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FOR SALE BY BUSH ADMIN: 300,000 ACRES OF NATIONAL WILDERNESS...

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From saveourforests.org

The Big River tract in California's Mendocino County is a sprawling expanse of towering redwoods and Douglas firs, woods that for years have provided an ideal habitat for rare spotted owls and endangered coho salmon and steelhead trout. Now, it's all up for sale.

Big River, neighboring Salmon Creek and dozens of other forests across the nation have come on the market in recent years as timber companies shed holdings that are worth more as real estate than as a source of lumber. The trend has spurred a land rush that has conservation groups scrambling to raise money to buy environmentally sensitive tracts in competition with private investors seeking to snap up the land for development.

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Hey, everything's "let's make a deal" with these crooks...ports, security in Iraq, armor for soldiers, piss water from Halliburton for soldiers, you name it, Bush has a price tag on it!

By: MCE337 on March 21, 2006 at 01:08am

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Will it never end? I've spent many days on Big River and I can tell you that it's an absolute treasure. This is another Bush administration hate crime.

By: OsamaBinLimbaugh on March 21, 2006 at 01:14am

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This land was intended to held in trust for all Americans.

How dare this President and his administration take it upon themselves to violate that trust?

He's selling off our ports, our weapons plants, our airlines, and now our very land.

Censure is not enough. Impeachment is the only alternative.

Why aren't more Republicans turning against this man? He will destroy their credibility and voter trust.

Please, I implore someone in Congress to begin impeachment proceedings immediately.

By: heartland on March 21, 2006 at 01:22am

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Look on the bright side. At least they won't be able to do it again.

By: justanumber on March 21, 2006 at 01:22am

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Norman Mailer age 83, was on Book Reviews network this weekend and he said that Bush was the worst president of his life time and replaces Reagan. What he said that was most interesting is that he sees no soul in Bush's eyes. He

is completely empty inside.

It is scary but, true. He hasn't shown that he cares about anything and everything is for sell.

By: Elucid on March 21, 2006 at 01:48am

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Aaarghhhh! See, THIS is why Bush needs censure. To put him on notice for the rest of his term and make him realize he is not the King of America. While we still have a country!

By: GingerJefferson on March 21, 2006 at 02:18am

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This is what Whitman wrote about the area in question. (my home)

"Farewell, my brethren,
Farewell, O earth and sky--farewell, ye neighboring waters;
My time has ended, my term has come.

Along the northern coast,
Just back from the rock-bound shore, and the caves,
In the saline air from the sea, in the Mendocino country,
With the surge for bass and accompaniment low and hoarse,
With crackling blows of axes, sounding musically, driven by strong arms,
Riven deep by the sharp tongues of the axes--there in the Redwood forest dense,
I heard the mighty tree its death-chant chanting."

<http://www.americanpoems.com/poets/waltwhitman/13390Song...> of the Redwood-Tree.

By: Jefferson on March 21, 2006 at 02:42am

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UnForgiveable.

When will the nightmare of this administration be over!?

By: Chapeau on March 21, 2006 at 02:56am

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By: GEAH on March 21, 2006 at 03:34am

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OMIGAWD!

ROTFLMAO!!!

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

oBVIOUSLY GEAH you have gone off your meds.

Ashcroft !!!???

STILL LMAO!!!!

By: Chapeau on March 21, 2006 at 04:23am

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As his mentor Reagan said, "If you've seen one tree, you've seen them all" (dead [or at least 50s era utilitarianism and ecologically-unaware] eyes and soul) - Is anyone suprised - the mission of this administration is to make the fat cats (big corps) rich and the rich shareholders happy including getting themselves a nice slice of the \$\$\$ pie. They value environment, community, mutual care of the Earth and each other not a whit (lipservice only), or at least they are very low on their totem pole of values.

Short-sighted, low consciousness, money is their value and also, their other value - raw power - thus we want to set up our imperial military presence in Iraq to block the Europeans and protect Israel. (See PNAC.) That pipe-dream of the neo-cons is of course turning into a nightmare, as MANY of us predicted three-plus years ago, BEFORE the war started, since, for one thing, we knew that Iraq was basically three ethnic "tribes" only held together by iron rule. The Iraqi people have to be INTERNALLY (in their development/awareness) ready for democracy and pluralism. You can't import it militarily. Of all the naive idiocies. It may be decades. Leslie Gelb (if I have the name right) was on Charlie Rose tonight, stating that only a handful of people foresaw the disaster of this war. He must have only been reading the MSM. There were legions of us.

By: racetoinfinity on March 21, 2006 at 05:08am

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THIS ULTRA-LARGE-SCALE ECO-TERRORISM, FUCKING ALL DECENT AMERICANS AND THE REST OF THE PLANET UP THE ASS...

...BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE RETHUGLICoN MAFIA, THE WORLD'S #1 TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

By: willfarnaby on March 21, 2006 at 05:25am

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Major forests around the world are being felled for timber profits, causing emense soil erosion and CO2 buildup. Where do these monkeys think air comes from or has the lack of it caused brain death already. Unbelievable to think there couldn't be be one day that this administration couldn't fuck over it's people somehow.

By: evilzeddd on March 21, 2006 at 05:32am

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If asshole Bush has it timed right, by the end of his reign he'll have sold off all the prime parts of the US to his 'Bidness Buddies', just in time for them all to retire to their Dubai rancheros and live off the income of our national forests; ports; Alaskan wilderness oil fields; national park oil shale, coal mine, and uranium deposits; and their retirement checks and selling the medals they earned from their 'years of faithful public service' to us, the US citizens.

Our only hopes are:

1. Bush goes on safari with 'Shooter'.
2. He'll somehow fuck-up this plan, as he has everything else. But he seems to be good at the crooked stuff.

By: TDoff on March 21, 2006 at 06:24am

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Why do you think so many third world countries all over the world are plagued with droughts or mudslides etc. Their governments sold off their rivers to be dammed & forests to be felled to large corporations which have destroyed the land these people needed to survive and thrive. Now they starve and live in abject poverty relying on foreign aid. Coca Cola is one of the biggest offenders - stealing water to make fizzy beverages for fat american kids.

If anybody thinks Bush is above selling out our country like the banana republic regimes & wealthy landowner families have done in the third world, they are seriously delusional.

Bush has no loyalty to this nation, only to multinational corporations; they are feeding off the public and our natural resources like leeches. Just wait to see what it costs for Americans to have running water in a couple of decades

when they sell the rights to the Great Lakes to Halliburton. That's if we don't stop them this November.

By: Clevelandchick on March 21, 2006 at 06:50am

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The Bush Administration can and must auction off all Federal and government owned lands and possessions in the name of Freedom.

The War on Terror is the most important struggle in the history of mankind. Therefore, America must be willing to take extraordinary measures to ensure its victory. This can and should include selling off federal land to the highest bidder and using the money to throw at the Middle East to deal with those the President in his infinite wisdom labels as terrorists. An ideology as vast and bold as the Presidents does not come cheap. Right-thinking Americans would be more than willing to sacrifice all current and future assets for this goal. We must allow the President to sell off as much federal property to whoever has the most money to pay for his brilliant vision.

If we don't sell as much of America we can to the highest bidder to pour the money into the Middle East for no reason other than the War on Terror, then the terrorists will have already won.

By: MinneapolisMike on March 21, 2006 at 07:22am

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All it seems this president and his minions are capable of is destroying accompanied with death. 6 billion people in the world and this 'dude' lives in a bubble of "You don't see what I see" and blaming the press for carrying out a 20th century war in the age of technology and communication.

He and his buddies should be impeached and dragged before a world court. Those who support this ideologue should enlist and fight their own battle. Never seen such big mouths and 'balless' wonders. Big talk and can't walk the walk. They leave it for the rest of us and our children. Necocon wasteland. We all know it.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

By: spanky on March 21, 2006 at 07:44am

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Just what America needs...more shopping malls (Wal-Mart's) and homes no one will be able to afford!

By: lochnessmonster on March 21, 2006 at 07:51am

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Rather than raising taxes to pay for SCHOOLING OUR CHILDREN that would insure a bright future for America, Uncle Scam has decided to GIVE the cash to the richest among us and forfeit the hope that the next generation might create.

PEOPLE BEFORE PROFITS!!!

In a government of, for and by the people, it is essential for the people to OWN THE NATURAL RESOURCES as without them they are POWERLESS.

Take the power back!!! REGULATION!!!

Convict all American war criminals and war profiteers.

Peace to you and yours.

By: happystead on March 21, 2006 at 07:52am

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GEORGE F. BUSH...this should become the new war name for our war president for all the obvious (Fucking) reasons. Please refer to him as such from now on.

By: MarkMyWords on March 21, 2006 at 07:52am

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Yeah!!! F Bush.

By: happystead on March 21, 2006 at 07:57am

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Got woods ?

By: lobster on March 21, 2006 at 08:37am

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I'm waiting for them to start pumping water out of the Great Lakes to Arizona.

By: michigander on March 21, 2006 at 08:45am

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oh well can't expect much different from the "earth = commodity" crowd.

By: GoodGuysandBadGuys on March 21, 2006 at 08:56am

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How in the world do we stop this "Madness"??????????
All I can say is, "God Help Us All"!

By: hillaryj on March 21, 2006 at 08:56am

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