

RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD

No. 2021-6

WHEREAS, The County of Blaine, Nebraska, is a political subdivision in the State of Nebraska, and that the entity is governed by the Blaine County Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, The Land in the County is primarily grassland and does have many acres of cropland; and

WHEREAS, designating lands in the County as wilderness would not insure its preservation. The land In the County, if left in an undisturbed state, would be susceptible to wildfires, insects infestation, and disease, all of which would degrade the natural and human environment; and

WHEREAS, the President issued Executive Order #14008 entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad". The Executive Order direct certain Federal agencies to develop a program to conserve at least 30 % of the lands in the United States by 2030. The result would be setting aside 680 million acres of National Lands preventing the productive use of the lands; and

WHEREAS, there is no legal authority for such a set aside. Such a set aside would result in economic injury to the residents of Blaine County because they would lose a substantial part of their productive lands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of The County of Blaine, State of Nebraska, as follows;

1. The Board on behalf of the citizens of this County is strongly against any such set aside of private lands.
2. The Board opposes any designation of public lands and nation forests as wilderness or any other designation that would prevent the Citizens from having access to said lands and preventing the development of those lands.

3. The Board opposes any restrictions on road closures and construction of the same on national forests or other public lands that would limit the public's right to access those areas.
4. The Board supports reasonable measures to limit greenhouse gasses, when those measures are practical, cost effective that do not single out any specific industry or activity, but the Board rejects the notion of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of productive lands.
5. The Board holds the opinion that re-designation of public lands and Nation Forests as wilderness areas of any other designation that would restrict public use and enjoyment can only be done pursuant to planning process set down by Federal Agencies and only after proper notice for public comment.
6. The Board maintains that any non-federal lands required to be placed in a set aside program should only done through willing landowners and for full market value payment and not through government regulatory compulsion.


Passed and approved this 28th day of April, 2021.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2021.



Chairman, County Board

ATTEST:



County Clerk, Blaine County

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