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Watch Out! Biodiversity Replacing Global Warming As Next Crisis

After suffering a horrendous setback in securing a Copenhagen Protocol to impose international cap and trade laws last December, the United Nations is now turning its attention on nationalizing all property rights, allegedly to protect biodiversity. A UN treaty we once miraculously defeated is in the wings of the Senate once again, ready for ratification. It must be stopped.

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The globalist's failed spectacularly to secure a global warming treaty at the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark last December. It dealt a crippling blow to the global agenda to control the world's economy. Although the East Anglia Climate Research Center email scandal in late 2009 was whitewashed, doubt is still increasing. The knockout blow may have come in late August when an InterAcademy Council (IAC) investigation found the United Nation Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change provided "little evidence" for some of its claims about global warming.

The IAC is an international science council created by the top national academies from around the world. The IAC also said the panel had emphasized the negative impacts of climate change and made political conclusions based on little proof. A chorus of calls demanded the IPCC be completely restructured or totally disbanded. At the same time, the UN preparatory talks for the next global warming confab next December in Cancun Mexico are degenerating faster than Copenhagen, guaranteeing failure again. It should be several years before the world has to worry about international global cap and trade again.

As wonderful as this news is however, now is not the time to breathe a sigh of relief. The globalists were so confident that they would secure the Copenhagen Protocol that they planned to move on to a completely different program starting in 2010. The UN's "2010 International Year of Biodiversity" kicks off a 10 year strategy to protect biodiversity by law in every nation. If the globalists are successful, it could mean the eventual loss of nearly 50 percent of America's land area to wilderness and the end of private property rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

The focus on biodiversity is not new to the UN. It actually started when the UN trotted out the Convention on Biological Diversity (Biodiversity Treaty) during the 1992 Conference on Environment and Development (known as the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro. Since then, 192 countries have become parties to the Convention. Fortunately for us, the United States is the lone holdout. How that was accomplished is a nail-biting miracle. But first, a bit of background is needed.

Just as the theory of man-caused global warming is propped up with bad science, the science supporting the need for strong legal action to protect biological diversity is also very poor. That doesn't mean we shouldn't be stewards of the environment. We should be, and are, good stewards. However, the science used to justify onerous regulations is based almost entirely on a relatively recent faith-based science called conservation biology.

Although conservation biology has its place, it is based more on the religion of pantheism than hard science. In short, pantheism is the belief that nature is god. Therefore, “natural” is better than “technological” management by man. Dr. Michael Soulé, co-founder and first president of the Society of Conservation Biology said in the Society's first publication in 1987;

We assume implicitly that...the worst biological disaster in the last 65 million years can be averted.... We assume implicitly that environmental wounds inflicted by ignorant humans and destructive technologies can be treated by wiser humans and by wholesome technologies.

This wild-eyed claim by Soulé is arrogantly referring to modern day management technology used by farmers, ranchers, foresters and other land managers. If these “wiser” fanatics were relegated to the backwaters of science and policy no harm would be done. Tragically, however, billions of dollars have been spent to ensure that university programs, as well as federal and state agencies are heavily influenced by the religious theories of conservation biology.

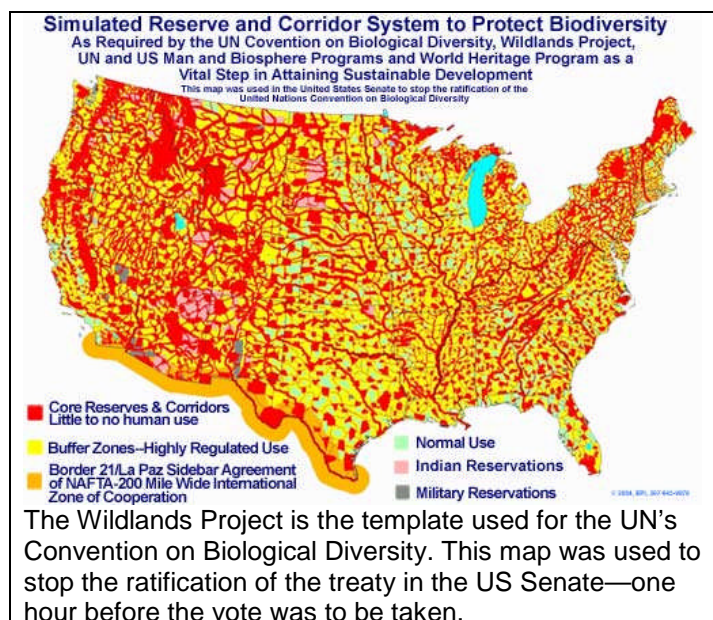
During the Clinton administration the primary purpose of land management federal agencies shifted from serving citizens to protecting Mother Nature *from* citizens. This has made life very difficult for rural residents trying to make a living off the land, especially in the Western states. Many ranchers and farmers have gone out of business and entire communities in the West have been destroyed.

Central to the ideology of conservation biology is the need to protect biodiversity by locking the land up to prevent all or most of human activity. Only then can nature be healed. This led to the development of what is called “The Wildlands Project” (now named Wildlands Network) which calls for withdrawing half of the American landscape and waters into wilderness core reserves and interconnecting corridors. The purpose is to create a continuous network of wilderness down and across North America Continent, connecting with a similar network in South America.

The Defeat of the UN Biodiversity Treaty

The Wildlands Project is at the heart of the 1992 Biodiversity Treaty. (See Fall 2006 Issue of *Range*; “The Greening of America I”) Not surprisingly, the Biodiversity Treaty does not mention The Wildlands Project. However, the eighteen-page seemingly innocuous treaty did use the same language used in The Wildlands Project.

Environmentalists (and other socialists) typically use innocent sounding verbiage to hide radical plans that the majority of Americans would reject if they knew the true intent. Knowing this, and having extensive experience in most ecosystems in the U.S., I constructed a map detailing



what land area would likely be placed into wilderness by The Wildlands Project, and by extension the Biodiversity Treaty. (See map)

The treaty was initially scheduled for a ratification vote in the U.S. Senate on August 9, 1994. The previous month I had visited key Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle using my map to show what this treaty was designed to do. However, because there was no hard link between the treaty and The Wildlands Project, the Senate was not interested. However, I did meet three others who were also fighting the treaty; Tom McDonnell, then of the American Sheep Industry, Henry Lamb, president of the Environmental Conservation Organization, Bob Voigt, president of the Maine Conservation Rights Institute. We agreed to work together.

E-mail did not exist at the time, so on the evening of August 4 I sent out 4000 faxes through the Alliance for America Fax Network. The fax contained the map, explanation of the treaty and my office's phone number. The fax was a last ditch effort to derail the treaty and had little chance of success. The result, however, was stunning. By noon on August 5 I received a call from the Republican Senate Foreign Relations Committee saying the Senate was being inundated with phone calls decrying the treaty and that I should keep up the good work.

By 3 o'clock I received a call from Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's office telling me that the Senate's computerized phone system was overwhelmed by callers and had crashed. Every time it was rebooted, it crashed again. I was asked by Senator Mitchell's aide to "call off my dogs." The fax had been re-faxed until, according to Mitchell's aide, millions of concerned Americans had called the Senate to protest the treaty.

When I had visited with Senator Mitchell in July, I asked him to get a copy of the United Nations Global Biodiversity Assessment (GBA). The GBA is the supporting document for the treaty and was supposed to be finished the previous spring. Senator Mitchell contacted the UN, but was told that the document did not exist, nor were there any plans to write it. Whether the UN deliberately lied, or it was a case of the right hand not knowing what the left was doing is not known.

Senator Mitchell eventually rescheduled the ratification vote for September 29, 1994. In the meantime, Henry Lamb wrote a letter on September 19, cosigned by 293 organizations to every Senator warning of the dangerous treaty. At the same time, Tom McDonnell tried to get the GBA out of Europe. He indirectly connected with an international environmental group headquartered in Switzerland, which apparently thought McDonnell was an environmentalist. They overnighted the draft Chapter 10 of the GBA to McDonnell, who received it on September 29 – the day before the treaty's cloture vote was scheduled. That single chapter was over 400 pages long and was horrifying.

Chapter 10 (Chapter 13 in the published GBA) extolled the virtues of the feudal form of government in which the proletariat (you and me) would be so poor (like serfs) that they could not inflict environmental damage on Mother Earth. The GBA also called for a vast reduction in human population to 1 to 2 billion people, and the *nationalization all property rights*. Most important, however, the GBA provided the smoking gun. The Wildlands Project was identified as the template to protect biodiversity in the treaty.

McDonnell overnighted Chapter 10 of the GBA to the Republican Foreign Relations Committee. I did the same for the map. The Senate received the documents the morning of September 30 – the day of the cloture vote. Copies were made of Chapter 10 and the map enlarged to a 4 x 6 foot poster. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX) took these to the Senate floor by at three o'clock – one hour before the cloture vote on the treaty. The map and the

damning Chapter 10 stunned those on the Senate floor and the treaty was stopped dead in its tracks. It was never voted on. (See Congressional Record S13790)

The United States remains to this day as the only nation that is not a party to the treaty. With the new goal on biodiversity protection by the UN, however, that may change – soon!

Get Ready to Act!

In announcing the UN's 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Biodiversity Treaty proclaimed;

Despite the significant progress achieved, we have failed to fulfil (sic) the promise to substantially reduce the rate of loss of biodiversity adopted eight years ago by the 110 Heads of State and Government attending the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development [in 2002].

The Johannesburg [South Africa] World Summit on Sustainable Development was the tenth anniversary of the 1992 Earth Summit. Describing one of the six key components of the ten year strategy, Djoghlaif warned that the greatest need lay in stopping indirect losses of biodiversity, including;

excessive consumption, for example of fossil fuels and meat, population growth, environmentally harmful subsidies, and a lack of public awareness about the harmful consequences of biodiversity loss.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that of all the nations in the world, the one that would be hurt most by this strategic goal the United States and its citizens.

There is near certainty with UN's pressure, the Convention on Biological Diversity will be dusted off for a second run at ratification sometime in the next several years – perhaps even during the upcoming lame duck session. It was a miracle we stopped the ratification of the treaty in 1994. We can't depend on another miracle to stop it the next time. Will we all be prepared to do everything we can when the treaty hits the Senate floor the next time? That is up to you. Watch for developments at epi-us.com.

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