



Millennium Diggers Club

Having fun finding gold and treasure!



Secretary: Marlea Sheridan

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January 26th, 2012

Call to Order: Delmon called the first meeting of 2012 to order. New visitors and members were introduced and members shared their interests.

Meeting Minutes: October's minutes were e-mailed to members. We did not have a meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. The December meeting was our annual Christmas Party.

Treasury Report: Joe will have report in Feb.

In Attendance: There were 23 present.

Guests: Tim Kelly introduced his son, Vince, who helped him find gold at Briggs Creek this summer. Ross Nixon (new member) also attended tonight.

New Members:

Old Business: Steve Davis received his raffle prize of a mining pan and magnet. Aric Schunk still needs to pick up his mortar and pestle raffle prize.

New Business: Joe Greene shared about the new **Western Mining Alliance**. He advocated that members should join this membership (\$25.00) to help with the environmental impact report they are working on. Increasing their membership strengthens their resolve, backing the rights of "**We, the Miners**". Their collective support for all miners will speak loudly and will be heard. Joe will email the membership forms and more information to us.

Claims Committee: no report

Events Committee: Members will determine scheduled outings next month as the weather improves. Possible trip to visit the **Rice Museum** may be planned. The museum (located in Hillsboro), is renowned for its collection of rocks, minerals, fossils, and meteorites, a fluorescent mineral display and many incredible rocks from local sites. It was also discussed that **The Old Miners Meadow outing on Quartzville Creek** (sometime in June) would need club interest then we would need to make reservations for the camping site.

Upcoming Events: E.O.M.A. will be having their ***BIG 1/2 pound of GOLD drawing*** at the Salem's **G.P.A.A. GOLD SHOW on Sunday, March 25th** at the State fairgrounds. You can

still buy tickets for this from our website (<http://www.millenniumdiggers.com>) Just print them out and send \$5.00 per ticket, (\$25.00 for 6 tickets) to E.O.M.A. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address! You do not need to be present to win!

Joe brought up the fact that we don't have a table at the show to display our club's brochure and membership form for anyone interested in joining our club. **Ken Orndorff** said he will have a table at the show displaying some of the rocks from his store called **ROCKS GALORE.com**, and will be happy to let us share his table! Thank you Ken, and we are looking forward to seeing your rocks!

The GPAA Gold Show goes on for three days: Fri. March 23rd, Sat. March 24th, and Sun. March 25th. Sunday is the day of the drawing for 1/2lb of Gold!

Next Club Outing: Feb 3rd, 4th and 5th is the **Douglas County Gold Prospecting Show** in Roseburg, OR.

Table Raffle: The goal was \$40.00, which was met, and the raffled prizes were: a screen classifier (Penny won), a gold magnet (Marlea won), and a bottle of Plum Brandy (or wine?), which was homemade by "Rose and Dave Cacka" and donated to our raffle. The winner was Steve Davis.

Rocks Shared Beginning With the Letter "V": Penny brought from her collection: brightly colored pieces of **Volcanic Glass** from Mt. ST. Helens (*Volcanic ash taken and fused into glass*), **Rainbow Obsidian** (*naturally formed Volcanic glass*), and a light green rock called **Variscite** (*hydrous aluminum iron phosphate*); Ken Orndorff brought from his collection: a rock encrusted with **red Vanadinite crystals** (*lead chlorovanadate*), a rock with **Garnets** (*var. spessartine or pyrope*), **Tourmaline** (*var.schorl*) from California and **Geodes** from Kentucky.

Next month's Letter is: "W"- Perhaps: *Petrified Wood, Willemite, Wulfenite, or "What is it?" rocks and/or findings.*

Club Elections for 2012: Nominations were held, officers voted on and approved.

The Newly Elected Officers for the 2012 Year:

President: Claudia Wise

Vice Presidents: Ted Staley and Delmon Ray

Treasurer: Joe Greene

Secretaries/ Newsletter: Marlea Sheridan and Penny Esplin

Website: Barb Parker will continue with the Website.

Club News, Articles, etc.: Delmon found a website called the "**Mighty Prospector's Page**", and it has all kinds of good information including lost treasure sites, gold localities, old townsites, etc. It is well worth looking at, with clues to sites well worth looking into! (Possible future outings for club?)

ALSO: It was brought up to the club that **we need more photos** taken during our mining adventures, rock hounding and any of our outings, activities, and/or meetings!!

It is dues time again. For those that have not paid please print and fill in the form at the end of this news letter and send it in with your \$20.00

Our Next Club Meeting: February 23rd, @ 7:00

Gold in Perspective

By Paul Brodsky - December 20th, 2011

<http://www.ritholtz.com/blog/2011/12/gold-in-perspective/>

As gold futures have declined 20% from their peak in September to their low this month, we thought we would reiterate some quick (albeit widely misunderstood) points that justify increasing our concentration of physical:

Gold has always been a monetary commodity and, like dollars and all other paper currencies, has virtually no practical or industrial utility

Gold is not currently a popular medium of exchange among private commercial counterparties, nor is it officially recognized by governments or central banks to be exchangeable in fixed terms with the competing paper currencies they produce

Gold is manufactured in the private sector; its annual production adds about 1.5% to its global above-ground stock (estimated to be about 175k metric tons in total)

The World Gold Council estimates that official gold holders (governments and/or central banks that manufacture competing paper money) retain about 30.7 thousand tonnes of gold, or about 18% of above-ground physical gold; are currently adding to their physical stocks

Only about 0.05% of long positions in exchange-traded gold futures contracts actually take physical delivery of gold, and exchange inventories available for delivery are less than 5% of outstanding contracts

Disaggregated private physical gold holders throughout the world tend to view their gold as strategic (rather than tactical) holdings, implying only long positions in gold futures contracts (non-manifest paper derivative claims) are susceptible to short-term funding and periodic calendar considerations

As gold futures have weakened recently, the stock of physical gold bullion among bullion dealers has depleted at a significantly faster pace (at lower and lower prices), implying buyers of bullion (private holders and central banks) view declining futures prices as an opportunity to accumulate the metal

Fundamentally, global central banks have produced much more paper currency and bank reserves (base money) than global gold production since 2008 (e.g. USDs +215% vs. gold 4.5%), and global debt denominated in paper currencies exceeds the actual stock of paper currencies with which to service and repay it by a wide margin (e.g. USD debt of \$53 trillion vs. \$2.7 trillion of base money)

Real interest rates (nominal rates less CPI) are negative across the majority of the largest developed and emerging economies, implying that a stable or rising gold price has positive carry

When properly accounted, global inflation is already substantially higher than common price baskets indicate, meaning real interest rates are even more negative than the CPI currently suggests¹

As with all currencies, gold pays its owner nothing unless it is lent, (most bullion holders choose not to lend gold for fear of not being able to retrieve it when necessary); however, in real terms gold remains vastly cheaper to hold than paper currencies and so it is a store of purchasing power

As we wrote in August ("Your Gold Teeth"), there are only two ways to safely own physical gold: take possession of above-ground bullion (and as we are seeing presently to do so outside the banking system where it can ultimately be hypothecated, pooled with financial assets and given away ([The Gold "Rehypothecation" Unwind Begins: HSBC Sues MF Global Over Disputed Ownership Of Physical Gold](#)), or own in-ground bullion through shares in precious metals miners, which have been usurped in the marketplace by popular derivative claims on precious metals ([Did GLD And Other Gold ETFs Kill Gold Stocks?](#))

When valued in terms of Enterprise Value per Gold Ounce (EV/Gold), in-ground bullion may be owned for as little as \$30/oz through shares in operating companies already in production (we will distribute a more in-depth analysis of this to Fund investors later in the month).

Conclusion: It seems highly likely that from both capital stock (money stock vs. gold stock) and capital flow (real interest rate) perspectives, the future growth rate of global paper currencies will continue to exceed gold production by a wide margin, which implies the price in paper currency terms of physical gold should continue to rise substantially. Any sell-off in gold futures or other derivative claims serve the physical gold buyer's interest and the interest of investors in shares of gold miners looking to accumulate in-ground physical gold.

Rare Coin Rip-Off Alert

Morgan Silver Dollars Are a Dubious Investment



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Casual investors looking for a recommendation on what type of silver to buy will often hear the same answer from a typical coin dealer, that being, "well Morgan Dollars, of course."

But sadly, accumulating these historic U.S. silver coins often ends up being a big mistake.

Morgan Silver Dollars were minted in the late 1800s and early 1900s, contain 90% silver (the rest is copper), and are considered to be semi-numismatic coins. They are not unlike many other so-called "rare" coins that Independent Living Bullion has been warning our customers to steer clear of. Just like the common early 1900s gold coins frequently peddled to unsuspecting buyers by rare coin shysters, the spread between the buy and the sell prices on Morgan Silver Dollars is also awful, thanks to outrageous markups.

A number of tricks and deceptions are used to sell Morgan Silver Dollars (and Peace Silver Dollars)...

The Silver Content Deception

For example, the silver content is actually just a shade over three quarters of an ounce (.7732 troy ounces to be exact), but slick marketing materials often imply that these coins contain a full ounce of silver!



Here's a typical sales pitch: "*The price of silver is \$30. If you call company XYZ today, you can buy Morgan Dollars for just \$32 each.*"

Sounds like a fair deal, right? Well, the Morgan Dollar melt value at that silver price is merely \$23.20. What may have appeared to be a modest premium over the melt value (of just 7%) is nearly 38% in reality!

But when *selling* these common Morgans back to a dealer, you're likely to receive no more than a few percent above the melt value, making the all important buy-sell

spread 30% or more. This is a 30% loss assuming silver prices were unchanged; it would require silver to rise about 30% just to get back to break even.

Conversely, investors who avoid these types of collectibles and instead stick with bullion coins, rounds, and bars enjoy buy-sell spreads well under 10% – and sometimes as low as 3 to 4%.

Even bags of Morgans (and Peace Dollars) that are in the worst possible condition are substantially less cost effective than buying standard pre-1965 silver coins. (These mangled Morgans are sometimes referred to as "culls" or "worse than culls.")

Confusion over Value of Graded Coins and Their High Buy-Sell Spreads



Complicating the issue further is that Morgan Dollars are sometimes graded and slabbed, which can also create confusion as to value. Graded coins tend to be worth more because of a higher collectible premium, but market prices vary greatly based on mintage year and the condition in that year. Some years are more sought after than others. And the higher the grade or the better the condition, the more desirable the coin generally is.

But unless you are a savvy collector and *really* know the market, it is difficult to avoid getting taken for a ride. The rare coin peddlers are well known for distorting the facts about exactly how rare a coin is or which years are best. Too many people simply take a salesman's word for it and end up regretting their purchase decision terribly down the road as a result. And even if the market price is accurate, there is still the problem of massive buy-sell spreads which generally confiscates 30% or more of your return upfront.

The "Non-Reportable" Lie

Finally, there is the bogus "non-reportable" claim made by marketers of Morgans. They assert that these Morgan Silver Dollars afford greater privacy or even immunity from capital gains taxes.

The truth is that *virtually all* bullion purchases and *most* sales by individuals *do not* have to be reported by dealers to the government. Your ownership of a bullion coin is almost never reported to, or known by, the government unless and until you sell the coin for a capital gain or loss and you report it *yourself* on your tax return. No matter what the fast-talking salesmen say, sellers of numismatic or semi-numismatic coins have the same obligation bullion sellers do to report gains "voluntarily" on their tax returns, so there are no meaningful tax or privacy advantages to such high-premium coins under current law. (Long-term capital gains are taxed at the same 28% "collectibles" rate.)

There aren't too many forms of silver that rare coin dealers can make significant money on (they generally focus on gold coins). But, of silver items, Morgan Silver Dollars are their favorite – paralleled only by hyped up "collectibles" like American Silver Eagle Proof Coins.

Angling Eden: Lost or just relocating?

By SCOTT SANDSBERRY/Yakima Herald-Republic

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The White Salmon River at its confluence with the Columbia has filled with silt and is only inches deep since the breaching of Condit Dam.

UNDERWOOD — Once a steelheader's paradise, now a century's worth of silt.

That's the way anglers look at the White Salmon River, bemoaning its present condition. Fish biologists and hydrologists look at it and see a bright future.

Avid fisherman Ken Taylor can't count the number of times he's made the two-hour drive from his Selah home to the mouth of the White Salmon — the big White Salmon in angler parlance, to delineate it from the Little White Salmon five miles to the west — in pursuit of steelhead or chinook.

Two months after Condit Dam was breached, though, looking at the sediment that has filled in the river channel, Taylor thinks those days are over.

"It was beautiful, probably one of the most beautiful spots in the world to fish up in that gorge, big boulders and pools," Taylor says, adding that the dam's Oct. 26 breaching "pretty much killed that."

The first 300 yards upstream from the Highway 14 bridge, once 18 to 20 feet deep and a popular trolling spot for boating anglers, now just has a few inches of water running over a deep bed of sediment. Most of the estimated 2.4 million cubic yards of silt that accrued over 98 years in the man-made, 92-acre Northwestern Lake above Condit has now moved into or through the 3.3 miles of lower river.

"They took (the dam) out for fish passage, but fish can't swim in two or three inches of water," Taylor says. "It's just a solid mud flat with three or four inches of water right now. They're going to have to dredge that out."

Anglers have long flocked to the White Salmon for winter steelhead, for hatchery steelies released below the dam, for its fall chinook fisheries on tules and upriver brights, and for the ultra-popular summer-run salmon escaping the Bonneville pool's warm waters by "dipping in" to the White Salmon's cool, glacier-fed waters.

Those days are gone.

Doug Pidduck of Yakima, a former state president of Northwest Steelheaders and the current Yakima chapter president of the Coastal Conservation Association, said he thinks it will be "probably 20 years" before the river will be reopened for any kind of fishing season.

Federal and state fisheries biologists, though, have a completely different view of the results of the breaching, which was done to open up 33 miles of additional salmonid spawning and rearing habitat.

Although there's been only one heavy rain event since the breaching, they say, far more of the sediment build-up had already flowed downriver — including a lot of large boulders and rocky "cobble" — than hydrologists had expected by this time.

"One thing right now folks have to realize, we still haven't gotten any sort of rain to speak of (since the late-November gully-washer)," says U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Rod Engle.

"Rivers are meant to move rock. That's one of their huge purposes: They move rock," he said. "What we're seeing, at the tip of the reservoir the river has cut down and is back to finding its historical streambed elevation. We expected that to happen fairly quickly — I think some of us thought it would occur in about a year — and it's probably near or at that level now ... and it's been, what, seven or eight weeks.

"So to me it looks like this is actually progressing very quickly, even though we haven't had many flows. Once La Niña starts to show its force, we're going to see a lot more sediment move out."

The river just needs “some ‘pineapple express’ type events, rain-on-snow events to keep this stuff moving,” says fish biologist John Weinheimer of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Weinheimer says the “refugia” — the cooler, glacial-melt tributary waters sought by sweltering summer steelhead in the Bonneville pool, and where anglers have traditionally had fishing success — will still exist. And anglers will find it.

It will just be in a different place.

The sediment bar pushing out from the mouth of the White Salmon into the Columbia could well become the new congregating point for those “dipping-in” salmon and steelhead.

“We don’t know how big that bar’s going to be yet, and exactly how the mouth of that river is going to end up,” Weinheimer says. “You’re still going to have that cold water coming down, but how it enters the Columbia and how it settles out is something we won’t know until next year, or the next couple of years, as this thing forms itself. We’re still going to have salmon and steelhead that want that cold water. How they’re going to enter and hold in that river is the big unknown.”

But the fish will eventually figure it out and so, too, will the fishermen who want to catch them, Weinheimer says.

“As a fishermen, we — because I’m a fisherman, too — we’re going to have to relearn to fish that river,” he says. “Guys had figured it out and were real successful at what they were doing. Give this some time and I know those same fishermen will figure it out.”

Considering the state of the sediment-filled mouth of the White Salmon River right now, though, makes it hard for anglers like Ken Taylor to imagine it ever returning to the angler’s Eden it once was before the removal of the Condit Dam.

“That just destroyed one of our best fisheries for steelhead,” Taylor says. “Everybody knew that was going to happen. That just makes me sick to my stomach.

“Just another good place gone.”

RS 2477 Roads & Right-of-Way, what the forest service does not want you to know! (Summary)

How To Determine If You Are Being Mislead Or Lied To!

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<http://thearizonasentinel.com/tag/feds-have-no-authority/>

The recent increased public attention given to RS 2477 rights-of-way also has been accompanied by an increase in misinformation being spread by some anti-access environmental groups and federal bureaucrats. Sometimes this is because they simply do not understand the issue themselves. Often, however, it is a clear and deliberate effort to deceive.

The following are the fundamental facts on RS 2477. If you encounter anything contrary, you can be certain you are either being misinformed or intentionally misled. For more detailed information, you should check out the Official RS 2477 Internet site, www.rs2477roads.com. (See for yourself why eco-terrorist tried to destroy this web site in July of 1997!)

A word of caution! If those supporting continued public access to the public lands don't discuss RS 2477 accurately, they are just playing into the hands of the lockout crowd. You might want to double-check yourself on the facts, too!

1. RS 2477 is a simple and straightforward law. This is the entire text of RS 2477: "The right-of-way for the construction of highways across public lands not reserved for public purposes is hereby granted."
2. Congress specifically and clearly reaffirmed the validity and intent of RS 2477 in 1976. Because RS 2477 became law in 1866, anti-access extremists argue that it is now somehow inconsistent with modern public land management policy. But just 22 years ago, when Congress repealed RS 2477 and replaced it and many other laws with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, it specifically and explicitly reaffirmed all RS 2477 grants previously made.
3. RS 2477 was a self-executing law. When the conditions were met, the right-of-way grant was made. No further action by the grantee or by Congress was necessary to validate it.
4. Congress specifically by-passed the Executive Branch of the Federal Government in making RS 2477 grants. Under our Constitution, Congress has the exclusive power to manage and dispose of public lands and property (Article IV, Section 3: "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;"). In 1976 when Congress reaffirmed the RS 2477 right-of-way granting process established 110 ten years earlier, it

had the total power to do so. The federal land management agencies have no independent power or authority over RS 2477 roads (or anything else to do with public lands). Their only authority over public lands is what Congress delegates to them.

4. The RS 2477 right-of-way grant is a property right. Therefore, it enjoys the same constitutional and legal protections as any other property. Legally, when the grant was made, the federal government's interest in the land underlying the right-of-way became the "servient estate" and the interest of the right-of-way grantee became the "dominant estate." That means that while the federal government is protected against unnecessary or undue damage to the land underlying the right-of-way, it cannot interfere with the grantee's exercise of its rights.

5. The RS 2477 grant also conveyed a bundle of associated rights. These include the right to maintain the road and even upgrade the road. This federal law also is unusual because state law plays a major role. It can partially determine the scope of these associated rights, how the requirements of the grant offer were met, and the width of the right-of-way granted.

6. It is legally incorrect to call RS 2477 assertions "claims." The term "claim" suggests that there is some process which must still be followed before the RS 2477 right-of-way is fully granted and valid. In reality, the grant was either validly made before RS 2477 was repealed in 1976 or it was not. If it was, then it is not a claim but a valid grant, and the grantee asserts its validity. If it was not, then it cannot be asserted under a repealed law. The anti-access activists and some federal bureaucrats like to talk about "claims" to confuse the issue. When someone talks about RS 2477 "claims," they are either confused or deceptive.

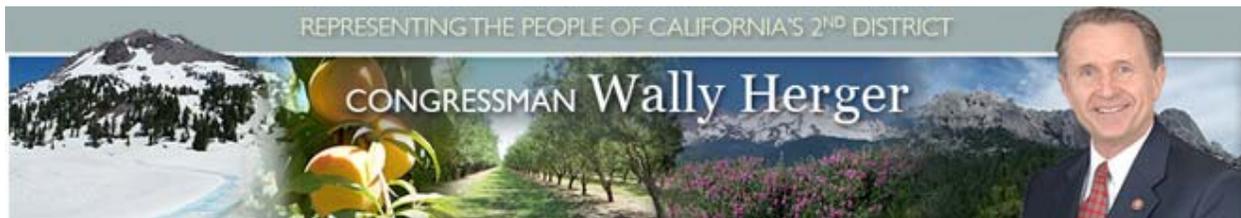
7. Congress granted a right-of-way, not a road. In fact, RS 2477 rights-of-way can host a number of things besides roads. The legal definition of "highway" in the law means not only the frequently-traveled, periodically-maintained roads commonly associated with it, but also other kinds of public ways, including carriage-ways, bridle-ways, footways, trails, bridges, and even railroads, canals, ferries and navigable rivers. The essential element in defining "highway" is that whatever the means of transport, the public has the right to come and go at will.

8. The present physical condition of a road is totally irrelevant to whether a valid RS 2477 right-of-way exists. This should be obvious, but this is the point on which the anti-access folks are spreading the most misinformation. Whether a road is barely visible on the ground or even has been obliterated for any other reason, the legal status of the right-of-way is not affected. The grantee can legally re-establish the road even if it has totally disappeared. It follows, then, that it also is impossible to determine whether a valid right-of-way exists simply by looking at it. A right-of-way can only be relinquished or abandoned in accordance with state law.

9. A valid RS 2477 road can be established merely by the passage of vehicles. The case law and federal policy for over a century are clear: construction by machinery is not required to do so. Anti-access forces are frantically trying to convince the public otherwise. Don't be misled.

10. No federal land management agency can determine the validity of an RS 2477 assertion. The agency can only determine for its own administrative purposes whether or not it will recognize the assertion as valid. Constitutionally, only a court can determine the validity.

11. No federal agency has the authority to close an RS 2477 road for any reason, period. This follows logically, but many federal bureaucrats think they have this authority and try to act accordingly. When next you run into one, outline the points listed here and ask them to cite the legal authority by which they claim they can close an RS 2477 road. Ties them in knots.



Radical Environmentalism and Agenda 21

I have heard from many constituents who are concerned about the United Nations possibly affecting land management decisions in the U.S. through a document called "Agenda 21." I recently had the opportunity to share my views on the issue in the Siskiyou Daily News. For those who did not see the piece or who live in other areas of Northern California, I have included it below.

What's all the buzz about "Agenda 21"?

(as published in the Siskiyou Daily News, January 24, 2012)

Over the course of the last several months, in town hall meetings and in other venues, I have repeatedly been asked whether the United Nations is playing a role in land management decisions by federal agencies. Many people have specifically referenced "Agenda 21," referring to a document that was developed at a United Nations conference in 1993. That document set a number of very broad environmental principles that the UN believes members of the United Nations "should" follow. While this document was agreed to by the United Nations, the United States is a party to the agreement only by our membership in the UN. For the agreement to become legally binding it would require submission to the U.S. Senate for ratification by the President. This has not occurred. *Again, "Agenda 21" is not legally binding on the United States.*

It is apparent, however, that the Obama Administration and some state and local officials throughout the country share some fringe principles contained in that document. The Administration has tried to enact a job-killing "cap and tax" scheme, continues to limit exploration and production of American-made energy, and is pushing to regulate carbon dioxide—the gas we emit with every breath—as a danger to public health. Each of these policies would severely hurt our economy.

I am adamantly opposed to any policy that undermines our economy and job creation, harms private property rights, reduces U.S. sovereignty, or limits our ability to use our land and resources. I have long been an advocate for reforming misguided environmental laws and I have joined my colleagues on multiple occasions with legislation to reform our regulatory environment. I will continue to be a strong advocate for our private property rights, common-sense natural resources management, and the rural way of life we enjoy in Northern California. I will actively oppose federal funding for job-killing proposals that are masked by the feel-good word "sustainability."

Let's not be distracted by Agenda 21, because it is not a threat in and of itself, but let's rather continue to battle the mindset that underlies it and all of the other policies and laws that have done so much harm over the years to rural America -- radical environmentalism. The Heritage Foundation supports this approach, stating in a recent report that opponents of Agenda 21 should "not allow it to divert them from opposing the more ubiquitous, overarching agenda of homegrown environmental extremists." The true fix to extreme environmentalism is continued education of ordinary Americans, updating the laws and the judicial system that have crippled our resource base, and perhaps most importantly, a new Administration that shares our philosophy.

There are innumerable reasons to be concerned about the United Nations, but I don't believe the toothless "Agenda 21" is one of them. I am more concerned by the fact that the UN is notoriously ineffective, outrageously inefficient, and a money pit. In recent years, the UN failed to take decisive action to help stop the Darfur genocide until hundreds of thousands—mostly innocent civilians—were killed. The organization was completely feckless after nuclear-armed North Korea tested an explicitly prohibited long-range missile that has the potential to hit the western United States. Most alarming, the UN has been spectacularly unsuccessful at addressing Iran's nuclear weapons program, managing to impose only weak and insufficient sanctions even as its own nuclear watchdog agency has warned that Iran is preparing to test a nuclear weapon. I strongly believe these and other failures of the UN undermine our national security interests.

I have no doubt that the UN will continue to produce nonbinding "agendas" that range from merely silly to genuinely alarming. Fortunately, we remain a sovereign nation and we can simply ignore these UN agenda items. When it comes to environmental regulation, our real concern is with current federal laws, such as the Endangered Species Act, that are grossly imbalanced and have been repeatedly invoked to hammer our economy. If we truly want to make a difference in our local economy, we need to focus our time and attention on reforming our own laws and regulations. The current dispute over the Klamath dams has everything to do with United States law, and nothing to do with the United Nations.

We are free to ignore nonbinding philosophical statements from the United Nations. We have learned the hard way that we cannot ignore the Endangered Species Act.

RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN WALLY HERGER'S COMMENTS ON UNITED NATIONS AGENDA 21.

By John T. Larimer, Jr., Yuba City, CA

The statements set forth below are taken directly from comments attributed to representative Herger in an article by Bruce Ross in the Redding Searchlight.

"For the agreement to become legally binding it would require submission to the U.S. Senate for ratification by the President. This has not occurred. Again, "Agenda 21" is not legally binding on the United States. We are free to ignore nonbinding philosophical statements from the United Nations. We have learned the hard way that we cannot ignore the Endangered Species Act."

Congressman Herger has a complete misconception of the subject based upon no more than a shallow cursory review of the issue and demonstrates that his understanding is pitifully superficial. United Nations agenda 21 is an agreement among 178 nations signed by President Bush I and implemented by him and every president since by executive order through the vast bureaucracy of the federal government by the use of rules and regulations into resulting in government intrusion into every nook and cranny of our lives together with the distribution of grant money (the switch behind and the carrot in front.)

President Clinton, for example, in 1995 created the **President's Council on Sustainable Development by executive order #12858 in order to, "harmonize" US environmental policy with UN directives as outlined in Agenda 21.** He directed all agencies of the federal government to work with state and local communities in a joint effort "reinvent" government using the guidelines outlined in agenda 21. Policy continued by Bush II and on June 9, 2010 Obama signed Executive order # 13575, that established the White House Rural Council that seems to be in line with the United Nations radical agenda 21, and it is designed to begin taking control of almost all aspects of the lives of 16 percent of the American People.

The objectives of Agenda 21 are to abolish private property ownership and bring all nations under international economic regulation and law. The new international law would supersede our Constitution and Bill of Rights, a process already underway through an entire bureaucratic apparatus completely independent of Congress and without congressional review Nations would lose their sovereignty and there would be global ownership of natural resources. The educational systems would concentrate on becoming unified with a "dumbing down," of the global population.

Does any of this sound familiar? We have another branch of government that our forefathers never imagined totally out of control. It is the bureaucracy. Congressman Herger needs an education. He might start by reading the RNC resolution passed on January 13, 2011 exposing and condemning Agenda 21. This is the official pronouncement of his own party on the subject.

"Sustainability" which he mentions is, by the way, another name for United Nations Agenda 21. It has many other names as well. It is evil personified.

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Comments regarding Congressman Herger's letter on the United Nations Agenda 21

Wally Herger is quite mistaken in his belief that the United Nations (UN) and their Agenda 21 is not happening in the USA, because he says, "A 21 is not legally binding and it would require submission to the U.S. Senate for ratification by the President. This has not occurred. Again, 'Agenda21' is not legally binding on the United States." This is true, but never the less, Agenda 21 is being supported by Christopher Dodd, Joseph Lieberman, Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, and many politicians in our Congress and even the President and most all of the other Presidents.

In 1992, at their Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the United Nations and their accredited NGO-Stakeholders, especially the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, passed four "Treaties." These "Treaties" all work together to change our Freedoms, the landscape, economy, society, culture and corrupt it by using the environment and Sustainable Development for the world, and it does not matter whether this was voted upon by our government (because our government is part of this consciousness), even though we do not have to do with these "Treaties" or the UN requirements, they are being put upon us by the NGO-Stakeholders.

All the following treaties have the same goal: to take private property, water, stop humans from destroying the earth and things that are natural, to depopulate by 90%, and to Create Sustainable Development Everywhere!

#1. "The Biodiversity Treaty," that they already started in 1972 when the United Nations put their name on twenty of our National Parks as "World Heritage" sites with the help of the National Park Service, which is an NGO, and also created in America, forty Biosphere Reserves in 1978. This treaty is about one thousand pages long and names all the Unsustainable things that need to be gotten rid of, such as: Dams, logging, mining, roads, grazing, all domesticated animals, ranching and farming, CO2, (which the plants and trees need to thrive). They have listed several pages.

#2. Agenda 21, is 40 chapters of things that need to be made **sustainable**. Transition Towns using "Peak Oil and Climate Change" as their goal, have been established by NGO-Stakeholders to carry out this "Soft Treaty," called, "Local Agenda 21."

This is from an article by William Jasper: "The UN's Agenda 21 is definitely comprehensive and global—breathhtakingly so. Agenda 21 proposes a global regime that will monitor, oversee, and strictly regulate our planet's oceans, lakes, streams, rivers, aquifers, sea beds coastlands, wetlands, forests, jungles, grasslands, farmland,

deserts, tundra and mountains. It even has a whole section on regulating and 'protecting' the atmosphere. It envisions a global scheme for healthcare, education, nutrition, agriculture, labor, production and consumption—in short, everything; there is nothing on, in, over, or under the Earth that doesn't fall within the purview of some part of Agenda 21."

#3. "The Wildlands Project," this has been envisioned by all the Environmental clubs-groups, (or NGO-Stakeholders) forever. It removes 55% of our land for the flora, fauna, wetlands, rivers, streams which they consider as "PERSONS." Why do you think Craig Tucker-NGO-Stakeholder wants our dams removed against our will? Why do you think Felice Pace-NGO-Stakeholder, wants logging and mining stopped? They want to make a Wilderness out of Siskiyou County by using the Endangered Species Act and the Environmental Protection Agency; Law Suits, Grants from our own Congress, and going to D.C. to speak to the Congress using their warm and fuzzy language. They always get what they want!

The UN now has the "Rights of Mother Earth;" a Constitution called, "The Constitution for the Federation of the Earth," as well as many other covenants, treaties, regulations, laws which adversely effect our "Five Freedoms," our whole way of life and of course our own Constitution!

#4. "The NGO Alternative Treaty," is 46 Chapters of giving the NGOs authority to get all of this done. It does not matter if these Treaties were not accepted by our government or by "We the People." These treaties have been put upon us with the help of our own government and NGO-Stakeholders, such as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, Global Exchange, Global Commons, Transition Towns and the plans for a "New World Order." They have conned the mayors of many cities to join, by using warm and fuzzy words like: **sustainable**, clean, save for future generations, partner-ship, improvement, consideration of the environment and people, (even though they want to get rid of 5 billion of us). There are many more sayings they use to convince they are preserving our way of life. They talk out of both sides of their mouth.

In 1993, B. Clinton supported what the UN did in 1992, by Executive Order 12852, created the Presidents Council for **Sustainable** Development where the Department of Interior is instructed to fund this 25 member Council which: "shall coordinate with and report to such officials of the executive branch as the President or the Director of the White House Office on Environmental policy shall from time to time determine. The Council shall advise the President on matters involving sustainable development.

'**Sustainable** Development' is broadly defined as economic growth that will benefit present and future generations without affecting the resources or biological systems of the planet. The Council shall develop and recommend to the President a national **sustainable** development action strategy that will foster economic vitality. And the Chairperson or Chair persons may, from time to time, invite experts to submit information to the Council and may form subcommittees of the Council to review and report to the Council on the development of national and local **sustainable** development plans."

Obama did the similar thing with his E. O. 13575 **Sustainable** Rural Counties. This is like E.O. 12852 in that it also has 25 members as well as has NGOs and the President's Cabinet for **Sustainable** Development. An article said: "Within the twenty-five designated members of the council are some curious ties to Agenda 21 and the structure being built to implement it, even George Soros in involved, as is our economy. Both of the E.O.'s are connected with Agenda 21. We voted just shy of 80% to save the dams and none of the Departments of Interior are listening!

You see, this has been planned by the Power Elite, the ones who have millions and billions of dollars and have caused poverty by the impositions they have put upon us by the manipulation of our economy, by the control of our financial systems, of which is the Federal Reserve Board, they created, and all are associated with the UN's International Monetary Fund, which we have now bailed out two times, the World Bank and the Bank of International Settlements.

All of this has been going on right in front of our eyes. Are we blind and deaf as well?!

Most Sincerely, Nita Still

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We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m, at:

Clear Lake United Methodist Church

920 Marks Drive

Keizer, OR 97303

We meet in the church's Fellowship Hall; a real a nice meeting place complete with tables, chairs and a kitchen. The church is located across the street from the Clear Lake Fire Station. There's plenty of parking in the church's parking lot.

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