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Dear Friend:

In the almost six years we have been in existence, we have never petitioned our friends and supporters for donations.

The reason is because we have averaged 10 conferences per year and the proceeds from the sale of educational materials have carried all of our expenses. As well as educating the citizens of the counties, the county administrators and federal agency personnel who have attended these meetings of the power and authority of county government.

Ruth Kaiser, our Executive Director, accepts a minimal fee for her services and efforts on our behalf. Jim Faulkner, Ruth's assistant and writer for the National Federal Lands Conference, works 3 days a week and basically gets gas and lunch money. Such is the dedication of these people who represent the ideals espoused by the vast majority of you, the people, of these United States.

Why at this time are we asking for your assistance? Because in 1994, we only conducted 4 conferences at a financial loss. Why haven't we conducted as many conferences this year? Because we have been engaged in a fierce struggle to educate our elected representatives in the federal government and it has taken up all of our time. Twelve hour plus days have been commonplace.

Yes! We could have been conducting conferences, but we have had to postpone them because of the issues we felt we needed to address. So we have stayed in the office and dedicated ourselves full time to those critical issues.

When the Biodiversity Treaty was about to be clandestinely pushed down the throats of the American people, we, along with the combined efforts of other organizations, mounted a grass roots movement that alerted the people. At the time there were only 7-8 Senators who were opposed to the Treaty. Our August and September newsletter issues went to all 100 Senators and helped 27 more, who, after understanding the real issues, decided to vote against it. So, they put it back in the closet. Please be assured that it will reappear! <u>The Clinton/Gore administration MUST get the</u> <u>Endangered Species Act (ESA) and others hangs in the balance. Even</u> more importantly, the goal of establishing the New World Order / through the United Nations by 1995. What will be the result of x this happening? It is predicted by Washington insiders that there y will be no elections in the United States in 1996. The New World A Order will be running our lives through the United Nations! Where are our agricultural and business trade organizations when we need them?

In addition to the Biodiversity Treaty, we have educated our elected representatives on the dangers of NAFTA, some of the real objectives of environmental bills, the danger to the grassroots organizations of the "Lobby Reform" Bill, and the real story behind the "California Desert Protection Act." While this Bill did pass, the fallout, will probably see Senator Feinstein, Representative Bruce Vento and others serving prison terms for criminal activities relating to their involvement in this scandalous abuse of power, according to the National Mining Districts Association. But, where were our other trade organizations when we needed them?

When Congress reconvenes on November 28, to address the GATT-World Trade Organization, we will be educating our elected officials of the real reasons the United Nations wants this Treaty passed so badly. None of it is good for you and me or our national sovereignty.

We intend to get back to conducting conferences in January 1995. In the meantime, we need your financial assistance. We ask that you give what you can afford. You are our friend and friends put no demands upon friends. If you are strapped as we are, just drop a note and say "howdy."

We ask for no minimum. However, through a gift to NFLC, of a number of copies of the book "Project World Empire," we are offering a copy of this book to you for a donation of \$25 or more, as long as our supply lasts.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Sincerely. oursid

Kent Howard President

P.S. We truly appreciate your support !!!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

National Federal Lands Conference was created to fill an educational gap relating to our nation's holdings of federal lands. The private ownership of many of the utility values of these lands has been the source of much controversy and confusion for well over a century. Recent decades have seen a growing body of opinion about the federal lands which has not always been based on solid historical or legal percepts. The quality of litigation and legislation largely reflects the degree of factual understanding of the issues held by the major participants involved.

National Federal Lands Conference believes that the coming decade will bring about the resolution of many long standing controversies regarding this incredibly valuable resource. It is extremely important not only to the individuals directly impacted by federal land policy but for the well being of our entire nation that we enter these coming discussions and debates with the best factual information possible.

County government is the basic building block of the American political system. As President of National Federal Lands Conference I am very pleased to support a joint effort with the Coalition of County Governments of Arizona and New Mexico to sponsor our first County Government and Federal Lands Seminar. It is my hope that every participant will be pleased with the results.

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