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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and
Gunnison National Forests

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Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest

Re: Thompson Divide Withdrawal

Dear Supervisors:

I have several questions regarding the Thompson Divide Withdrawal

Questions

1. Was this Withdrawal considered as part of the Draft Resource Management Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office that resulted from the “Sue and Settle” method of land management?
2. How does the Thompson Divide Withdrawal tie in with prior BLM scoping efforts where at least one scoping meeting was held in DeBeque Colorado.
3. How is one expected to understand the Withdrawal without sufficient maps? I believe this promotes ignorance. Accordingly, I challenge the ignorant comments people that do not understand the location of the Natural Gas Pipelines going through the Withdrawal Area because maps are not provided. Citizens are entitled to informed comments, but no one is entitled to be ignorant.
4. Is the Thompson Divide Area an invented area? Just as Heath & Heath, 2007 note in the book Made to Stick, The Nature Conservancy representative is quoted “We’re always laughing now, because we see other people’s documents and they’re talking about the Mount Hamilton Wilderness. We say, ‘You know we made that up.’”

Well, You can fool the Tourists and the New Transplants, but we live here.

Globalists

Do the Globalists and A-listers on the ground in one of the scenes in the next image scanned from the December 2023 Travel & Leisure Magazine understand that the natural gas used to heat the buildings comes through the Thompson Divide Area?

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As Dr. Thomas Sowell noted later in this comment letter, “The real mark of a bigot is that he claims rights for himself that he denies to other people. By this standard, the environmentalist movement richly deserves the title “The Green Bigots””

My question now is how the bigotry of the Thompson Divide Withdrawal will be handled? Obviously it is bigotry for the area to be used to transport Natural Gas, but not be available for the development of Natural Gas Resources.

Does this guy look like one of the best Sonic and Image Well Log Processors in the world?

My Friend



*The greatest evils
in the world will
not be carried out
by men with guns,
but by men in
suits sitting
behind desks.*

—C.S. Lewis

My Friend was given the costume as an appreciation gift by his co-workers in Mongolia where he worked on the Oyu Tolgi Copper-Gold Mine.

Oyu Tolgi



The Oyu Tolgoi mine is where the black X is located

Oyu Tolgoi – Copper – Gold mine, Mongolia



Source: Bloomberg

Oyu Tolgoi



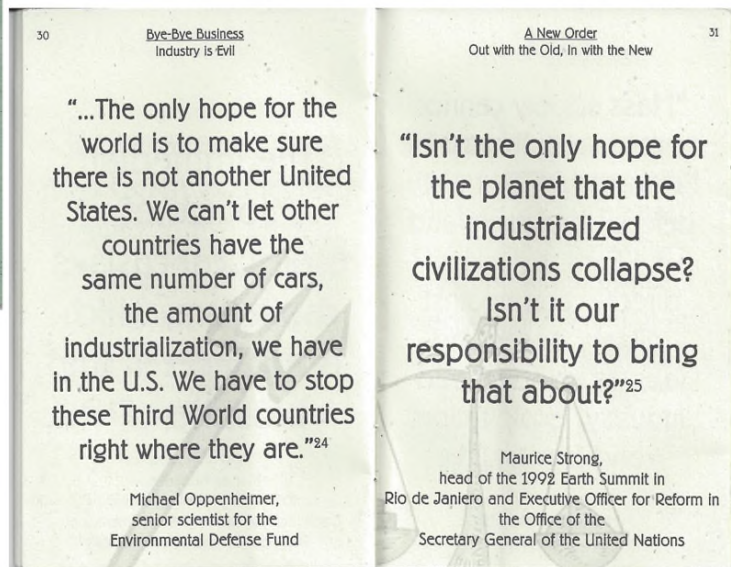
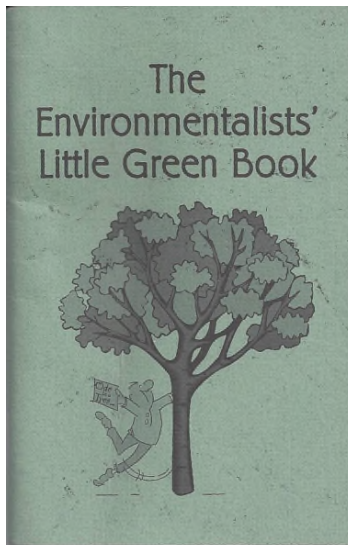
My Friend noted that Companies from China were used in the mine construction and there were significant problems because the Chinese workers were ignorant. Many had been educated during the Cultural Revolution from Chairman Mao's Little Red Book.



**Chairman Mao & his
Little Red Book**



Well it turns out that there is a problem here with the United States because many have been educated and influenced by “The Environmentalists’ Little Green Book” published in 2000 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. I believe the Management of the U.S. Forest Service has been influenced by this as well.



This is relevant to the Thompson Divide Withdrawal bigotry because of the link between the Aspen and Davos Crowds and Agenda 2030. Davos, Aspen, & Yale – 2016 – My life behind the Elite Curtain as a Global Sherpa was written by T.R. Malloch.

(Also have a look ahead at the chart of the Timber Harvest from U.S. Forest Service lands.)

Other interesting connections are noted by Scates, P.E. 2023:

Other elites share the Club of Rome’s goals, and many of them trace back to David Rockefeller, head of Chase Manhattan Bank, who was a longtime advocate of global government. He funded the Club of Rome and was mentor to Canadian Maurice Strong, who ran the U.N.’s Environment Program for over thirty years. It was through Strong — a Club of Rome member and board member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) — that Rockefeller influenced the U.N., and also Klaus Schwab, head of the WEF. Longtime Rockefeller friend Henry Kissinger was Schwab’s tutor at the Harvard International Business Seminar for two years, and Schwab [credits](#) both Strong and Kissinger as mentors.

*You will own
nothing and be
happy*

Agenda
2030

Because the “Thompson Divide Area Overlaps in part with the Draft Resource Management Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office, the following comments are relevant and incorporated into my comments here and include specific pipeline maps.

It is with some reluctance that I am submitting the following comments on the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Over the years I have commented on numerous plans, etc., and not one time have I ever received any reply, nor have I believed that my comments were seriously considered. The only tangible result of my extensive comments in 2013 to the RMP was that BLM personnel in the Grand Junction Field Office would not return phone calls or reply to emails. I had to physically go to the BLM office in person on occasion. I do, however, believe that I have a professional obligation to comment on this plan supplement.

When I talked with my now deceased father about his years successfully dealing with the government for timber sales, etc., he said that he always tried to tell the people to their face when he had a problem with what they were doing. They didn’t hear it first from someone else and learn that they were being talked poorly of to others. I have stepped up here to tell you what I see and think, I appreciate your attention and consideration.

SUMMARY

The changes recommended by the BLM in the DRMP are sufficient to call into question the BLM Social License to Operate in the Piceance Basin. It treats the historic residents of Western Colorado as disposable and imposes significant Economic Losses on the area.

Sue
And
Settle

Who is the Decider?

This DRMP exercise is just another iteration of the “Sue and Settle” method used by the Gangsters and Warlords in Washington, DC and Denver, CO to get their way. The level of depravity and corruption with the U.S. Government is being exposed more all of the time. Their hatred of the Oil and Gas Industry is amazing.

Agenda
2030

I believe they want to force the Western Slope citizens to go back to the state of my father when in 1934 he was in school with other Dry Farmer kids southeast of Meeker, CO as shown below.

Will
My
Grandkids
Look
Like
This?



View of
A great
Economist

Dr. Thomas Sowell, Basic Economics, 2014, clearly defines the concepts that outline the problems and fatal flaws with this DRMP and the journey to get to this point:

“Non-Economic Values Chapter

In fact, there are only non-economic values. Economics is not a value in and of itself. It is only a way of weighing one value against another. . .

What lofty talk about “non-economic values” often boils down to is that some people do not want their own particular values weighted against anything. . .

If they are for saving Mono Lake or preserving some historic building, then they do not want that weighed against the cost – which is to say, ultimately, against all the other things that might be done instead with the same resource.”

Audited
Financial
Statements
To
Correct
DRMP

Digging into the details of the DRMP, etc. is a sucker’s deal for chumps. The most significant change that I can recommend is the need for audited financial statements of each BLM Resource Management Area with correct Cost Accounting methods to allocate all costs. For instance, was The Wilderness Society or any Wilderness Society members or any environmental organization paid anything for the characterization of the wilderness lands or paid to prepare the DRMP?

“There is nothing more terrible than ignorance in action.”

Goethe

How much has been paid to the Wilderness Workshop and the Center for Biological Diversity in association with the litigation driving this plan change?

For any kind of responsible stewardship and transparency, audited financial statements that properly account for all costs by BLM Area are mandatory. This includes costs paid by the Department of Justice. In fact, is it not reasonable to expect the financial statements to meet the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission for Public Companies?.

Doesn’t “The Public” the “Owners of Public Lands” deserve the same attention to detail for the management and stewardship of all the assets that are demanded of Public Companies?

QUALIFICATIONS

Perspective /
Statement of
Qualifications

I am intimately familiar with the area in question and will be presenting comments from several different perspectives as follows:

- **Western Sloper** – I am a member of a Western Colorado Territorial Family that was present in Western Colorado prior to statehood and has maintained a continuous presence. I am a graduate of Meeker High School, Western State College, and the University of Colorado. I have resided in Western Colorado approximately 55years. I have resided in Grand Junction for the past 35 years.
- **Logger & Sawmill Hand** – Having started working for my father, Dick Moyer at the age of six in his sawmill and logging operation where I was trained and educated by him. I believe that Dick Moyer, with boots on the ground, is one of the Greatest Conservationists in the history of Western Colorado.

“No one is entitled to an opinion – they are only entitled to an informed opinion – No one is entitled to be ignorant”

Believed to be from Douglas Urbanski

- **Economics Student** – I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and an inactive Colorado CPA certificate. I am also co-founder and an active member of an economics study group that meets monthly in Grand Junction, CO.
- **Petroleum Geologist** – I hold an MS in Geology and have worked for 45 years as a Petroleum Geologist. I have been an AAPG Certified Petroleum Geologist since 1988. I have five years of major company experience. I have extensive work experience including “boots on the ground” in Northwest Colorado. I am also an instructor, having taught college courses and industry training courses with a worldwide scope.
- **Surface Land Owner and Mineral Owner** – I am a mineral owner in the area, and have owned land in the vicinity of Meeker, CO for over 50 years.

Point 1 Federal Control –

Federal Control

I believe that the US Federal Government control of the land in Western Colorado is illegitimate.

Western Sloper Perspective

It has been alleged that President Barrack H. Obama went on an apology tour to other parts of the world where he said that America had dictated to other nations. One may accept or reject the claim – “What difference – at this point – does it make?” per Hillary Clinton.

10th Amendment Issues

What is beyond question is that the primary place where the United States Government has been dictatorial, and practiced imperialism and colonialism is in the Western States of the US. The Constitution and the statehood agreements and associated implied covenants have been breached. There is no valid reason for the US Federal Government to control vast swaths of land in the Western States.

In particular, the 10th amendment to the Constitution states:
“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”

Further, the constitution provides that all states will be admitted on equal footing.

In their opinion piece entitled “Why the Constitution’s Tenth Amendment Matters So Much” in Forbes Magazine on May 9th, 2011, Chip Mellor and Clark Neily point out:

“Government regulations are not entitled to a presumption of legitimacy simply because they result from a political process.”

This exactly ties in with the issues of “Regulation without Representation.”

I also wish to point out that the US Federal Government is yet to turn over all Federal Lands due to the State of Colorado. Harmon pointed out that 9,700 acres are still due the State of Colorado (Harmon, 2011). It is the case that no state school lands are to be found in the RMP Area. The land in the RMP was acquired from the Ute Tribe in the “Third Treaty - 1880” following statehood (See Jocknick, 1913 Appendix for a text of the treaty).

It is my belief that the failure of the State of Colorado to obtain School Lands in the resource rich Piceance Basin fits the pattern of Federal Imperialism and Colonialism.

It is my belief that the current status of BLM administration of the lands is in no way compliant with the Constitution.

Territorial
Status

The US Government Can’t have it both ways. When 78% of Mesa County is controlled by the US Government, is it even qualified for inclusion in a state? In reality, this area is a Territory of the US Government and might be treated accordingly. The US Government should fund the schools and other infrastructure as they do in other Territories.

Sound Science

Perhaps it is beyond to scope of my comments to plow the history of grievances, however, the history of the US Government seizing control of forest lands in Western Colorado is relevant. As note by Mehls, 1988:

“One reason President Roosevelt supported the interdepartmental transfer was that he was a Progressive and part of his philosophy was the belief in scientific management of all problems. Pinchot and other leading conservationists believed that applied science was basic to timber growth and usage. In 1905, these same people also proposed to develop a comprehensive plan for range lands to maximize efficient use of that resource.”

Because the lands were seized in the name of science, then I believe that the BLM has a legal and moral obligation to practice sound science. Corrections to the DRMP regarding sound science will be presented in Point 2.

Failures of U.S Government Science in relation to timber harvest on Federal Lands will be touched on in Point 3.

Separation of
Powers

Checks and
Balances

With the Federal Administration of the lands here there are no checks and balances and no separation of powers. The locals have no actual authority and the Federal Designated agents have no responsibility to the people in the area. As Leeson, 2009, pointed out in “The Invisible Hook” even pirates developed written constitutions and had separation of powers prior to the adoption of the US Constitution.

Recommendations – Point 1

Sound Science must be involved in all aspects of the planning process.

Since the Federal Government treats this area as a Territory, all Federal agencies should voluntarily agree to pay the school districts the cost of educating the children of all Federal employees residing in the RMP area.

The BLM planning process should prepare for the day when these lands are administered by State or local jurisdictions.

Point 2

Practical Problems

Waste of Valuable Resources - My family oral history has highlighted the many practical objections to US Government Control of lands in Western Colorado. Of prime significance is that the way the land is administered is immoral because it wastes valuable resources and serves to impoverish the residents of Western Colorado. It is wrong to only allow oil and gas leasing in “High Potential” areas. How does the BLM know that other areas may not contain economic oil and gas resources? How will the losses be mitigated.

Western Sloper & Economics Perspective

In particular the RMP is part of a central planning scheme and it is further diminished by litigation from Environmental Groups that are enemies of oil and gas. The so called Settlements with the BLM are simply political accommodations.

The price system has not been used and opportunity costs have not been considered.

Exploration Model

With respect to the Draft Resource Management Plan document and Alternative E where only areas with high potential are available for oil and gas leasing, the plan goes against the nature of successful Oil and Gas Exploration. In his famous “Oil is first found in the mind,” 1952 paper “Toward a Philosophy of Oil-Finding” Wallace E. Pratt noted:

Petroleum Geologist Perspective

“There exist more formidable barriers to success in oil-finding than the lack of perfected methods and techniques of exploration: the ultra-conservatism of the trained scientist and engineer, the tendency of the human mind to discount or to ignore the significance of what remains unknown to it”

Accordingly, look at the increase in the Mancos Gas Reserve potential from prior USGS resource assessments by Kirschbaum, 2003. Who knew?

Correction Needed

A critical correction is to realize that the DRMP 1.5.1 Reasonable Foreseeable Development on page 1-2 statement “The BLM determined the two RFDs remain valid. The RFDs are based on geology, which remains constant, and the RFDs considered both conventional and Mancos Shale development.” is flawed and not in touch with truth and reality.

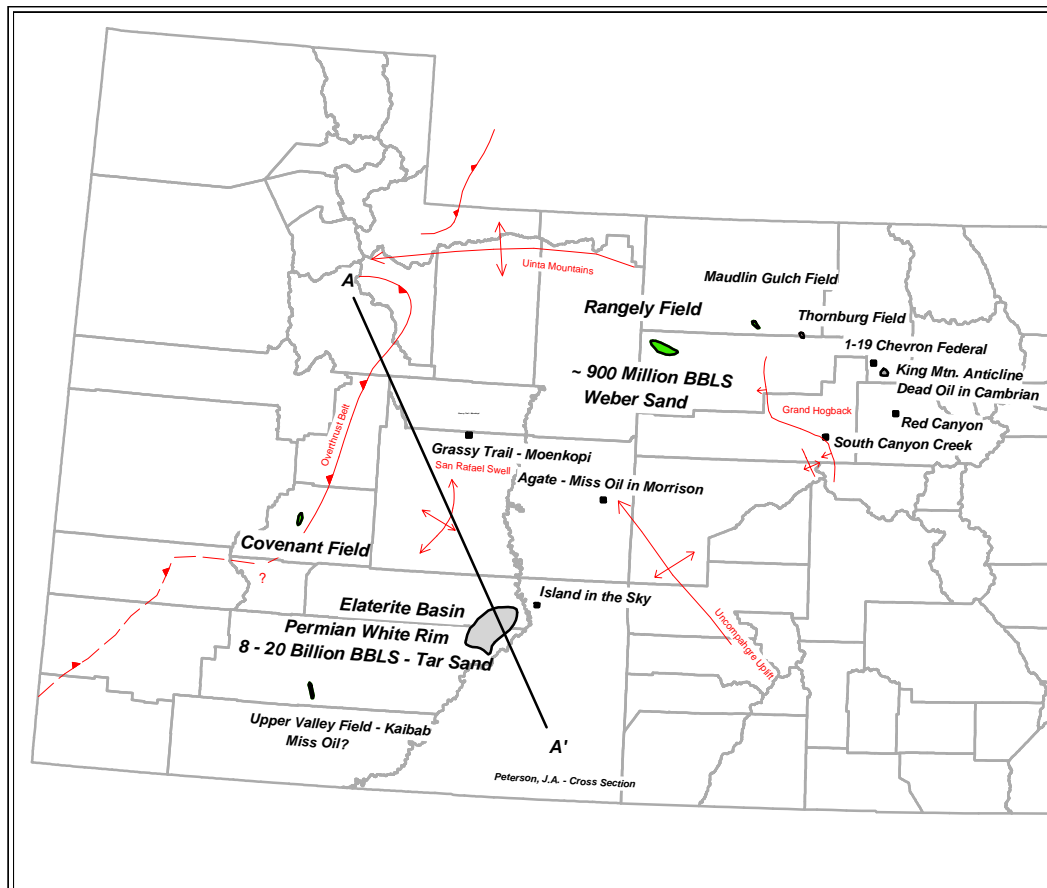
The geology may remain constant, but the understanding of the geology is continually changing over time. Did the original RMP have perfect knowledge of the geology? As Wallace E. Pratt admonished – “Think about what you don’t know, for Oil is first found in the Mind”

The success of technological innovation in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing has been responsible for the additions. These improvements are well articulated in Harold Hamm’s Game Changer (2023) book.

The “conventional and Mancos Shale development” consideration could not have accounted for innovation and discovery of better methods, which is continual in the Oil and Gas Industry.

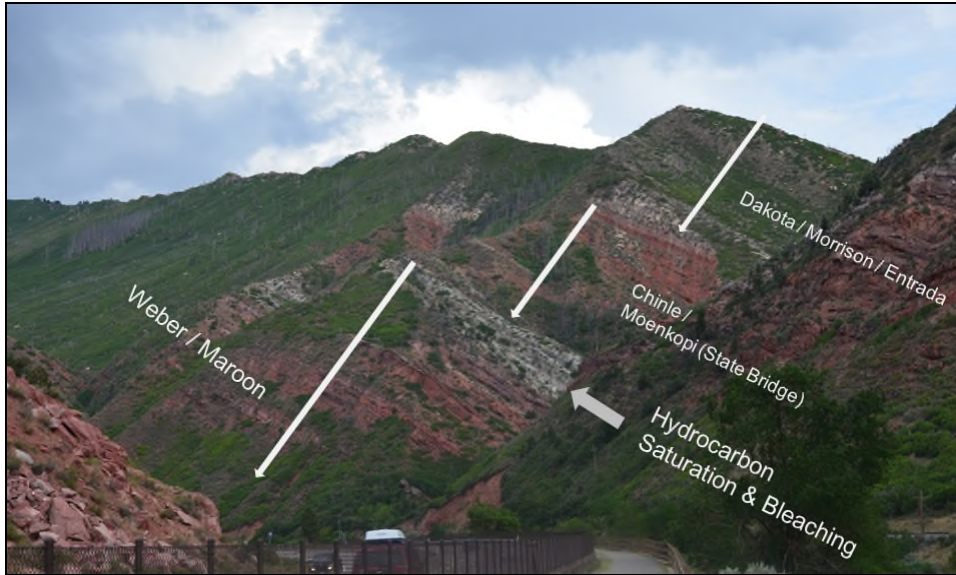
Other
Petroleum
Systems

It is also relevant that there are other Petroleum Systems in the area besides the Mancos Shale, although now it looks to be the most significant. The Petroleum System that controls the Helium Resources is very different than what was evaluated in the RMP. The following displays show the oil saturated outcrops within 15 miles of the BLM Office in Silt, CO related to one of the Paleozoic Petroleum Systems.

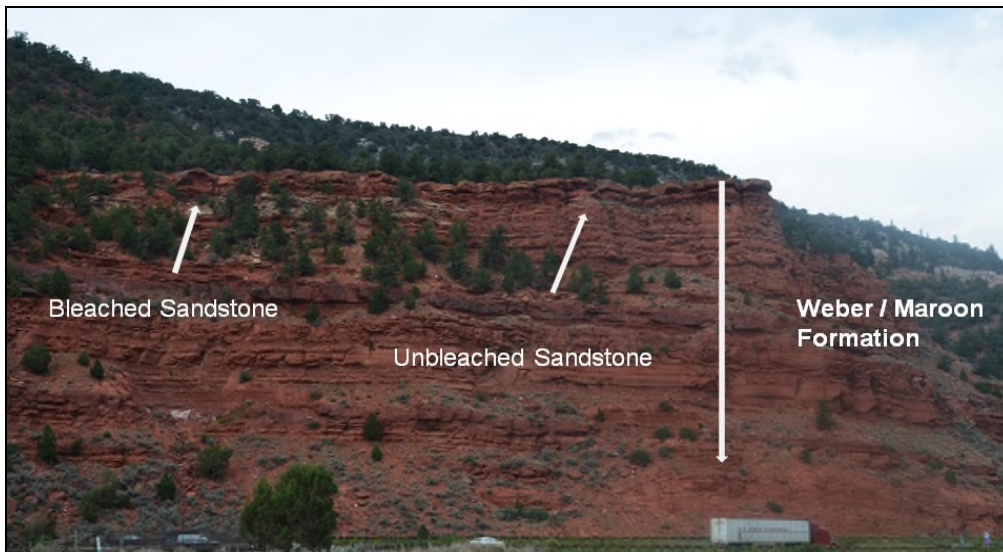


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Perspective

Index Map of Selected Mississippian Sourced Hydrocarbons



View upstream at South Canyon Creek west of Glenwood Springs, CO



Eastward limit of bleaching – Red Canyon in Eagle County, CO

Colorado Plateau Hydrocarbon System Model - Very Large System

Hydrocarbons Migrated Long Distances as early as 100 Million Years Ago

From Sources Rocks in Western Utah

*This Migration was prior to the formation of the Laramide Structures
at ~ 40 MA*

Early Traps - Probably Stratigraphic - were Vital to Retain Hydrocarbons in an Area

Newer Petroleum Systems Data Indicates Mississippian Aged Source

Mississippian Oil in the Jurassic Age Reservoirs in places

Mississippian Oil Volumes in Areas

8 - 20 Billion BBLs at Elaterite Basin - May have been the largest conventional trap in Continental US prior to exposure by erosion

2 Billion in Place at Rangely - 900 Million Cum - Largest Conventional Field in Rockies Really, How Large is the System Considering Residual Hydrocarbon Saturations

More Maps Needed

The Draft Resource Management Plan document needs correcting in that it is not possible to reasonably follow and understand the reasons for the differences between Figure 1.8-3. Oil and Gas Development Potential in the Decision Area and Figure 2.6-1 Alternative E, Open and Closed to Fluid Mineral Leasing for areas open to leasing. Where are the maps? Text in tables is inadequate to fully understand things.

Petroleum Geologist Perspective

As a matter of fact, how is it that Medium Potential (green) areas are present west of Collbran and DeBeque on Figure 1.8-3, with high potential on to the west? Where is the data to Reconcile the maps to the USGS Resource Assessments?

Importance of Price System

In Socialism, 1922, a definitive work on the failure of central planning, and in his later works, Ludwig von Mises demonstrated conclusively that government planners cannot succeed because information indispensable to efficient production is always decentralized and beyond anyone's capacity to gather. Further work by F. A. Hayek (another economist of the Austrian School) and Mises showed how the price system allows the market process to solve problems and make the most efficient use of resources (Wolfram, 1999)..

Economics Perspective

Failure to Consider Opportunity Cost

A companion to the price system is the concept of opportunity cost. Private property lies at the foundation of market economies because without private property, and the exchange (willing exchange, I might add) it fosters, people would be unable to consider the full costs of their decisions. The failure of the BLM to consider opportunity costs in the DRMP is a glaring flaw.

"Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things that matter least"

Goethe

The best illustration that I have ever found of how opportunity cost consideration works (as a petroleum geologist with extensive knowledge of Piceance Basin, this has special significance to me) is from Dwight R. Lee (1999a), who notes:

Economics Perspective

Opportunity Cost Considered By Audubon Society To allow Oil drilling

"Members of the Audubon Society are interested in protecting fragile habitat for birds and other animals. It is easy to predict how it would come down on a choice between protecting wildlife habitat and increasing the availability of gasoline for high-powered cars, or any other cars for that matter. For example, the Audubon Society strongly opposes offshore drilling for oil. Oil companies promise to, and in fact do, take extraordinary precautions to prevent oil spills, but the Audubon Society is not convinced. Regardless of precautions, its position is: No offshore drilling—none!

How can hot rodders possibly communicate their desire for cheaper gas to

the Audubon Society so as to convince it to accommodate them by risking wildlife habitat? In fact, they have succeeded at doing just that. Hot rodders, along with all other gasoline consumers, have convinced the Audubon Society that the value they place on gas is an opportunity cost of protecting habitat that the Society shouldn't ignore. They have done so through market communication based on private property.

The Audubon Society owns a wilderness area in Louisiana known as the Rainey Preserve. It is an ideal habitat for birds and other wildlife, but it also contains commercial quantities of petroleum and natural gas that oil companies are eager to recover. One might conclude that since the Audubon Society owns the land and can easily prevent oil companies from drilling on it, they would do so. Wrong! The Audubon Society allows oil companies to drill there.

Consideration
Of
Interests
Of
Others

Of course, it requires the companies to take strong precautions against oil leaks, but not as strong as it claims to be necessary with offshore drilling. *Why the difference? Because the Audubon Society owns the Rainey Preserve, the money others are willing to pay for the oil represents an opportunity that would be sacrificed if it refused to allow drilling. But the Society doesn't face an opportunity cost on offshore sites because it doesn't own them. It thus has no motivation to take the interest of others in offshore oil into consideration. (emphasis mine)*

Voluntary
Co-operation

Private property not only motivates the Audubon Society to cooperate with hot rodders, it also motivates hot rodders to cooperate with the Audubon Society. Their purchase of gas (gasoline) allows the Audubon Society to obtain and protect wildlife habitat that it believes is more valuable than what it sacrifices in the Rainey Preserve because of oil drilling. *Members of the Audubon Society may despise hot rodders and hot rodders may laugh at bird watchers, but because of private property, each takes the concerns (and opportunity costs) of the other into consideration and acts to promote the other's interest." (emphasis mine)*

Political
Decisions

A further illustration of the perversities that go with Federal control of most of the lands in Mesa County and the fallacy of the BLM RMP is also from Dwight R. Lee (1999b) as follows:

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“Unfortunately, many economic decisions are made not in a market setting in response to market prices, but by government in response to political considerations. This creates opportunities for the politically influential to acquire benefits paid for by the general public. Invariably, those seeking political benefits downplay the costs in the hope of justifying larger expenditures; they commonly argue that some things are so important that costs shouldn't even be considered.

Educators argue that education is too important to be considered in terms of costs; environmentalists argue that saving the earth is so imperative that environmental programs should be implemented regardless of the costs; recipients of medical research grants argue that human health trumps any crass consideration of costs; and people supported by the National Endowment for the Arts claim that the value of ‘art goes to the very soul of what it means to be human’ and is ‘contaminated when compared with dollars and cents.’

All these statements are best understood as attempts by organized groups to capture more public money. To consider costs has nothing to do with exaggerating the importance of money. Money provides a convenient way of expressing costs, but money is not the cost of anything. When I put down a ten-dollar bill to pay for a meal, the money may appear to be the cost, but the real cost is the opportunity cost – the subjective value I forgo by spending the money on the meal rather than spending it on the most valuable alternative.

Further
Reasons
To
Consider
Opportunity
Costs

To claim that we shouldn’t consider the cost of doing some things is equivalent to claiming that we should do those things without considering the alternatives. That such a transparently silly claim continues to be used in special-interest pleading illustrates the power of deception over logic in political debate. Not considering the alternatives to doing something would make sense only if it were always more valuable than anything else. But this means that we should devote all of our resources to this one thing. If it were really true that fine orchestral music, for example, was so valuable that costs shouldn’t be considered, then everyone should go homeless and hungry and spend all of their time listening to orchestras in the nude. This is obviously silly, but not one bit sillier than claiming that something is so important that it is inappropriate to consider its cost.

Of course, the reality of scarcity, and the opportunity costs that result, intrude into the political process despite the special-interest rhetoric disparaging considerations of cost. Comparisons have to be made among competing alternatives, so opportunity costs are considered in the political process. Unfortunately, imperfections and biases in the political process prevent the opportunity cost of government action from being adequately considered. The result is what one should expect when alternatives are poorly considered. Waste occurs as decisions direct resources out of more valuable and into less valuable activities, and often into activities counterproductive to the stated objectives.

Market prices do not perfectly reflect opportunity costs, but one can appreciate how close they get by considering the perversities that arise because political decisions often ignore most of the costs of a policy.”

A further examination of the RMP documents in Section 3.6.3 on Socioeconomics in the original RMP fails in many ways.

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Perspective

Non
Economic
Values

It is apparent that thinking errors are present with the material presented. The errors are consistent with the historic economic analysis problems Discussed by Bastiat, 1850, “the seen and the unseen” and “The Fallacy of the Broken Window Pane” as follows:

Frederic Bastiat - 1850

That Which is Seen and That Which is Unseen.

In the department of economy, an act, a habit, an institution, a law, gives birth not only to an effect, but to a series of effects. Of these effects, the first only is immediate; it manifests itself simultaneously with its cause - it is seen. The others unfold in succession - they are not seen: it is well for us, if they are foreseen. Between a good and a bad economist this constitutes the whole difference - the one takes account of the visible effect; the other takes account both of the effects which are seen, and also of those which it is necessary to foresee. Now this difference is enormous, for it almost always happens that when the immediate consequence is favourable, the ultimate consequences are fatal, and the converse. Hence it follows that the bad economist pursues a small present good, which will be followed by a great evil to come, while the true economist pursues a great good to come, - at the risk of a small present evil.

In fact, it is the same in the science of health, arts, and in that of morals. It often happens, that the sweeter the first fruit of a habit is, the more bitter are the consequences. Take, for example, debauchery, idleness, prodigality. When, therefore, a man absorbed in the effect which is seen has not yet learned to discern those which are not seen, he gives way to fatal habits, not only by inclination, but by calculation.

This explains the fatally grievous condition of mankind. Ignorance surrounds its cradle: then its actions are determined by their first consequences, the only ones which, in its first stage, it can see. It is only in the long run that it learns to take account of the others. It has to learn this lesson from two very different masters - experience and foresight. Experience teaches effectually, but brutally. It makes us acquainted with all the effects of an action, by causing us to feel them; and we cannot fail to finish by knowing that fire burns, if we have burned ourselves. For this rough teacher, I should like, if possible, to substitute a more gentle one. I mean Foresight. For this purpose I shall examine the consequences of certain economical phenomena, by placing in opposition to each other those which are seen, and those which are not seen.

I. THE BROKEN WINDOW

Have you ever witnessed the anger of the good shopkeeper, James B., when his careless son happened to break a square of glass? If you have been present at such a scene, you will most assuredly bear witness to the fact, that every one of the spectators, were there even thirty of them, by common consent apparently, offered the unfortunate owner this invariable consolation - "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Everybody must live, and what would become of the glaziers if panes of glass were never broken?"

Now, this form of condolence contains an entire theory, which it will be well to show up in this simple case, seeing that it is precisely the same as that which, unhappily, regulates the greater part of our economical institutions.

Suppose it cost six francs to repair the damage, and you say that the accident brings six francs to the glazier's trade - that it encourages that trade to the amount of six francs - I grant it; I have not a word to say against it; you reason justly. The glazier comes, performs his task, receives his six francs, rubs his hands, and, in his heart, blesses the careless child. All this is that which is seen.

But if, on the other hand, you come to the conclusion, as is too often the case, that it is a good thing to break windows, that it causes money to circulate, and that the encouragement of industry in general will be the result of it, you will oblige me to call out, "Stop there! your theory is confined to that which is seen; it takes no account of that which is not seen."

It is not seen that as our shopkeeper has spent six francs upon one thing, he cannot spend them upon another. It is not seen that if he had not had a window to replace, he would, perhaps, have replaced his old shoes, or added another book to his library. In short, he would have employed his six francs in some way, which this accident has prevented.

Let us take a view of industry in general, as affected by this circumstance. The window being broken, the glazier's trade is encouraged to the amount of six francs; this is that which is seen. If the window had not been broken, the shoemaker's trade (or some other) would have been encouraged to the amount of six francs; this is that which is not seen.

And if that which is not seen is taken into consideration, because it is a negative fact, as well as that which is seen, because it is a positive fact, it will be understood that neither industry in general, nor the sum total of national labour, is affected, whether windows are broken or not.

Now let us consider James B. himself. In the former supposition, that of the window being broken, he spends six francs, and has neither more nor less than he had before, the enjoyment of a window.

In the second, where we suppose the window not to have been broken, he would have spent six francs on shoes, and would have had at the same time the enjoyment of a pair of shoes and of a window.

Now, as James B. forms a part of society, we must come to the conclusion,

that, taking it altogether, and making an estimate of its enjoyments and its labours, it has lost the value of the broken window.

When we arrive at this unexpected conclusion: "Society loses the value of things which are uselessly destroyed;" and we must assent to a maxim which will make the hair of protectionists stand on end - To break, to spoil, to waste, is not to encourage national labour; or, more briefly, "destruction is not profit."

What will you say, Monsieur Industriel -- what will you say, disciples of good M. F. Chamans, who has calculated with so much precision how much trade would gain by the burning of Paris, from the number of houses it would be necessary to rebuild?

I am sorry to disturb these ingenious calculations, as far as their spirit has been introduced into our legislation; but I beg him to begin them again, by taking into the account that which is not seen, and placing it alongside of that which is seen. The reader must take care to remember that there are not two persons only, but three concerned in the little scene which I have submitted to his attention. One of them, James B., represents the consumer, reduced, by an act of destruction, to one enjoyment instead of two. Another under the title of the glazier, shows us the producer, whose trade is encouraged by the accident. The third is the shoemaker (or some other tradesman), whose labour suffers proportionably by the same cause. It is this third person who is always kept in the shade, and who, personating that which is not seen, is a necessary element of the problem. It is he who shows us how absurd it is to think we see a profit in an act of destruction. It is he who will soon teach us that it is not less absurd to see a profit in a restriction, which is, after all, nothing else than a partial destruction. Therefore, if you will only go to the root of all the arguments which are adduced in its favour, all you will find will be the paraphrase of this vulgar saying - What would become of the glaziers, if nobody ever broke windows?

How are the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern weighed against the value of oil and gas from the lands.

There is a further issue and that is one of what amounts to money laundering where the political elites dictate land uses that are favored by their loyal environmental constituents, who in turn support the politicians. The most egregious example of this in my opinion was the "Roadless Areas" grab by President Bill Clinton on his way out the door. "

Section 3.6.3 of the socioeconomics fails to shed some light on the dirty secret. Recreation and Tourism jobs are low wage. Even the White River RMP had data there to show the relatively low weekly wage of "Accommodation and Food Services workers.

The tables in Section 3.6.3 in the original RMP look to be incomplete and I would ask why there are no figures for oil and gas workers. This looks to be an important piece of missing data. This shows that there is probably prejudice at work by the data collectors. Recall that the environmental industry and the socialists Marxists

do not want the relatively high wage jobs of oil and gas.

It is my belief that Tourism and Recreation must be looked at as an “add-on”. There is no way for an economy in the RMP area to be based on them. I find it mildly amusing that Carbondale, Colorado, one of the areas where The Wilderness Society has offices or people was pointed out in the EIS for Oil Shale OSTs PEIS Figure 3.12-1 to have a minority population greater than 50%.

The “beautiful people” in “the ruling class” as described by Codevilla, 2010, in the Roaring Fork Valley where some of the world’s richest people own property, still like to have low paid illegal aliens of Hispanic and other origins doing the work.

The “Lands with Wilderness Characteristics” looks to be the same thing. Then they can also get in on the Environmental litigation gravy train (Budd-Falen, 2009).

Recommendation – Point 2

A true assessment of Wilderness must be presented – See Also Point 9.

Wage rates for Oil and Gas Workers should be collected and presented. Ideally, this would include a differentiation of several different categories in the oil and gas industry.

The magical thinking that sound decisions can be made while opportunity costs are not considered must stop. An honest weighing of relative benefits and costs must be employed. The BLM should develop training classes in economics that present The Fallacy of the Broken Window and other concepts developed by Hayek and Mises, along with the work of Dr. Thomas Sowell.

The need for audited financial statements of each BLM Resource Management Area with correct Cost Accounting methods to allocate all costs is great. For instance, was The Wilderness Society or any Wilderness Society members or any environmental organization paid anything for the characterization of the wilderness lands or paid to prepare the DRMP?

How much has been paid to the Wilderness Workshop and the Center for Biological Diversity in association with the litigation driving this plan change?

For any kind of responsible stewardship and transparency, audited financial statements that properly account for all costs by BLM Area are mandatory. This includes costs paid by the Department of Justice. In fact, is it not reasonable to expect the financial statements to meet the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission for Public Companies.

Doesn't "The Public" the "Owners of Public Lands" deserve the same attention to detail for the management and stewardship of all the assets that are demanded of Public Companies?

Point 3 Let's you and him fight – The Motto of the Interior Department

I believe that there is a long history of the US Government promoting conflict between various user groups. For example, take the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. What bright US Government worker decided that it would be a good idea to have the Sioux and Assiniboine tribes – ancient enemies - share the reservation? What about the Wind River Reservation with Shoshone and Arapahoe tribes?

Don't be
On the
Wrong Side
Of Tule Creek
When the
Sun Goes Down

One of my cousins tells of the time when he was working on a core drilling project on the reservation and they had a young Native American helper. On the way back to Lander, the helper through an empty soda can out the window. When challenged on why he did that, the reply was "it's Shoshone land".

When I challenged a worker in the Colorado Fluid Minerals branch for answers to why it is that Environmental Organizations are given automatic standing in challenging oil and gas leases, I was told "They are just doing their business, too". Well they are a favored group, because they have nothing at stake financially, they have no skin in the game, there is no symmetry. The recognition of various stakeholders in the normal practice of BLM management is fundamentally unfair. It is my understanding that the BLM runs a money laundering operation whereby the BLM ends up supporting the Environmental Organizations by paying exorbitant legal fees to attorneys that take cases on a contingency fee arrangement. The attorneys then make contributions to the Environmental Organizations. They do not even have to win and cases for the money to flow.

It is worse than that. The Western Watersheds Project successfully ran a shake-down operation with the Ruby Pipeline by threatening a lawsuit late in the game. El Paso, if my memory serves me correctly, caved and paid over \$20 million. This is thuggery. In my opinion this is a civil rights violation.

I submitted a request to a public affairs specialist that was present at the open house in Grand Junction to be informed of the amount of money paid to environmental organizations attorneys during the past 15 or so years for the Northwest Colorado District. He forwarded my request to the FOIA people. That is totally unsatisfactory to me. I did this to prove a point – the BLM is not doing their job and they should have had this data at their finger tips. I have no intention of scrubbing this out at my time and expense. That is the job of the BLM. I can understand why they do not want to publish this information.

*"Without honesty
there can be no
civilization"*

*Is the Ninth
Commandment
Relevant?*

When did the money paid to the attorneys for the Western Watershed Project or the

Wilderness Workshop ever feed a hungry child in Western Colorado?

The current state of affairs certainly supports my belief that the BLM promotes conflict, and the environmental organizations are not acting in good faith because they are not honest about their intentions.

It is the goal of many environmental organizations and now the Democrat Party to destroy the private economy and in particular the oil and gas industry.

The claim to concern for the environment is just a convenient political means. “The fish will be destroyed”.



2009, My fishing buddy on Piceance Creek – Yes that is a Drilling Rig

I believe that it is the goal of many environmental organizations to destroy the private economy and in particular the oil and gas industry. Even the Sierra Club in 2015 started attacking natural gas. The claim to concern for the environment is just a convenient means. It is proper to question the motivation and intentions of the Conservationists and Environmentalists, which are called into question by Dr. George Reisman (1996) in Capitalism as follows:

“Man is always and everywhere a blight on the landscape”

John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club

“We are not interested in the utility of a particular species, of a free-flowing river, or ecosystem to mankind. They have intrinsic value, more value – to me – than

Reds

And

“The only difference I can see between the green movement of the environmentalists and the old red movement of the Communists and socialists is the superficial one of the specific reasons for which they want to violate individual liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The Reds claimed that the individual could not be left free because the result would be such things as “exploitation,” “monopoly,” and depressions. The Greens claim

Greens

that the individual cannot be left free because the result will be such things as destruction of the ozone layer, acid rain, and global warming. Both claim that centralized government control over economic activity is essential. The Reds wanted it for the alleged sake of achieving human prosperity. The Greens want it for the alleged sake of avoiding environmental damage and for the actual, admitted purpose of inflicting human misery and death (which was also the actual, but un-admitted purpose for which the Reds wanted it). Both the Reds and the Greens want someone to suffer and die; the one, the capitalists and the rich, for the alleged sake of the wage earners and the poor; the other, a major portion of all mankind, for the alleged sake of the lower animals and inanimate nature.

another human being, or a billion of them.”
David Graber,
Biologist with the
U.S. National
Park Service

“Honorable representatives of the great saurians of older creation, may you long enjoy your lilies and rushes, and be blessed now and then with a mouthful of terror-stricken man by way of a dainty!”
John Muir’s
Benediction to
Alligators

Thus, it should not be surprising to see hordes of former Reds, or of those who otherwise would have become Reds, turning from Marxism and becoming the Greens of the ecology movement. It is the same fundamental philosophy in a different guise, ready as ever to wage war on the freedom and well-being of the individual. In seeking to destroy capitalism and industrial civilization, both movements provide ample potential opportunity for those depraved individuals who would rather kill than live, who would rather inflict pain and death than experience pleasure, whose pleasure comes from the infliction of pain and death.”

In the 2023 book *Game Changer*, Harold Hamm notes:

Foreign
Influence

“The Russians and other nations looked at the technology and realized, *This is going to turn loose a lot of gas and open up competition in Europe and the Americas.* Their response, which has been verified with evidence from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the U.S. House of Representatives, was to cook up a massive public relations campaign to cancel wellbore stimulation. They tabbed it with the “F” word: fracking. And the PR wasn’t cheap. The cost was later estimated by some to be \$500 million initially. One can sway more than a few opinions with half a billion dollars.”

Did any of the support for Environmental Organizations involved in Western Colorado come from this source.

Consensus not
possible

The complicity of the BLM to recognize the environmental organizations as stakeholders when they have nothing at stake and are never asked to mitigate any damage and loss that their actions cause is irresponsible. Many of these groups do not even have any local foot print – no boots on the ground. The entire stakeholder model is suspect. The fallacies of the stakeholder model for determining uses of collectively owned property i.e. “the public lands” are similar to and well explained by Barry (2000) in a critique of the stakeholder model for the corporation as proposed by Evan and Freeman (1993):

“Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn’t it our responsibility to bring that about”

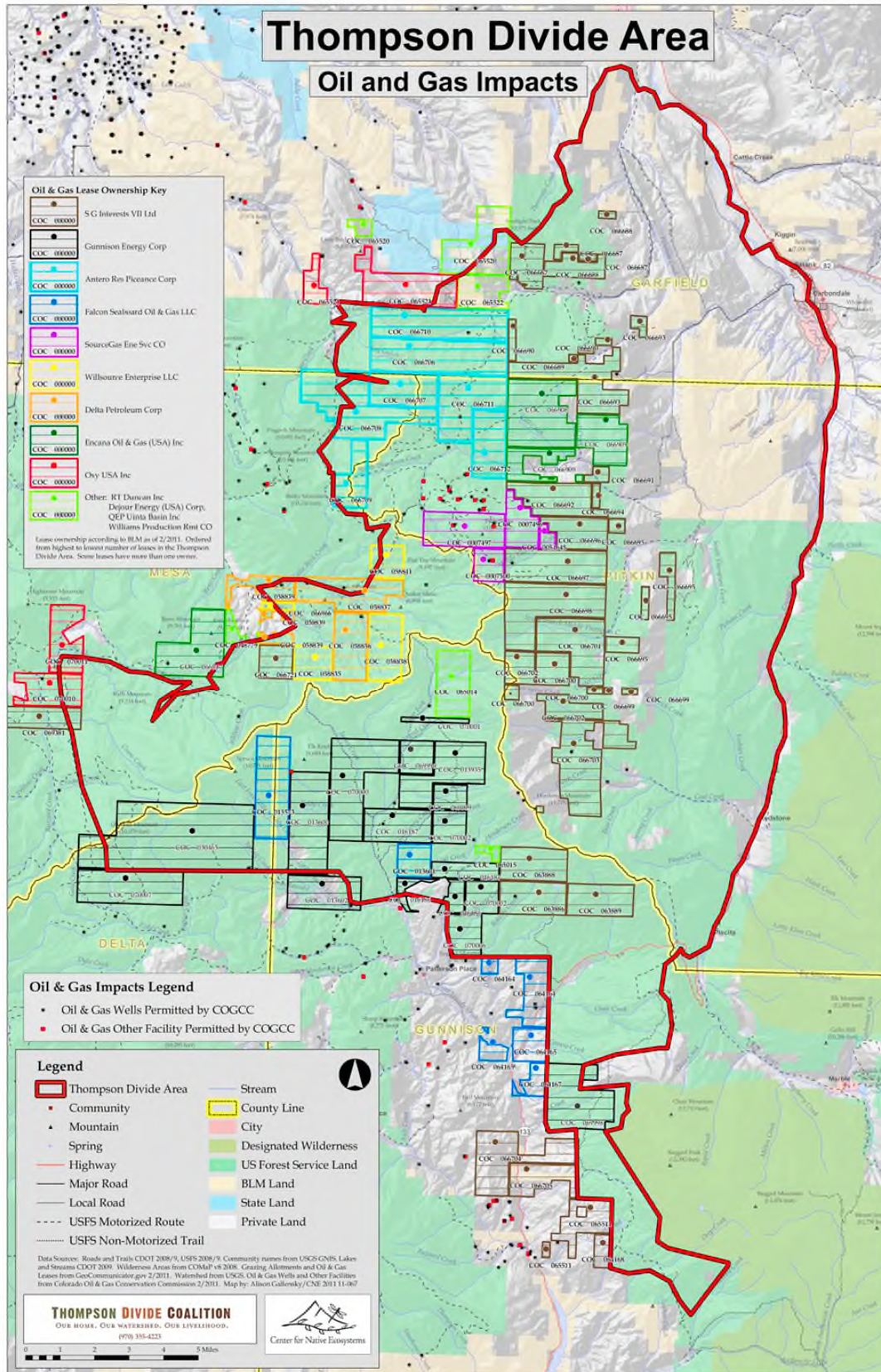
“...There is a very simple problem that lies at the heart of all stakeholder theory: how can the potentially conflicting demands of the various stakeholder groups be coordinated? There is no problem here in the Anglo-American model (unencumbered by stakeholders), for although the participants in an enterprise will have different views on how it should be run, what investments to make, what divestitures to effect, and so on, they are ultimately harmonized and put to the test of experience through the price mechanism. That is not the case with a stakeholder corporation, for there is no common scale of values, no surrogate for the price mechanism, but only incessant bargaining between, in essence, political groups that will likely have no immediate financial interest in the company.

Maurice Strong,
Head of 1992 Earth
Summit in
Rio de Janeiro

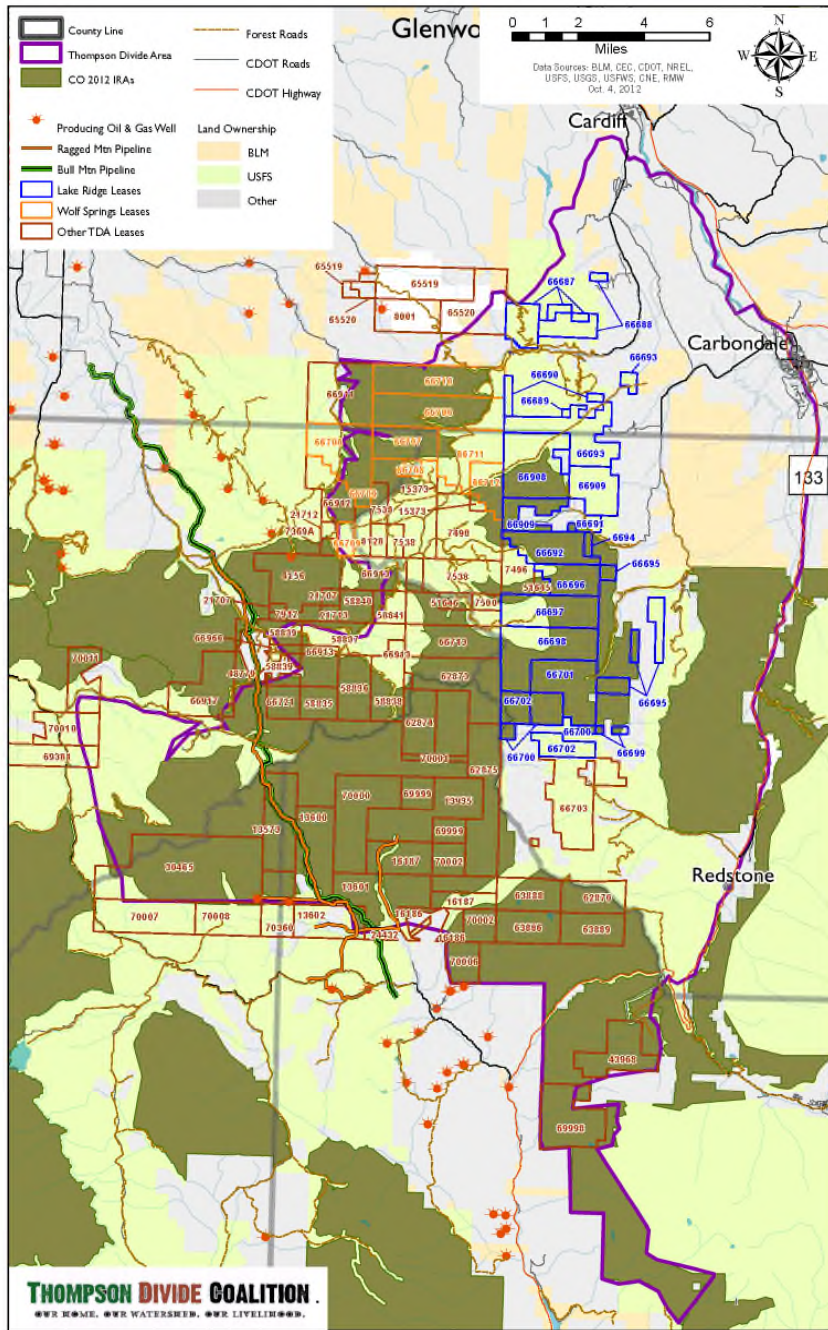
Despite openly declaring that ‘The very purpose of the firm is to serve as a vehicle for stakeholder interests,’ Evan and Freeman (1993) are at least aware of this problem, though *their proposed solution to this is laughable. To resolve conflicts between competing stakeholder groups, they recommend the appointment of a ‘metaphysical director’ to adjudicate between rival groups.*” (emphasis mine)

Sign me up – I believe that I am the most technically competent person available to be the metaphysical director.

My own experience with testimony at a BLM Scoping Meeting in DeBeque related to the Thompson Divide area in this Resource Management Plan Area is illuminating. The two following maps are from the Thompson Divide Coalition that I showed during my three minutes of hate.



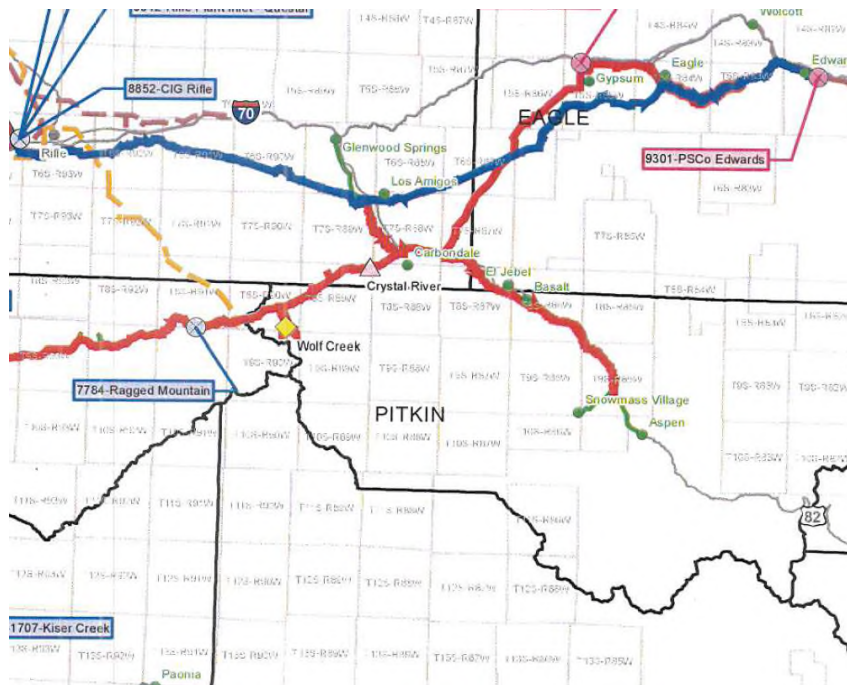
Map presented at DeBeque Scoping Meeting



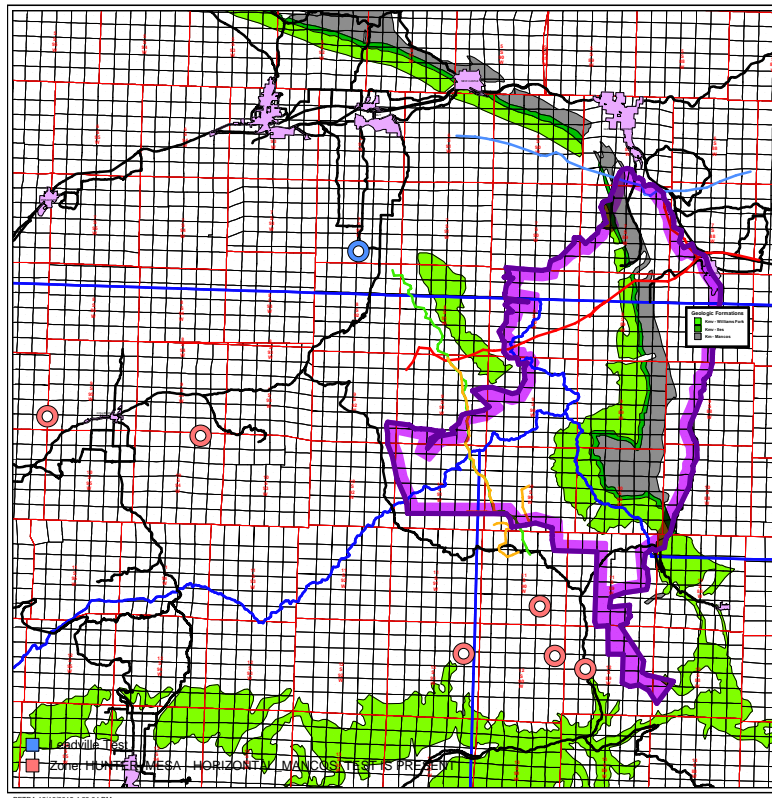
Map Presented at DeBeque Scoping Meeting

The Environmental Groups sued to stop the Bull Mountain Pipeline above. I believe Pitkin County was also involved with litigation against the oil and gas industry and leasing. Guess What?? There were two pipelines missing from the Thompson Divide Coalition Map. They both go through the sacred “Thompson Divide” area.

Thompson Divide Withdrawal Comments



Pipeline Company System Map (Cropped)



Well Base Map showing Thompson Divide Area presented at the DeBeque Scoping meeting

At the DeBeque BLM Scoping Meeting I pointed out that the then Source Gas – and now I believe Black Hills Distribution pipelines went through the Sacred “Thompson Divide” area and were not on the Thompson Divide Coalition maps. I then suggested to a Mesa County Commissioner sitting in the front row that Mesa County should institute a Gas Export Fee and take maybe 20 or 50 Million Dollars a year out of this situation to mitigate the losses that Thompson Divide Coalition, Pitkin County, and the Beautiful People of the Roaring Fork and Eagle Valleys were trying to impose on Mesa County.

Economics
Perspective

Western
Sloper
Perspective

The second speaker after me was a Pitkin County Commissioner and she said that she had never heard such hateful speech and that Pitkin County was not involved with diminishing Mesa County resources. (not true)

Was it really hateful to point out that it was OK in the views of the Beautiful People to use the Sacred “Thompson Divide Area” for their pipelines to heat their homes, but they did not want any gas production there?

It is not possible to see if the red blob on Figure 2.6-1 is the Sacred “Thompson Divide Area”.

The current state of affairs with respect to all Federal lands is aptly summarized by George C. Leef (1999), who writes:

Results
Of
Federal
Land
Management

“What if there is no real owner with an interest in maintaining the property? That’s the case with ‘public property,’ which really does not belong to any individual or group. Management of public property depends on the choices of politicians and bureaucrats who stand to gain nothing from making ‘right’ decisions (those that make the best use of it) and to lose nothing from making ‘wrong’ decisions (those that make less than optimal use of it). Political-bureaucratic management predictably leads to neglect of property entrusted to public officials in favor of spending that benefits them more in the currency of politics: influence, power, and prestige.”

Economics
Perspective

Road
To
Serfdom

In the larger scheme of things, I believe it is vital to reverse the trend of more collective ownership of land in Western Colorado. The dark side of statism and collective ownership, was recognized by F. A. Hayek (1944) in *The Road to Serfdom*. In discussing Hayek’s work, Lawrence W. Reed (1998) notes:

“When Hayek wrote his best-known book in 1944, the world was captivated by the notion of socialist central planning. While almost everyone in Europe and America decried the brutality of nazism, fascism, and communism, public opinion was being shaped and molded by an intelligentsia which held that those ‘excesses’ of socialism were avoidable exceptions. If only we make sure the right people are in charge, said the statist intellectuals, the iron fist will dissolve into a velvet glove.

Explanation of
poor
Performance

Those who, in Hayek’s words, ‘think that it is not the system which we need fear, but the danger that it might be run by bad men,’ are naïve utopians who will forever be disappointed by the socialist outcome. Indeed, this is the history of twentieth-century statism—the endless search for a place where the dream might actually be made to work, settling on a spot until disaster is embarrassingly apparent to all, then blaming persons rather than the system and flitting off to the next inevitable disappointment. Perhaps someday, the dictionary definition of ‘statist’ may read, ‘someone who learns nothing from human nature, economics, or experience, and repeats the same mistakes over and over again without a care for the rights and lives of people he crushes with his good intentions.’

Abuse of
Authority

“Even the worst features of the statist reality, Hayek showed, ‘are not accidental byproducts’ but the phenomena that are part and parcel of statism itself. He argued with great insightfulness that ‘the unscrupulous and uninhibited are likely to be more successful’ in any society in which government is seen as the answer to most problems. They are precisely the kind of people who elevate power over persuasion, force over cooperation. Government, possessing by definition a legal and political monopoly of the use of force attracts them just as surely as dung draws flies. Ultimately, it is the apparatus of government that allows them to wreak their havoc on the rest of us.”

Can I say Secretary Haaland and Director Stone-Manning?

I believe that the conflicts are promoted in part to avoid responsibility and accountability for use and productivity of resources they are charged with administering.

*“Never let a crisis
go to waste”*
Rahm Emanuel

Personal
Experience

My family and I have first hand experience with the sharp end of the stick.

Loggers
Perspective

My father, Dick Moyer, worked with his father to cut logs for Ira Langstaff in the vicinity of Triangle Park. After being discharged from the US Navy following WWII he worked as a sawyer and log cutter in many places.



**Dick Moyer age 12 with Engelmann Spruce near Triangle Park 1938
(This was part of one of the finest Engelmann Spruce forests in the USA,
which was later mostly killed by bark beetles in the late 1940's ~ 5 billion
board feet lost)**

By the time he started his own sawmill on the Grand Hogback north of Rio Blanco and moved to Meeker in 1960 (the summer before I started first grade), I had lived in at least 10 different places in Colorado, Utah, Washington, New Mexico and Arizona.

I grew up working for my parents in their sawmill and logging operation west of Meeker. For the first three years, the mill was located in the woods and mules were used to skid logs to the mill. I worked in the mill and woods through 1976 until I had graduated from college. As the years went by, the equipment was improved.

The White River valley and the White River National Forest were known for having timber resources of exceptional quality. There was also a diversity of timber including Douglas Fir, Engelmann Spruce, and Lodgepole Pine.

The lessons and experience of the loss of the Engelmann Spruce to bark beetles on the White River Uplift and Flat Tops area in the late 1940's ~ 5 billion board feet of timber – were ignored.



Loading Jack and Judy – 1960



The old GI 6x6



Dick Moyer the Sawyer running the mill

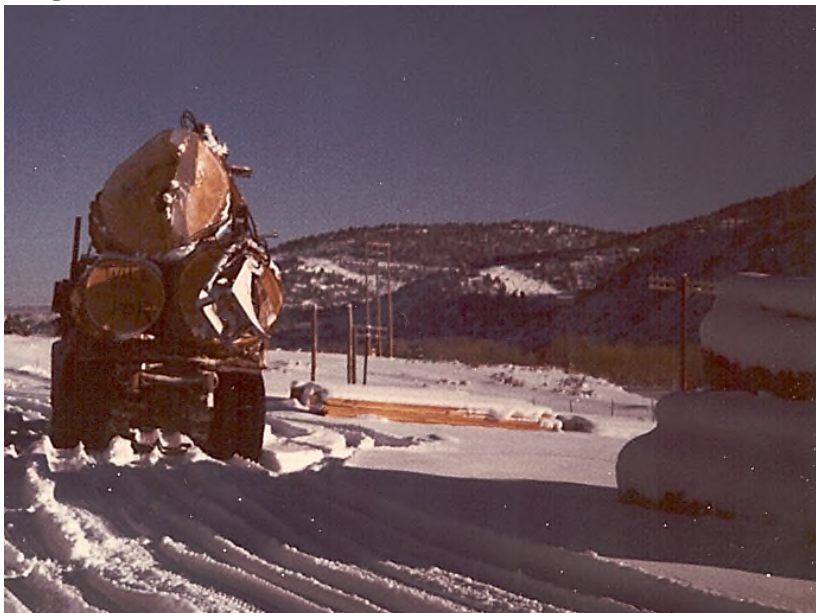


The F-8 Ford ~ mid 1960's

The “new” sawmill had a distinctive configuration with a top saw and a vertical edger, which facilitated sawing large logs. It could also cut long logs up to 32 feet in length.



Sawing big Douglas Fir – 1974 Detail of Sawmill with top saw and vertical edger



A load of real logs ~ Date ??

At one time, this little sawmill cut the most lumber of any sawmill from the entire White River National Forest. It cut in the range of 500 thousand to 1 million board feet of lumber. Many of the timber sales were in association with efforts by the US Forest Service to control bark beetles in various areas of the White River National Forest.

To grasp the scale of destruction of the 5 billion board feet of Engelmann Spruce timber in the White River National Forest in the late 1940's, it would have taken 5,000 to 10,000 years for this mill to process that much timber volume.

As a consequence of the concerted and sustained assault on the Forest Products Industry in the Rocky Mountains by the Environmental Industry that started in the

1970's, this sawmill has not operated commercially for ~ 19 years because there was no supply of timber at any price much of the time and none at prices that allowed any kind of reasonable operating profit.

Some in the US Forest Service actively supported and cooperated with the Environmental Industry in their efforts to stop logging (others, especially old timers are profoundly embarrassed). Recall the fabled below cost timber sales and protests and lawsuits at every turn. **They won.** The timber industry in the Rocky Mountains was for all practical purposes destroyed.



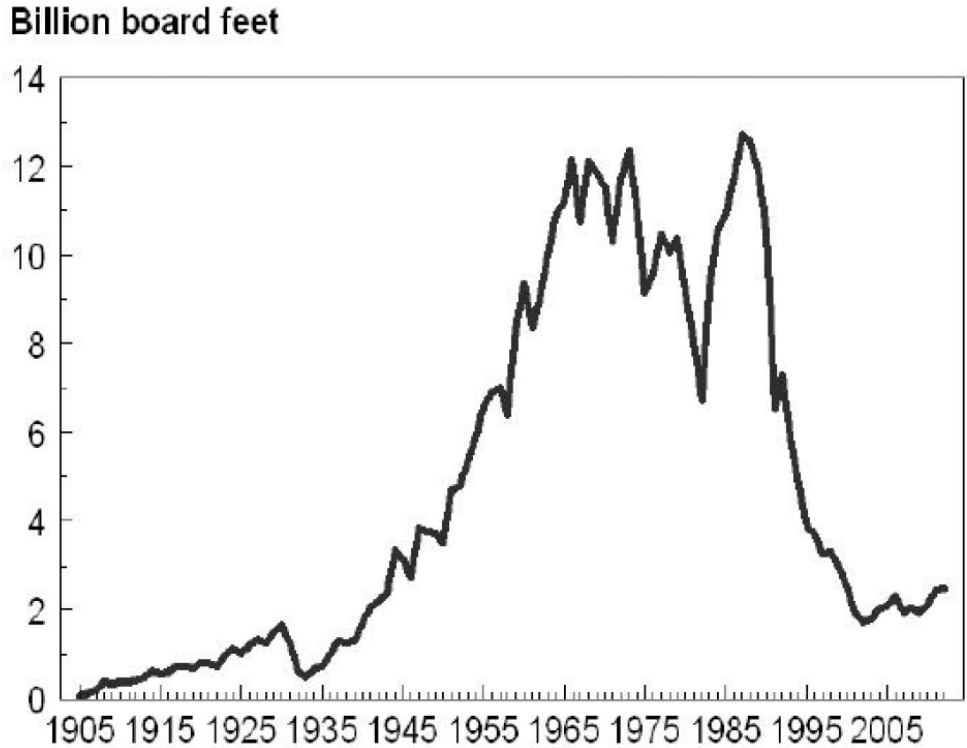
The mill today (2013)– a practically worthless hunk of junk

What is the state of the forests in Colorado now? With no consideration of the beneficial effects of logging on forest health, the forests in the Rocky Mountains have been destroyed by a predictable beetle infestation.

The BLM participated in this destruction. At times, we logged on the BLM. When the BLM blew off the loggers, the health of the forest lands on the BLM also went south.

This long discussion of logging and Forest Products is included to put the following into perspective:

Timber Harvest From National Forests



Back to 1930's Level of Harvest

Now ~ 30 Years Down the Road From Collapse

Will Oil and Gas From "Public Lands" Go this way???

Graph: Annual harvest rates of timber from National Forests

New Senate climate report shows how ENVIROS HAVE KILLED LOGGING... who needs jobs and wealth? <http://goo.gl/FR6L9N> pic.twitter.com/TPCuZt3zu7

Timber Harvest – 14-0910 US Senate Report

Science Suspect

This chart is significant in that a significant portion of the collapse in timber harvest from National Forest Lands came from implementing the Northwest Forest Plan to purportedly save the Spotted Owl.

It is of significance that the US Fish and Wildlife service started killing Barred Owls, a competitor to the Spotted Owls. Dawes (2015) notes:

“U.S. Forest Service biologist Eric Forsman, who admitted, ‘Protecting habitat hasn’t stopped the spotted owl’s decline.’ . . . ‘We thought that if we did a good job of protecting habitat, the spotted owl population would eventually reach equilibrium or even increase, and everything would be fine.’

Nope. Instead the spotted owl population is dropping by about 3.9 percent a year. In Washington the decline is even more rapid, at “7 or 8 percent a year” according to National Geographic.

It is clear that the U.S. Forest Service did not get the Science Right on the Spotted Owl.

It is noted that the politicians from East Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, etc. where there are significant private timber holdings helped facilitate the destruction of their competitors.

Forest
Health



2011 – Willow Creek Pass, Colorado – The stands of green trees are the spots where logging took place so a young healthy stand of timber is present in the sea of dead timber from beetle kill.

Recommendation – Point 3

Within the context of publishing audited financial statements, the details of payments to environmental organizations must be disclosed.

If the environmental organizations are “just doing their business” as I was told, then some disclosure and transparency is in order, and their membership lists, financial statements, and donor records should be made public.

Point 4 Responsible Management of Oil and Gas Revenues from severed minerals – The BLM is milking the cow in Mesa County but not feeding it.

Landowner
Perspective

I believe the way the BLM administers Oil and Gas Revenues from severed minerals is immoral. In the first place, as noted in Point 1, there should be no

I believe that I was stiffed by the BLM when I did not get

severed Federal Minerals. The lands out west were not treated the same as other places.

some share of the \$230 per acre for the oil and gas lease bonus.

This is the source of tremendous conflict and pits interests against each other. It is truly a thumb in the eye to private surface owners when the BLM contributes ~ half of the Oil and Gas Lease Bonus, Rentals, and Royalties to the State of Colorado.

Larry R. Moyer

The collectivists have worked their magic to willfully sever the links of property rights and there is no consideration of opportunity cost with this method. The Gangsters and Warords in Denver at the State Capitol take the money.

This is also part of the willful effort to keep people fighting among themselves.

The Hunter Canyon Unit is a dramatic example of Federal abuse of private mineral owners. The operation of the fabled Participating Areas has been used by the BLM to take more in Royalties that are produced from Federal Minerals. The day will come when I dope this all out.

Recommendation – Point 4

The BLM should transfer ownership of the severed minerals to the current surface owners. If that doesn't happen, then the BLM should voluntarily split the revenue with the surface owner obtaining 25% and the county 25%.

The payments from Oil and Gas Leasing Bonus, Rentals, and Royalties from Federal Lands and Minerals must go to counties, not to the State. In Colorado, a "City State" this is very critical.

Point 5 The DRMP looks to promote Recreational Use.

With the promotion of Recreation, the traffic system on Interstate 70 is dramatically impacted.

Western Sloper
Perspective

If the Oil and Gas Industry activity impacted the traffic on Interstate 70 in the same way that the Ski areas with the RMP area, significant limitations would not doubt be imposed on the Industry.



14-0428 Tunnel Approach on Interstate 70

Recommendation – Point 5

Consider the Cumulative Impacts of Recreation on Public Lands and do not destroy the traffic carrying capacity of I-70.

Perhaps the access to Ski Areas in the Resource Management area could be limited to the time span between 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM to keep the ski traffic from impacting Interstate 70 traffic.

Point 6 Best Practices

While the application of Best Practices and Certifications in the oil and gas industry is an ongoing and positive trend, should it not be also applied to the BLM as well?

I do not find a geologist or engineer in the list of RMP preparers. What's up with that? (Perhaps there were and I did not recognize them by their titles). This is consistent with the Imperialism practiced by the US Government. With all the detailed rules and requirements in the RMP relating to oil and gas development, don't you think a geologist and an engineer should be involved? How can practices be imposed with no idea of technical feasibility?

I would think that since there are places where private mineral rights and private surface are involved with the Federally Regulated operations that it would be

Petroleum
Geologist
Perspective

important to have properly credentialed personnel involved. Some of the BLM staff are practicing engineering in Colorado without a license. It is not a Best Practice to hide behind sovereign immunity to avoid responsibility and liability.

Recommendation – Point 6

As a courtesy to Colorado, the BLM should use Registered Engineers and Certified Petroleum Geologists.

Point 7 The Wild and Scenic Rivers Designation in DeBeque Canyon

Honestly, what a joke. Who was involved with this? I believe that this is a civil rights violation of the water owners in western Colorado, of whom I am one.

Western Sloper
Perspective

This is more of the Colonization of the west by the Warlords in DC. This is without doubt more actions in bad faith where the environmentalists and Marxists are trying to cripple the area and gain control of the economies of the West.

Recommendation – Point 7

Leave the Colorado River Alone.

Point 8 The Sage Grouse Assessment does not include Historical Data that Considers the Impacts of Other Laws on the status of populations

I believe that the listing of the Sage Grouse is being used as a stalking horse by the environmental industry to cripple the oil and gas industry. Just as the Spotted Owl was used decades ago to destroy the timber industry in the Northwest, I believe the Sage Grouse efforts are based on incomplete or flawed science and reasoning.

Western Sloper
Perspective

The ratchet effect has done its work – the loggers are gone, and the Barred Owl has been recognized as a significant factor in Spotted Owl status. There are in fact be plans afoot to kill some of the Barred Owls. “What difference – at this point – does it really make?”

In the Federal Scheme of things, the impact of predators is not considered, so the model is not consistent with reality. Historical Facts are often not considered in the government centric world. The Law of Unintended Consequences is never considered.

I offer the following:



Oscar Dudley and others at Hunting Camp, Location Unknown, Probably some time between 1900 & 1920

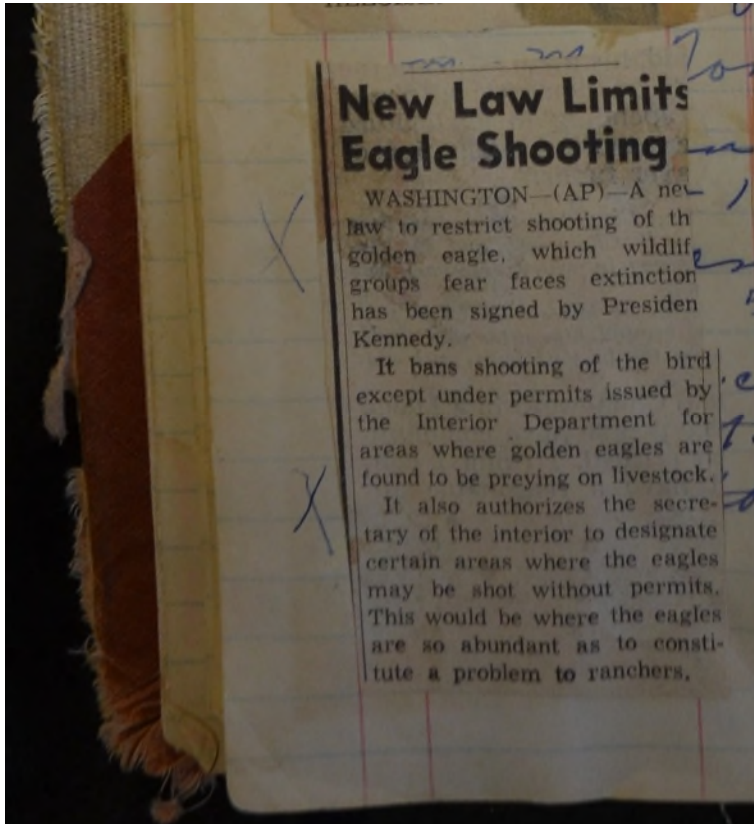
Now, they would all be in Federal Prison for the birds and the bobcat or lynx. They killed the predators. This photo is likely in Piceance Creek.

It is noted that Oscar Dudley, one of my great uncles, was the son of one of the original homestead families on Piceance Creek. In fact the “Dudley Bluffs” are in the vicinity of their home place.

The Federal laws that have been enacted such as the Migratory Bird Act changed the predator control efforts. At one point, Rio Blanco County offered bounties for birds. Magpie heads were worth 5 cents and eggs a penny. This had an impact on

the predators of the Sage Grouse.

The changing Federal Laws related to killing predators were so significant that the following image is of a clipping posed by my late grandmother in her scrapbook.



Even this article acknowledges the role of predator control.

I believe it is bad faith for the impact of predators to not be honestly dealt with.

Recommendation – Point 8

It is important to understand the concept of dynamic equilibrium. This controls many things in nature.

The impact of laws that protect predators of the Sage Grouse must be considered. It is immoral to use the Sage Grouse Endangerment to destroy the oil and gas industry while nothing is done to change the laws that have directly related to the demise of the Sage Grouse.

Be certain that the Civil Rights of the Residents of Mesa County are not violated by imposing an unworkable regulation.

Point 9 Wilderness Designations

I believe that the wilderness character assessments are not consistent with the customs and culture of the residents of Northwest Colorado. For many years the BLM has coordinated with environmental organizations, as noted on page 3-145 in original RMP for developing the wilderness inventories. Have the evaluators that determined the wilderness character for the areas in the book cliffs received proper diversity training on the “Custom and Culture” of Mesa County? Not many of us believe that we are in a “wilderness” area when we have the dust from the road blowing in our face. This points to a real problem in that there are no metrics for what is wilderness. For instance, how far from a road must one get?

Western Sloper
Perspective

Since the environmental organizations are sworn enemies of the oil and gas industry, this inventory has not been done in good faith. I believe that the goal is to cripple oil and gas development. This goes back to the competition for uses.

I followed this process for many years and more wilderness gets added. Where is the reason and rational thinking and science? Was bad faith involved here because of a lack of honesty and transparency?

Let me add to this section with what is clearly a violation by the BLM where the BLM trailer is parked inside the Hunter Canyon Wilderness Area. The images were taken many years ago, but it illustrates the folly of the wilderness along the roadside.

It's OK for the BLM to have their trailer parked in the Wilderness.

Thompson Divide Withdrawal Comments

BLM TRAILER SEC. 34, 8S, 100W
NOTE GRAVEL ADDED



BLM TRAILER INSIDE PROPOSED HUNTER CANYON
WILDERNESS



Trappers
Lake

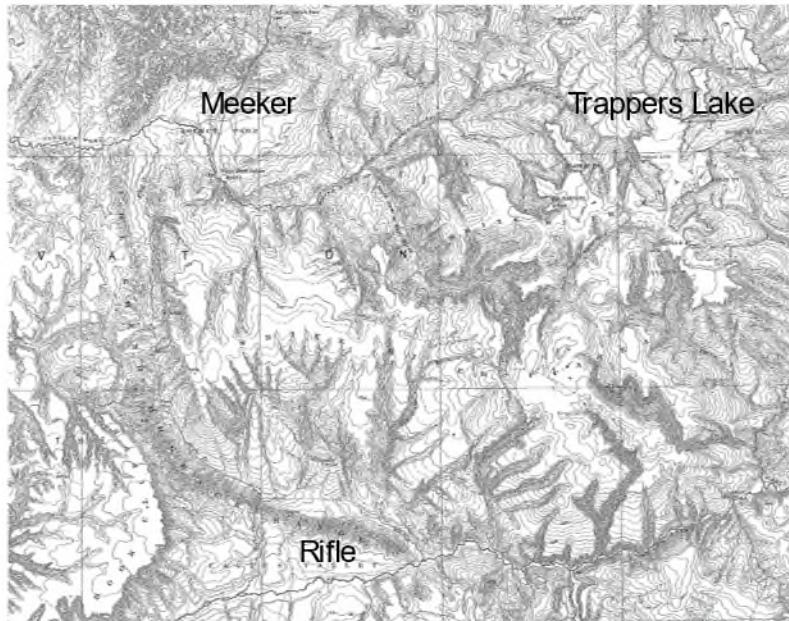
The Cradle of Wilderness – Wilderness is a Political Construct. My family has a long history with the area at Trappers Lake known as the Cradle of Wilderness. After the grain was harvested from his homestead south of Meeker, Colorado, Alonzo Moyer, my Great Grandfather, and his son George Moyer, my Grandfather, went to Trappers Lake to catch and salt fish for the winter.

Wester Slope
Perspective

My Family
Was Using
Trappers Lake
BC

The following set of slides from some of my presentations details more of the history of Trappers lake and the Cradle of Wilderness and the serious economic errors associated with promotion of Wilderness.

That is
Before Carhart



From
Hayden, F.V.,
1877
Atlas of Colorado

Panorama from
Himes Peak
looking mostly
south and west

TrappersLake

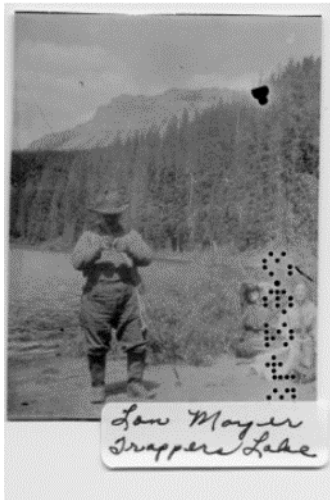
Big Fish Lake





"Starting to the Lakes Packed."

Alonzo Moyer, Lena Dudley, Carrie Moyer, George Moyer, May Dudley, Nellie Moyer Dudley



Alonzo Moyer and Family at Trappers Lake – 1915

Note the keg and barrels for transport of salted fish



Yes, they Ate
The Salted Fish



Moyer
Family Outing
Trappers Lake

1942 – At the Boat Rental House



Moyer
Family Outing
Trappers Lake

**Dick Moyer
Children
1962**

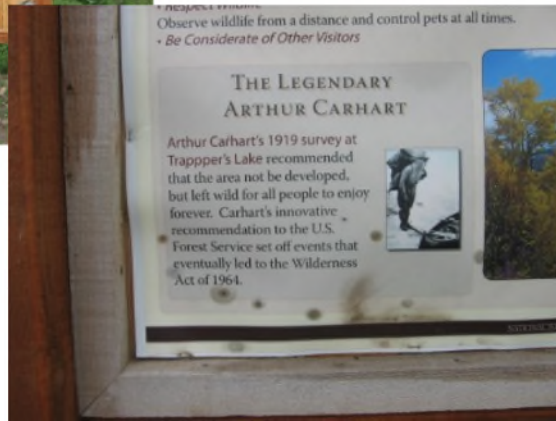


That is me with the
Fishing Pole

At Present - 2016

In 1919,
Arthur Carhart with
USFS was sent to
survey for development
of cabin sites. . .

He persuaded USFS
not to develop sites



At Present - 2016

Dedication to
Arthur Carhart
And the
"Cradle of Wilderness"

Wilderness Act
1964



The Wilderness Boundary



2009



2010

That Metal Sign
Is Obviously
Superior

2013 Edition

Is this better or worse?

Do they know the real story?



You Mean their
Is a Cabin
On the shores of
Trappers Lake?

The Human Element

The Arthur Carhart Cabin

Later in his Career with The Colorado Game and Fish
His Outfit built a Cabin at Trappers Lake



Dr. Thomas Sowell

“The real mark of a bigot is that he claims rights for himself that he denies to other people. By this standard, the environmentalist movement richly deserves the title ‘The Green Bigots’”



“Non-Economic Values Chapter

..... In fact, there are *only* non-economic values. Economics is not a value in and of itself. It is only a way of weighing one value against another. . .

What lofty talk about “non -economic values” often boils down to is that some people do not want their own particular values weighted against anything. . .

If they are for saving Mono Lake or preserving some historic building, then they do not want that weighed against the cost – which is to say, ultimately, against all the other things that might be done instead with the same resource.”

Dr. Thomas Sowell, *Basic Economics*, 2014



Can I say
Trappers Lake?

***The Boat Rental House, USFS Required Removal ~ 1990's
– It No longer exists –
What Happened to the Colorado SHIPO people?
If this were private, people would be prosecuted***



Image courtesy of Rio Blanco County Museum, photographer ??

The Human Element

The Arthur Carhart Cabin

The Take-Away:

With Federal Control, The Powerful and Politically Well Connected have Different Standards and Rules Applied, and they Control the Resources

At What Cost is Wilderness?

Who Cares – They have what they want.

Later in Arthur Carhart's Career with The Colorado Game and Fish His Outfit built a Cabin at Trappers Lake



Obviously,

Arthur Carhart
Was a
Member
Of
The
Ruling Class

How Many
BLM Staff
Want Their
Personal
Preferences
Applied
As
Policy
As
Arthur Carhart
Did?

Recommendation – Point 9

To mitigate the impacts of the forever in limbo wilderness lands I propose that access to these areas by the general public be by permit only. This will insure accurate use statistics and form a data baseline for making a rational decision for the best land uses.

Further, I believe that to mitigate the impacts, the BLM should voluntarily agree to pay the school districts and Mesa and Garfield Counties each \$2 per acre per year with an annual escalation of \$2 per year for all of these wilderness areas where some other uses are denied.

Do not violate the Civil Rights of the residents of Mesa County by imposing outside values and not considering the opportunity costs.

Point 10 Air Quality Analysis and Climate Change

It is my personal belief based on observations that the worst air quality in the area is from wildfires burning on Public Lands.



Western Sloper
Perspective

20-0809 View to North from Redlands – Pine Gulch Fire



20-0816 Pine Gulch from my yard



21-0908 Smoke on Monument

The U.S. Government is greatest polluter in the west because of mismanagement of Federal Lands – what sanctions are appropriate for the U.S. Government?

The Buenaventura River Story is appropriate to understand Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change.

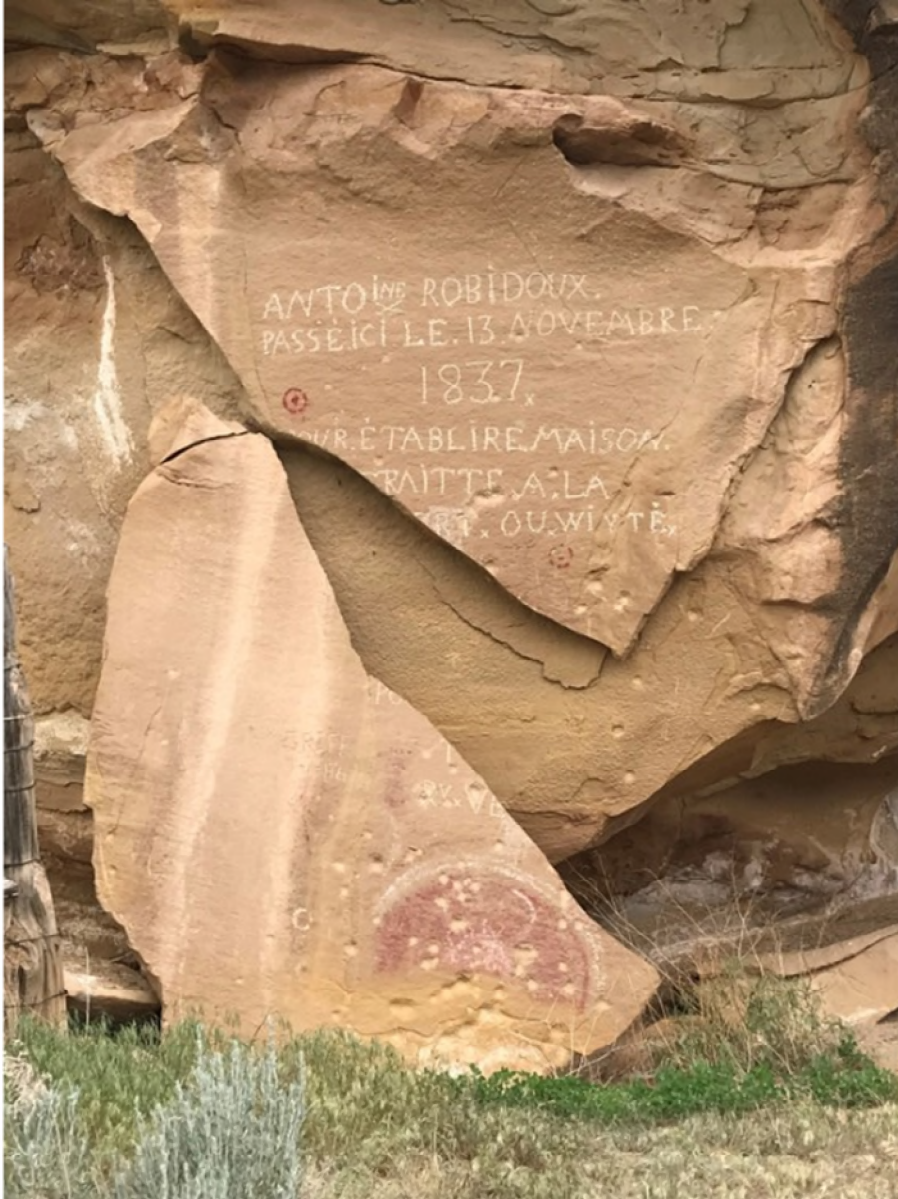


County Map of Colorado . . . 1877 S. Augustus Mitchell Entered into the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington



Crop of County Map

Of significance is Fremont's Route from 1845 that crossed the now Eagle River, Colorado River and went down the White River. This was Fremont's third expedition and it ended in now California. It would have visited the Antoine Roubideaux trading post at the confluence of the White and Green Rivers in Utah. Below is an image of the now damaged Robidoux Rock from Westwater Canyon in the Book Cliffs of Utah where it was inscribed in 1837 during his travels to set up his trading post.



22-0528 Image of now damaged Robidoux Rock

Kit Carson was on this 1845 expedition as well as earlier expeditions with John C. Fremont.

Buenaventura
River
Story

Hampton Sides in the 2006 book *Blood and Thunder Notes*:

“Fremont’s second exploratory expedition, undertaken in 1843, proved an even greater success than the first. En route to Oregon, Fremont and his party lingered beside the Great Salt Lake and, by studying the region’s hydrology, correctly surmised that its rivers and streams were strictly inland bodies of water. At the time, a curious and persistent myth, perpetuated in scholarly publications, asserted that the Great Salt Lake was drained by a monstrous whirlpool that somehow connected, through a network of

subterranean rivers, with the Pacific Ocean.

Fremont gradually came to realize that all the country between Utah's Wasatch Mountains and California's Sierra Nevada was landlocked; This was a major contribution to North American geography, and Fremont's term for the desert sink, the Great Basin, graces atlases today. . . .

. . . As the party slowly made its way east toward civilization (1844?), Fremont admitted he had never found the fabled Buenaventura River, but that in itself was an important find. Like the Great Salt Lake whirlpool, the Buenaventura was another great hoax that could be consigned to geography's dustbin. The party reached Bent's Fort on July 2, where a July Fourth celebration was held in their honor."



1831 Anthony Finley

A New General Atlas Comprising a Complete Set of Maps, representing the Grand Divisions of the Globe

See the
Buenaventura
River
1831



Crop of 1831 Anthony Finley Atlas Map

Didn't I see images of John Kerry surfing on the Buenaventura River.

While it is beyond the scope of this document to get into the details of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change, it is important to know that there is so much factual data that falsifies the U.S. Government model, I believe the day will come when Greenhouse Gas Endangerment and Climate Change will go the way of the Buenaventura River.

Recommendation – Point 10

With the command to provide additional air quality analysis, please make the analysis comprehensive to cover all sources of air quality degradation, not just oil and gas.

Point 10 a Climate Change

Geologist
Perspective

The acceptance of “Climate Change” as an accepted fact by the DRMP is unreasonable.

Climate Change is a Socialist / Collectivist Invention. It is a political construct not a scientific one.

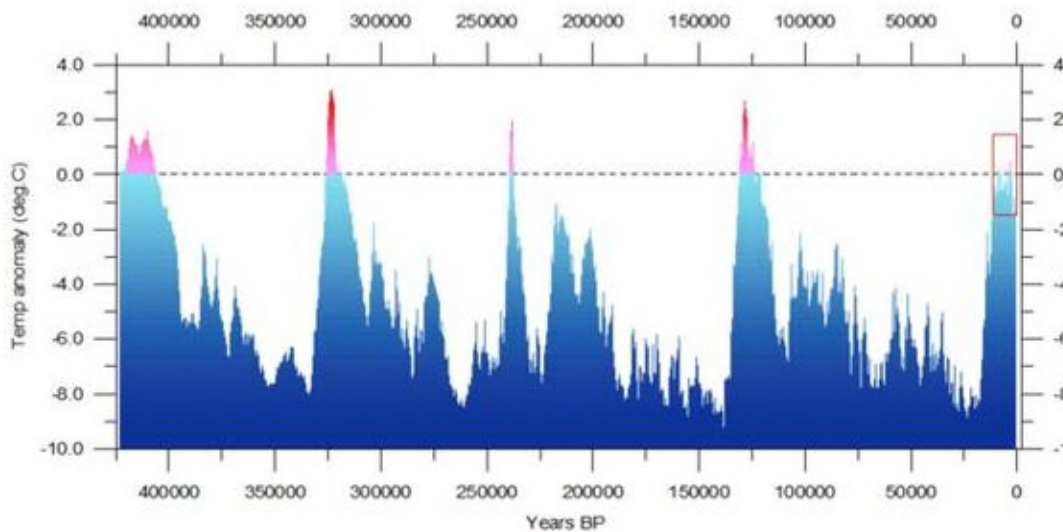
There is no consideration of other facts. Joondeph, 2023, makes the point:

Failed past predictions should question the credibility of any future predictions, but there is no accountability for a string of failed prognostications over the decades.

What climate scientists conveniently ignore is the cyclic nature of climate.

The Climate4you website [explains](#) clearly:

From time to time the planet has been affected by millions of years with relatively cold climate, each such period leading to a long succession of glacial and interglacial periods. During the last couple of millions of years, planet Earth has been in such a cold stage. The last (until now) ice age ended around 11,600 years ago, and we are for the time living in a so-called interglacial period, until the next ice age will begin some time into the future.



Climate4you [screenshot](#) of Reconstructed global temperature over the past 420,000 years based on the Vostok ice core from Antarctica. // Per creator, [freely available for download](#)

The Earth's temperature falls, then rises, then falls again, in a regular pattern. These cycles occurred long before humans roamed the planet, driving SUVs and having backyard barbecues.

Climate "scientists" only look at the far-right side of the graph, the portion that resembles a hockey stick, ignoring all that came before, the rhythmic and consistent rise and fall of global temperatures.

A simple question for the scientists would be what is the "normal" temperature? There is no absolute normal as the temperate waxes and wanes on a time scale far longer than man's influence.

As President Eisenhower said in his 1961 farewell address about government support of science: "the power of money is ever present and is gravely to be regarded."

Based on the above graph, “normal” is far cooler than temperatures today. An eyeball estimate is that we are now 6 degrees C, or 11 degrees F warmer than the average over the last half million years. Stock up on sweaters!

Where is the analysis of why this pattern is regular and predictable, based not on a few decades of measurement but instead a half a million years?

Obviously, there are forces beyond human activity, such as solar activity, changes in the Earth’s orbit, altered tilting of the Earth’s axis, or activity far beneath the Earth in the yet unexplored molten core.

Instead the media and climate scientists follow the Congressional bartender who [warns](#) that climate will “destroy the planet” in a dozen years if humans do not address the issue, no matter the cost.

And that was four years ago. What may destroy the planet is her political party and the neocons pushing World War 3 in Ukraine and the Middle East, not her doomsday climate apocalypse.

Instead, we are facing, based on the graph, a long period of global cooling and another ice age. In fact, humans today are enjoying an interglacial period of relative warmth that typically lasts for 10-15,000 years, preceded by and followed by a 100,000-year glacial period where it will get quite cold.

Another [graph](#) from Climate4you shows the air temperature at the summit of the Greenland Ice Sheet,

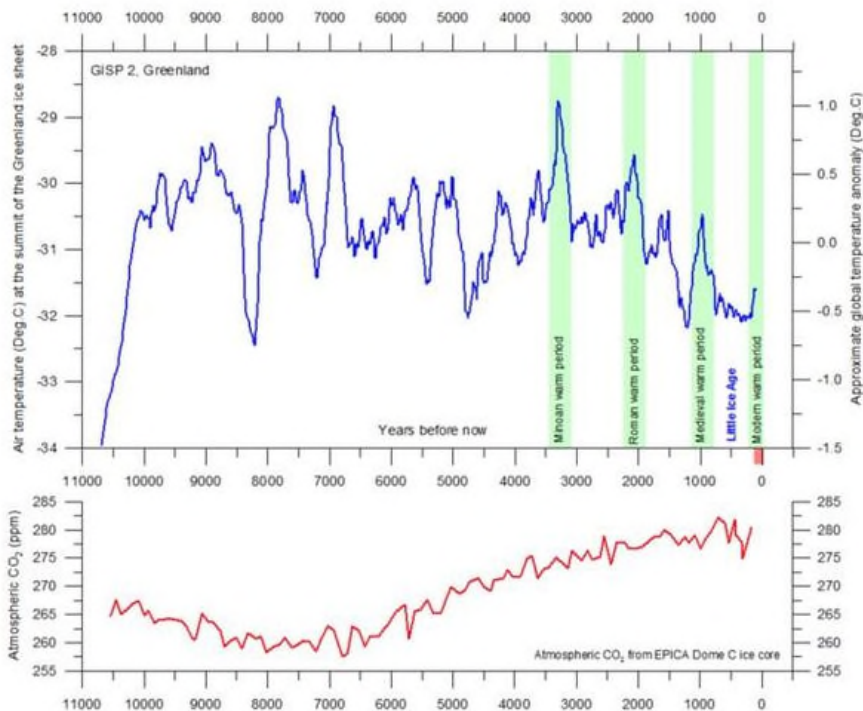


Image: Climate4you [screenshot](#) // [freely available for download](#), per creator

This is in essence a magnified view of the far-right temperature peak on the first graph above, looking back only 11,000 years. Even within the present interglacial warm period, there are rising and falling temperatures indicative of mini-ice ages with shorter warm periods in between.

These occurred during human activity, although not at the scale of today as there were no cars, gas stoves, airplanes, or air conditioners during the Roman Empire, biblical times, or the Middle Ages.

Also noteworthy is the downward temperature trend line over the past 4000 years, with each warming and subsequent cooling period a bit colder than the preceding one, showing a clear downward trend.

Based on the real science of looking at past data and trends, we are currently in a warm period that may last a few more years, but when it ends will usher in another mini-ice age colder than the preceding ones.

And at some point, in the not too distant future, we will likely enter another glacial period when man made global warming might be necessary for survival.

These mini-ice ages can [cause](#) plagues, declines of empires, loss of indigenous peoples and mass migration due to poor plant growth and starvation. The fall of the Roman Empire and the Dark Ages, around the year 500 A.D., correspond to one of those cool periods on the above graph.

The mini-ice age of around 1500 A.D. [led to](#) the fall the Ming Dynasty, freezing of the River Thames, and generalized famine. History teaches us that civilizations and humans prosper during warmer periods, and struggle when temperatures drop and kill off food crops.

These concerns are small potatoes compared to the major ice ages.

As the [Chicago Tribune](#) noted:

Twenty thousand years ago, Chicago was encased in ice roughly 3,000 feet thick — twice the height of Willis Tower. All that's left of the colossal ice sheet that sprawled over much of North America and formed the Great Lakes is a kernel of ice in the Canadian Arctic — and it's dwindling fast.

It may be dwindling fast as we are in an interglacial warm period where this is expected, but fear not Chicago Tribune, history demonstrates that in a matter of time, your office and city will again be under more than a half-mile thick ice sheet.

Shouldn't scientists and government agencies be looking forward to how humankind will manage and survive the next cooling period and mini-ice age, not to mention the future glacial period which is on schedule in the

George Orwell stated "in a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

C.S. Lewis wrote "When there is no objective right or wrong: each race or class can invent its own code or 'ideology' just as it pleases."

next few centuries based on historical precedent?

Rather than listening to ill-informed progressive legislators or cranky Swedish teenage climate scolds, here is where it would be helpful for government agencies and the media to truly “follow the science.”

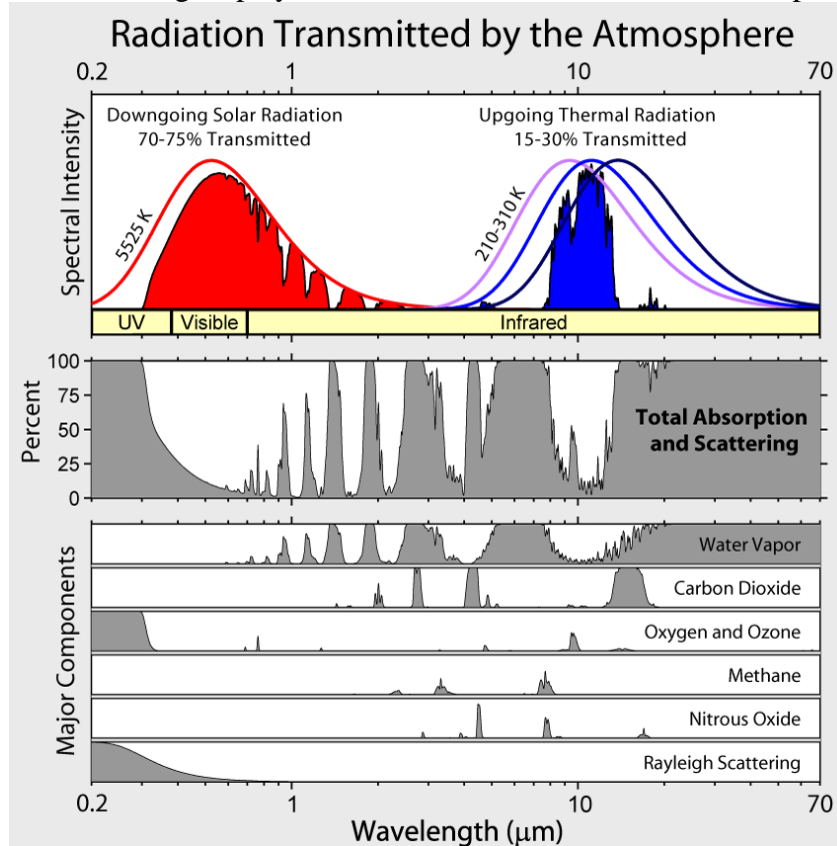
The only “consensus” in climate science is that governments must spend taxpayer dollars and increase centralized power in an ill-fated effort to stop Mother Nature and planetary forces. Any efforts of Al Gore, Bill Gates, King Charles, or Greta Thunberg is mere spitting in the wind of Earth’s billions of years of climate cycles.

The Earth has been around for 4.5 billion years and has survived just fine. Human life represents a micro-blip in the Earth’s lifespan, and it is the ultimate in hubris for humans to believe they influence forces beyond their wildest comprehension.”

Methane

There is also a need for the DRMP to realize the impact of Methane Emissions and understand that the Adsorption Spectrum for Methane is in the same range as that for Water Vapor. There is 10,000 times as much water vapor in the atmosphere as there is methane, so the methane contribution to the “Green House Effect” is not significant.

The following display from the internet shows the relationships.



From Internet Search Atmospheric Transmission

In 2016 I believe that was the date when I offered my 3 minutes of hate at the regional Coal and Oil Shale scoping meeting in Grand Junction, CO. I did not get a chance to point out that Ottmar Edenhoffer, former co-chair of the UN IPCC working group said:

Agenda 2030

“One has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. This has almost nothing to do with the environmental policy anymore, with problems such as deforestation or the ozone hole,.

We redistribute defacto the world’s wealth by climate policy”

This puts the Climate Change in the DRMP into context.

At the same meeting I did get to make a point tied to one of the greatest propagandists of the 20th century is known for the quote:

“If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it”



Joseph Goebbles

What is not as well know is the following from the quote above:

“The lie can be maintained only for a long as the State can shield the people from the political, economic, and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State”

The current collection of Gangsters and Warlords in Washington, DC and Denver seem to have learned this lesson well. I believe that Goebbles was a novice when

compared to the current state of Government Communication and actions.

Other notables have pointed to the problems with the Government and Government Workers not telling the truth.



“IN OUR COUNTRY THE LIE HAS
BECOME NOT JUST A MORAL
CATEGORY BUT A PILLAR OF THE
STATE”

ALEKSANDR SOLZHENITSYN

In 1974 Aleksander Solzenitsyn published an essay “Live not by Lies”. In part it says:

Our way must be: Never knowingly support lies! Having understood where the lies begin (and many see this line differently)—step back from that gangrenous edge! Let us not glue back the flaking scales of the Ideology, not gather back its crumbling bones, nor patch together its decomposing garb, and we will be amazed how swiftly and helplessly the lies will fall away, and that which is destined to be naked will be exposed as such to the world.

And thus, overcoming our temerity, let each man choose: Will he remain a witting servant of the lies (needless to say, not due to natural predisposition, but in order to provide a living for the family, to rear the children in the spirit of lies!), or has the time come for him to stand straight as an honest man, worthy of the respect of his children and contemporaries?

Other notable relevant quotes are:

“We know that they are lying, they know that they are lying, they even know that we know they are lying, we also know that they know we know they are lying too, they of course know that we certainly know they know we know they are lying too as well, but they are still lying. In our country,

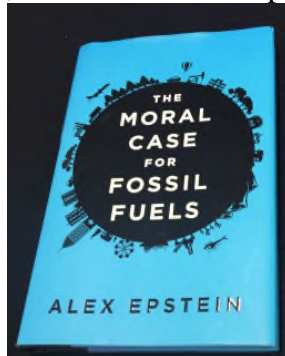
the lie has become not just a moral category, but a pillar of the State.”

Recommendation – Point 10a

The DRMP must not use quackery to impoverish the people of Western Colorado

I challenge each and every person involved with this plan to “Live not by Lies”.

In the understanding of Values, the work of Alex Epstein is worth consulting.



Epstein, 2014 – What is your Standard of Value?

. . . I hold human life as the standard of value, . . . I think that our fossil fuel use so far has been a moral choice because it has enabled billions of people to live longer and more fulfilling lives, and I think that the cuts proposed by the environmentalists of the 190’s were wrong because of all the death and suffering they would have inflicted on human beings.

. . . Religion is not the only source of nonhuman standards of value. Many leading environmental thinkers, including those who predict fossil fuel catastrophe, hold as their standard of value what they call “pristine” nature or wilderness – nature unaltered by man.”

The section on Wilderness pointed to the bigotry of Arthur Carhart at the Cradle of Wilderness.

Conclusion

I believe that the resources of the area are too important to be controlled by the Gangsters and Warlords in Denver or Washington D.C. I challenge each and every person to make wise decisions that promote prosperity.

When bad faith is exhibited because of a lack of honesty, it must not be tolerated. While it may now be accepted that political people are allowed to lie, honorable people do not do that. If what I have presented is in error, please let me know.

When I recall the damage done to the Timber Industry with the Spotted Owl, I am less than amused to see that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has a new plan out to kill 470,000 Barred Owls to save the Spotted Owls. There is no question the

Science was wrong in the 1980'. Shutting down the Timber Industry was the goal.

I believe the haters of the Fossil Fuel Industry can do similar damage.

Also let me note that having graduated from Western State College in Gunnison, CO and traveled spring and fall to home in Meeker, CO over McClure Pass – when it was a gravel road – I find it less than amusing to lump in the coal resources in the North Fork of the Gunnison and the Moly Deposit at Mount Emmons with “Thompson Divide.” This shows why the US Forest Service has forfeited their Social License to Operate in Western Colorado.



The image above is of my father's school class in 1934.at the Lime Kiln School ~ 13 miles southeast of Meeker, CO

If we are forced to have the kind of carbon footprint that they did, we will look like they did here. If Climate Change does not go the way of the Buenaventura River, my family will look like my father's school class.

In the past, I believed that my intimate knowledge of the area and my professional training would go some way to providing standing, so that my comments would be actually considered and addressed and have some influence.

It never happened, but I could always have hope. In his book “The Ruling Class”, Angelo Codevilla really did straighten me out to understand that these things (knowledge of the area and professional training) would be a negative in the eyes of the ruling class. So this Country Class person from the hinterlands will be watching. The burden is on you to do the right thing – it is time for you to shine.

Thompson Divide Withdrawal Comments

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Larry R. Moyer

Larry R. Moyer

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