



AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN 2022

LAND USE

ISSUE: 30% By 2030 (America The Beautiful)

AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN REQUEST:

American Agri-Women (AAW) opposes this on the grounds that there is no statutory authority noted in the Order 14008, nor are we aware of any given to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, or any other agency.

BACKGROUND:

Agri-Women stands in opposition to Executive Order 14008. “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (86 Federal Register 7,619) as part of Section 216 of the Order, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other Senior Officials, so noted, were given the directive to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by the year 2030. On January 27th, 2022, President Biden issued an executive order (America the Beautiful) to tackle the climate crisis domestically and abroad. In this executive order, President Biden established a national goal to conserve at least 30% of US lands and freshwater and 30% of the US ocean areas by 2030. This initiative is commonly known as 30 X 30 and “America the Beautiful”.

- As reported by the Dept. of Interior, 12 percent of America’s lands are already conserved to the level of restriction sought in this new directive.
- On February 11th, 2021, the Acting Secretary of the Interior signed an order eliminating the previous administrations requirement for State and local approval of more private lands with moneys from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF). The order claimed that allowing State and Local involvement “undermined” the Program.
- The federal government already owns approximately 640 million acres of, which is about 28 percent of all land in the United States. Are these lands included as the primary target?
- Will provisions of the 30 x 30 program require the current land management plans in force and effect on public lands be required to be revised?



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- Will there be a clear and concise definition of the meaning of “Natural State”?
- At what point in geologic time is chosen when defining “Natural State”
- AAW supports the fifteen State Governors that signed an open letter to President Biden, and the concerns addressed in the letter.

We oppose any and all changes to the current tax code that negatively affects the ability of private property owners to maintain the orderly and unencumbered transfer to their heirs.

- We support the preservation of private property rights, adjudicated water rights, the right to farm, and the protection from targeting regulations and taxes, that force private property owners in other than voluntary participation.
- 30 X 30 is an international agenda and proponents argue that climate impacts are human caused, and preserving 30 percent is necessary to reverse the trend in climate change.

AAW supports the active participation of all parties, with priority given to State and Local entities. We support the use of natural resources to produce food, clothing, shelter, and fuels as a priority for efficient and effective Economic Security, Energy Security, and National Security.