the child for permission in any area "NOT IN PURSUANCE OF THE US CONSTITUTION."

So how do we obtain those things we must have to control our destiny and be free and independent states?

- **Obtain sovereign control by the People or the state over all land not voluntarily ceded to federal authority within the defined boundaries of the state**
- **Invoke a vital and active state constitution; that means having an active state legislature of strictly enforced Oaths that insure state powers are maintained by "opting-out" of Unconstitutional federal laws. Legislatures, councils and commissions must have "a set of cojones" and stop prostituting themselves for fake federal monies that quietly destroys our economy.**

- **Have a Constitutional Sheriff in every county or parish in every state that protects the land and the people from unconstitutional jurisdiction or authority.**
- **Have an independent economy and sound, free market banking system w/o interference in free domestic and foreign trade.**

So how do we get there?

I wrote “The Citizen's Last Stand: Are YOU Ready?” to have a plan. It is a complete handbook for every citizen to know what they have to do:

First, it describes the reasons and support mechanisms of the Progressive and Nationalism movements of the 20th century. It explains the policies that created our current mess and the behaviors that allow it to continue.

Second, it is a plan to end the Security and Surveillance State, the Warfare and Welfare hyper-regulatory state. It recommends steps to stop that hyper-regulatory state from destroying our economy. In the final chapters, it recommends a series of steps and action items beginning with each individual, families, communities on through to the state legislature.

Third, it opens the debate for the third stage of the restoration of our great Republic. Then, it asks: “ARE YOU READY?”

The only way to protect the People, our land and our Great States from those that wish to control us, IS TO ACT. This room, alone, contains all the people necessary to make it happen in YOUR STATE, if you ACT.

We have to restore, right here in Idaho, the Great Union the Founders created which has slowly and incrementally been taken over in the last 150 years. You have to Educate and Communicate to friends, family and colleagues who have yet to know and realize their amazing heritage. THEN, LEGISLATE,

“OPT-OUT” and enforce Idaho's laws over immoral and Un-constitutional federal interference.

I urge you all to leave here today with a renewed commitment to true Independence, freedom and Liberty. We must move forward with a plan to re-take control of our lands and with it our destiny as a free and independent state.