

2 State to Sue Over Polar Bear Listing Alaska Filing to Challenge Decision (5/21/08)



Governor Sarah Palin announced today the state of Alaska intends to file suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia challenging U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne's decision to list the polar bear as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

"We appreciate the Secretary's recognition that oil and gas activities are already regulated under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to prevent impacts to the polar bear and do not pose a threat to the polar bear," Governor Palin said.

In previous comments submitted to the Secretary, the state maintains that there is insufficient evidence to support a listing of the polar bear as threatened for any reason at this time. Polar bears are currently well-managed and have dramatically increased over 30 years as a result of conservation measures enacted through international agreements and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. A listing of the polar bear under the ESA will not provide additional conservation measures.

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4 Who Owns the Moon? The Case for Lunar Property Rights

Glenn Harlan Reynolds
(popular-mechanics)

The moon has been in plain view for all of human history, but it's only within the past few decades that it's been possible to travel there. And for just about as long as the moon has been within reach, people have been arguing about lunar property rights: Can astronauts claim the moon for king and country, as in the Age of Discovery? Are corporations allowed to expropriate its natural resources, and individuals to own its real estate? www.popularmechanics.com/science/air_space/4264325.html

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Keeping CPR (Coalition for Property Rights) In The Fight!

Long before the opening shots rang out in the first skirmishes of the American Revolution, civilian scouts kept watch through the night, racing breathlessly through the fields to forewarn their countrymen with warning shouts and clanging bells proclaiming: "The British are coming!"

The cause of that conflict: over-reaching government regulation and taxation - and the desire of American patriots to self determine their economic fates. It is somewhat remarkable in 2008 that we face many of the same threats which prompted early patriots to action. We are witnessing a tremendous increase in the level of regulation, with little regard by government officials to the impact of regulations, taxes and fees on average citizens.

Our Founding Fathers warned that the greatest threat to liberty would come from within. They recognized the fight to remain free of unnecessary constraints of government and to self-select our economic destiny is never final. It is a perpetual war that must be waged each and every day - if we are to retain our individual rights and freedoms.

There were thousands of unsung patriots in America's Revolution who understood freedom's importance. The Revolutionary War was fought not only by courageous men with rifles and bayonets who looked death in the face each day, but by thousands of civilians who contributed what they could to the cause of freedom. These shopkeepers, tradesmen and farmers - quiet patriots all - kept the frontline troops provisioned with food, clothing and munitions. They favored freedom over tyranny.

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3 Proposed change to water law riles landowners By Oren Dorell (USA TODAY - 5/21/08)

A proposal backed by environmentalists to change one word in the Clean Water Act and subject tens of millions more acres of land to new federal oversight has ranchers and farmers fuming.

"It's a huge grab for more federal intervention in our lives, and we don't need that," says Montana cattle rancher Randy Smith says.

Smith sometimes diverts water on his 20,000-acre spread for the sake of his animals or crops. He worries that doing so under a new law will mean lots of paperwork, lawyers and site visits rather than a few scrapes of a backhoe.

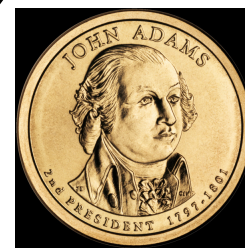
"We're perfectly capable of doing what's right for the land," says Smith, who has 1,000 head of cattle in Glen. "We know that if we don't take care of it, we won't take care of our animals."

The Clean Water Act of 1972 makes it illegal to pollute "navigable" waters. Over the decades, disputes arose over the government's expanding definition of "navigable," and some landowners complained that the word was being interpreted too broadly.

Two Supreme Court decisions in 2001 and 2006 came down on the side of landowners, ruling that ponds at the bottom of a gravel pit and a marsh miles from any lake or river were not navigable and thus not subject to the act.

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5 John Adams



"Property must be secured or liberty cannot exist"

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