



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District
Pima Center for Conservation Education, Inc.
NRCS Plant Materials Center
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Resolution: Senate
Land and Water Conservation Bill S.3422, Great American Outdoors Act

Whereas, the Federal government currently owns an estimated 640 million acres or about 28% of all of the land in the United States;

Whereas, about 87% of Arizona is already owned by the Federal government, Native Americans, state government and municipalities;

Whereas, a major doctrine of Socialism is government ownership of the land;

Therefore, the Pima Natural Resource Conservation District (PNRCD) opposes the passage of any Land and Water Conservation Fund bill that increases government purchases of land taken from productive private ownership. If the Senate proceeds further in spite of these concerns, the following are amendments should be considered:

1. A five-year sunset provision;
2. Spending of moneys from the Fund must be subject to Congressional appropriation;
3. Hearings must be conducted by Congress prior to passage of Land and Water Conservation Fund;
4. Senate transparency must be assured;
5. Any land purchased by the Federal government utilizing Land and Water Conservation Funds must be from willing sellers who are not pressured by agents of nonprofit corporations acting on behalf of the government or by agents of the federal government and have public input before land purchase;
6. Any annual appropriations to purchase land must not add to the national debt.

7. A provision allowing the President of the United States to redirect funds as necessary by Executive Order, upon declaration of a national emergency.

The Above Resolution was Approved by the PNRCD/PCCE Board of Supervisors:

Signed _____
Jim Chilton, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE Date _____