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We are a free people in a republic, under a constitution which limits the powers of government to those necessary to secure the unalienable rights of each person to their life, liberty and property. Yet, when a legislature is in session, no one's life, liberty or property is safe. It's the curse of a democracy. That's why we have a republic instead. *Freedom Matters* dedicates itself to the fight to restore our republic. Most of the press and courts fail to do so. They've forgotten that freedom matters.

Toward a Wilderness Utopia

By Henry Lamb
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Few people know (including most congressmen) that the management of 73,270,583 acres of the United States is determined by 34 non-Americans, who are elected by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This land (larger than Tennessee and Kentucky combined) is distributed in 47 U.N. Biosphere Reserves, managed according to principles and guidelines established by the Man and the Biosphere [MAB] International Coordinating Council, and set forth in the "Seville Strategy" and the "Statutory Framework." The U.S. Biosphere Reserves are a small part of a global network of 411 similar reserves, which are the starting point for the implementation of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity.

Each Biosphere Reserve consists of a "core wilderness" area, surrounded by a buffer zone, managed for conservation objectives both of which are surrounded by an "outer" buffer zone, also called a "zone of cooperation." The function of a Biosphere Reserve is to continually expand, and to eventually "connect" with each other through "corridors" of wilderness. The Southern Appalachian Biosphere Reserve was designated in 1988 as the 517,000-acre Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Today, the U.N. lists this reserve as 36,727,139 acres, with the zone of cooperation reaching from Birmingham, Ala., to Roanoke, Va. Neither Congress, nor the legislatures of any of the affected states, debated or approved the designation or the management plan.

At the first meeting of the delegates to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Peter Bridgewater, then-chairman of the MAB Council, offered the network of

Biosphere Reserves as the beginning of implementation for the Convention. The United States has not ratified this treaty. Nevertheless, our land is being managed as if we were a party to the treaty. The ultimate objective is to convert as much as half of the land area of the United States to "core wilderness areas," which are off-limits to humans, with government management of most of the remaining land "for conservation objectives." This leaves only "sustainable communities" for people, which are described by Science magazine as "islands of human habitat surrounded by wilderness."

This scenario is not idle speculation. The plan is well documented in the 1,140-page U.N. publication *Global Biodiversity Assessment*, which names "The Wildlands Project" as central to the management scheme required by the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Wildlands Project, developed by Dr. Reed F. Noss, under contract with The Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society, calls for "at least half" of the lower 48 states to be set aside as wilderness. Through an incredibly well-orchestrated campaign, hundreds of foundation-funded so-called "environmental organizations," assisted by federal and state agency personnel are working to see that land is converted to wilderness, corridors to connect the wilderness areas are developed, and regulations are put into place to control the use of "buffer zones."

Still, there has been no congressional debate or approval of this land management regime. Congress has looked only at small segments of the land management regime in isolation never at the total picture as described in the "Seville Strategy," the "Statutory Framework," the "Global Biodiversity Assessment" or the "Wildlands Project." Consequently, the nation's land is being transformed into a utopian vision conceived by a handful of international socialists. Just as the nest of environmental extremists have worked

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to expand the Southern Appalachian Biosphere Reserve, another nest is working to expand "Yellowstone to Yukon," an area that contains several Biosphere Reserves, and seeks to control all the land between Utah and Alaska.

When the New World Mine was on the brink of satisfying more than \$33 million in permit requirements, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, with assistance from the Clinton administration, called upon UNESCO to declare Yellowstone to be "in danger." This triggered regulatory authority to stop the mining operation, even though it was on private property. The Mexican-border area is also a hot-spot of expansion for U.N. Biosphere Reserves, including a border region that reaches 62 miles on either side of the border. **A major goal here is to eventually eliminate the border altogether. Development activity in the region that utilizes federal or international funds must be approved by a committee of u n - e l e environmentalists and agency bureaucrats.**

Environmental extremists think this situation is wonderful. They have been working for years to achieve this result. Far too few people (including congressmen) are even aware of the transformation, and don't want to be bothered by the evidence. Therefore, day by day, our land of the free is being transformed into the land of government control.

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Utopia in Wisconsin

by Mike Byrne

The reader would err to think that the above does not apply to Wisconsin. It not only applies to Wisconsin, it in some ways originates here in our university classrooms and also in our government sponsored planners. There is a massive social change being engineered in this country, that has been going on at least since the 1970s, and that is virtually off the radar screen of our major news media.

With the help of some key legislative initiatives designed to promote "Wild rivers," and preserve "Environmental corridors" progress on rural cleansing of human influences is proceeding.

Among the goals are:

- Road-less forests in northern Wisconsin
- Protected buffer zones with limited uses
- The suppression of the farm economy, driving the farmers off the land
- Increasing density in urban areas
- Phasing out vehicular transportation
- Lakeshore ordinances that make many rural homes nonconforming, by which they will cease to exist in coming decades.
- Shutting off the building of new rural homes.

If you still can't see the evidence of any of this consider the text available from the Wisconsin State Legislature's own Website on the heels of strict rules on floodplains:

SB209

This bill creates similar requirements for upland environmental corridors.

Under the bill, DNR must promulgate rules to establish criteria for determining what are to be considered upland environmental corridors. DNR must also promulgate rules to establish standards for identifying these corridors, including a minimum size requirement.

The bill requires DNR to promulgate rules to establish objectives for protecting these corridors from land use practices that reduce the upland environmental corridors' natural values, including objectives as to the amount and type of development that may occur in upland environmental corridors. Each local unit of government in which an upland environmental corridor is located must then enact an ordinance that meets these objectives. If a local unit of government fails to do so within one year after the mapping is completed, DNR must then enact an ordinance for the local unit of government.

Imagine the consequences of such a bill passing into law....Consider the problems townships could have if the DNR were to write ordinances applicable to such vast areas as upland property. Is that local control!!

If people cannot determine how and where they wish to live, and how much land separates them from their neighbors, and what they will be willing to accept in government interference exactly what kind of society are we developing into?

These are not mere social causes. They are evidence of a modern day religious movement with Nature as the deity. And the converts have a grip on your government...