Executive Summary

Property Rights General Session—America Stewards of Liberty,
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Transforming Challenges into Opportunities

Summary:

In 2021, the Biden Administration laid out the 30x30 vision to conserve 30% of nature by 2023 in the United States to coordinate with the worldwide effort. In essence, at least 30% of land and ocean area will be conserved by 2030. Margaret Byfield, co-founder of American Stewards of Liberty, breaks down the future of agriculture with the 30x30 in place.

As Byfield explained in the next two years, 30x30 implementation will include the rebranding of the American west to be “ReWild” and highlight endangered species in the wild. However, the campaign to “ReWild” the West has to do with limiting or possibly eliminating livestock production in the West. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 also helped support the efforts of the 30x30 by including new conservation programs to go toward environmental quality programs.

In many states, land ownership may imply access to the wealth and resources associated with that property. Byfield encouraged the industry to consider the implications of the 30x30 plan on land ownership rights.

Key Points:

1. Biden administration put in place the 30x30 in 2021 to increase conservation.
2. Increasing conservation leads to the transferring of private property to federal.
3. Transferring agricultural land to federal land could change systems nationally.
4. Learn more about the 30x30 and what effects it may have on your land.
5. Visit the 30x30 response at American Steward’s website.

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