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In the past, we here in California have seen land closures that prohibit the many while facilitating the few; particularly in the Mojave areas and with regard to private mining interests.

There are those who would strip the public of the use or possession of guns, and have shifted or prohibited land access to accommodate their agendas. There has been vast closures of otherwise regulated areas for shooting/hunting, done so by a variety of means, to include the use of lead, noise abatement, type of firearm, access to the land itself, etc..

With the growing world shortages of available lumber, our loggers face tremendous challenges in maintaining employment and supplying this country with our own needed resources. Where the public has lost land access, we now see large logging ventures taking place; we also see the loggers struggling to stay in business, yet the price of processed lumber has skyrocketed.

Within any rule itself and especially within any governing body, the ability to amend or change at will any plan or rule regarding land usage or forestry practice gives the appearance of an announcement of intent to deprive the public of land usage, and as such, should not be allowed.

The entire rule itself reads as if drafted by lawyers with the intent to facilitate a large scale land grab and foreclose on the public's rights of land use.

I have to ask; why is the current authority (rules) incapable of providing for adequate management without drafting a new rule?

I also have to ask; why is it necessary to have such authority given to so few people?

With your resources in such short supply and the closure of so many parks and recreational areas due to a "shortage of funds" to manage them, how can you now say that you have the resources to manage and additional area of land that is so large?

I am starting to believe that the only real shortage that exists is in the integrity of the administration; so, I challenge you to dispell my beliefs.

I cannot approve of such practices; I disapprove of the planned wilderness closure and certainly do not approve of the current version of the rule.

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