

GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5

OPPOSING
PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN’S NOMINATION OF TRACY STONE-MANNING
AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

AND
URGING THE U.S. SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
AND FULL SENATE BODY
TO REJECT THE NOMINATION

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden nominated Tracy Stone-Manning (Stone-Manning) to be National Director of the United States Bureau of Land Management;

WHEREAS, Stone-Manning’s past and recent conduct and statements give rise to grave concern that the BLM may be lead by someone with ties to radicalized eco-terroristic activity;

WHEREAS, Stone-Manning’s background and ties are so troubling even for a former BLM Director under President Obama, Robert Abbey, publicly called on President Biden to withdraw Stone-Manning’s nomination. Said Abbey,

“As a 30-year BLM career employee, I don’t take her actions lightly nor should anyone else. If Stone-Manning participated in any aspect of planning, implementation or cover-up in the spiking of trees, then she should not be confirmed.”

WHEREAS, concerns over Stone-Manning’s nomination include:

(1) Her alleged links to a 1989 eco-terrorist plot to spike Idaho trees (jamming 8-10” metal spikes into trees which turn into lethal projectiles when each tree is processed for logging);

(2) Her admitted editing, re-typing and sending a troubling anonymous letter as part of that plot, to the Forest Service (excerpts include, “The sales were marked so that no workers would be injured and so that you a-holes know that they are spiked;” and, “You bastards go in there anyway and a lot of people could get hurt.”);

(3) Her allegedly misleading the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (“the Committee”) on whether she was ever a target of the Federal criminal investigation into that tree-spiking plot, (ranking member Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wy. said publicly, “It’s clear that Ms. Stone-Manning was intentionally trying to deceive the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. She told the committee she had never been the subject of an investigation and yet complained about being investigated in the press;” and fifteen members of the Committee sent a letter to the President sharing that concern and urging withdrawal of the Stone-Manning nomination);

(4) Her accepting legal immunity to keep from being prosecuted for that tree-spiking plot, in exchange for testifying against the plot’s co-conspirators who were convicted and went to prison;

(5) Her reputed, long standing outright opposition to livestock grazing on public lands;

(6) Her association with 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s radical advocacy groups like Earth First who militantly opposed grazing and other multiple uses on public lands and expressed their views through extensive property damage and various violent attacks;

(7) Her tweet last year (2020) in support of her husband’s 2018 Harper’s Magazine article that radically declared the U.S. Forest Service should let houses in and near forests burn as a type of “social contract,” and “perhaps the solution to houses in the interface is to let them burn,” and “perhaps the feds should commit themselves to refusing to send in any troops to any county that has not taken such measures;”

(8) Her support for a Montana housing development project followed by her allegedly receiving a favorable loan (6% interest when the going rate was 11%) from the developer of that project two years later;

(9) Her graduate thesis urging two-child-only population control to protect the environment (“..we must breed fewer consuming humans..”);

(10) Her devising related advertisements such as one pushing the two-child policy and calling a pictured “cute baby” “an environmental hazard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS

1. Tracy Stone-Manning is unfit and disqualified to lead the BLM and National Director nor to hold any office of responsibility in the United States Government.

2. A National BLM Director should never be under a cloud of suspicion over alleged ties to ecoterrorism, never be on record urging destruction of human dwellings in a wildfire, never be widely suspected of misleading a Senate Committee when exercising its oversight role; never be linked to drastic population control policies that hideously limit children and call a baby an environmental hazard, never be under a cloud for allegedly taking financial favors for advocating a position on an environmental matter, and never be a reputed wholesale opponent of public lands grazing when the BLM's very creation was to manage the unreserved public domain as grazing districts and allotments, among other uses.

2. Garfield County, Utah calls on the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Senate body to reject the pending nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning for Bureau of Land Management Director, for the reasons stated above;

3. This is necessary to preserve the integrity and mission of the BLM;

4. This is necessary to uphold the faith and trust the BLM must have with State and County leaders and Americans in general.

5. Protecting public lands management from the blight of eco-terrorism, criminal conduct and the specter of China-style population control are at risk if the Senate do not reject the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and signed this ____ day of _____, 2021.

GARFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LELAND POLLOCK, Chair

ATTEST:

(signature)
CAMILLE MOORE, Clerk/AuditorGarfield County Clerk