

IRON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2023-3

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE 30X30 PROGRAM (PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 14008)

Whereas, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. issued Executive Order 14008 entitled “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

Whereas, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the 30x30 program; and

Whereas, under the 30x30 program, some 680 million acres of our nation’s lands would be set aside through conservation, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

Whereas, conserving lands does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed, natural state, many of these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation, and disease, all of which degrades the surrounding natural and human environments; and

Whereas, many people, including people of Iron County, depend on private land ownership and the use and commerce of these lands as contributors to their economic and social success; and

Whereas, there is no constitutional or statutory authority afforded to any President, the Department of Interior, or the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Iron County Commissioners that:

1. The Iron County Commission (the “Commission”) opposes the 30x30 program, including its objective of permanently conserving 30 percent of the nation’s lands and waters in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of lands.
2. The Commission further opposes the designation of lands in Iron County as conserved lands, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Commission supports reasonable national, regional, and global policies that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes any polices that are used as a reason to set aside large

tracts of land as conservation lands to fulfill the 30x30 program's objectives.

4. Lastly, the Commission maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30x30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through eminent domain or any other regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of the state, its communities and citizens.

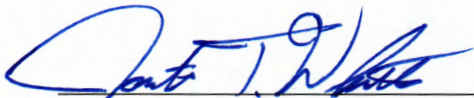
RESOLVED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED this 23rd day of January, 2023.

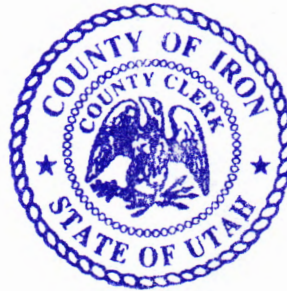
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IRON COUNTY, UTAH

By: _____

Paul Cozzens - Chairman

ATTEST:


Jonathan T. Whittaker – Iron County Clerk



Michael P. Bleak Aye
Paul Cozzens Aye
Marilyn Wood Aye