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We live (since 1993) in rural Siskiyou County where cattle, hay, logs and gold sales are the economy. We have way too much government employment in our county. Since forestry has largely been shut down on public lands the number of employees on National Forests far exceeds the work load. It is basically a government welfare system going on in our area as far as the Federal agencies are concerned. To show Federal support (short-term local construction jobs) two new large buildings have and are being constructed for the US Forest Service at tremendous unnecessary expense to the federal taxpayer.

Currently we are fighting using civil disobedience to counter State Fish and Game and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) efforts to take our irrigation water away. Fish and Game tried to implement an illegal ITP (incidental take permit) program and has violated landowners with extortion actions by armed game wardens committing color of authority violations in the process. They are now in the process of replacing the Fish and Game Director since they know he is liable for jail time having authorized an illegal method of forcing landowners to make decisions contrary to their will.

US Department of Interior, through the President, is illegally using the Antiquities Act to designate a new monument and expand an existing one from southern Oregon into north Siskiyou County, and is ignoring the Congress of the United States which is the only body legally able to designate wilderness. The Department of Interior is going to make a unilateral decision about hydroelectric dams removal which the citizens of Siskiyou County overwhelmingly voted (80%) to keep the dams in place producing green power. The NCRWQCB is in collusion with the US Department of Interior using their waiver program to stop grazing on part of the proposed monument area, and they have violated the Data Quality Act (EPA oversight) in giving the public the impression that Upper Klamath Lake water can be cleansed by bioremediation through extensive, expensive wetlands construction. Even the expert scientific panel on Chinook salmon related to dams removal doesn't buy their claims, but the government is 'MOVING

FORWARD' on their efforts regardless.

Fish and Game has been practicing Federal take on coho salmon since 1995, to reduce the population initially get the fish listed in 2005, and now to take further property rights away from landowners via water controls. The NCRWQCB has used their EPA connections to force the dams owner, PacifiCorp, to agree to dams removal, and now the National Marine Fisheries Service has forced PacifiCorp to secure an ITP and HCP, so that power rates will be raised again to further hurt agricultural irrigators' pocket books. In fact, all citizens (70,000 residences in northern California, southern Oregon, and as far away as Wyoming using power generated by the Klamath River dams) are being ripped off with power rate increases to supposedly pay for dams removal, even though the decision has not been made or funded by California and Oregon nor the Federal governments.

Fish and Game has prepared suction gold dredge guidelines that essentially eliminates economical gold dredging on the Klamath River. In actuality gold dredging helps the river by dislodging an overly cemented armor bottom on the riverbed disallowing spawning salmon to dig their nests to deposit their eggs. Lack of sufficiently frequent flood events with more common drought cycles in the last several decades have caused abnormally cemented gravel materials to develop, disallowing good salmon reproduction. Fish and Game, like all their sister agencies, are part of a larger agenda to force people out of Siskiyou County because it is a rare place in an otherwise overpopulated state. These folks see the county as a park, given its relatively pristine/undisturbed state when comparing it to even the 'visited-to-death' Yosemite National Park. Agenda 21 has mapped the whole county as a corridor of organism movement for otherwise non-gene sharing segregated meta-populations of plants and animals that have 'human rights'.

Given the collusion that has been taking place among Federal and state regulatory agencies and coastal communities including Indian tribes to the west of Siskiyou County, it would be to Siskiyou County's detriment to be pooled with counties to the west from a representation standpoint. Siskiyou County shares custom, culture and economies with Modoc County and other counties to our south including Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, and Plumas counties. The proposal to make the dividing line Interstate 5 and pooling western Siskiyou County with Trinity, Humboldt and Del Norte counties would not be welcomed by Siskiyou County residents.

Sincerely, John and Jennifer Menke, Ranchers