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**July 30, 2021**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Cache County Council of Cache County, Utah will hold a **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** in the Cache County Historic Courthouse, County Council Chambers, 199 North Main, Logan, Utah 84321 at **5:00 p.m.** on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

The proceeding will be recorded and posted on the Cache County website immediately following the meeting at: <https://www.cachecounty.org/county council/county council.html>

## **AGENDA**

- 5:00 p.m. 1. **OPENING** – Councilman Paul Borup
2. **Resolution 2021-17** A resolution 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
3. **CACHE COUNTY ATTORNEY CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**
4. **ADJOURN**

  
Gina H. Worthen, Chair

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**CACHE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2021 - 17**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S NOMINATION OF  
TRACY STONE-MANNING AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
AND URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
AND THE FULL SENATE BODY TO REJECT THE NOMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden has nominated Tracy Stone-Manning (Stone-Manning) to be the director of the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and

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

**WHEREAS**, Stone-Manning's background and ties are so troubling that even Robert Abbey, BLM director under President Obama, publicly called on President Biden to withdraw Stone-Manning's nomination, saying: "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"; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns over Stone-Manning's nomination include:

(1) her alleged links to a 1989 eco-terrorist plot to spike Idaho trees by jamming 8" to 10" metal spikes into trees, which spikes turn into lethal projectiles when the trees are processed for logging;

(2) her admitted editing, re-typing, and sending of a troubling anonymous letter to the Forest Service, as part of the 1989 tree-spiking plot, excerpts of which 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 regarding whether she was a target of the federal criminal investigation into the 1989 tree-spiking plot, as explained as follows by ranking committee member, Senator John Barrasso of Wyoming: "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." (Fifteen members of the committee wrote to the President, expressing the same, foregoing concern and urging withdrawal of Stone-Manning's nomination.);

(4) her accepting legal immunity from prosecution for the 1989 tree-spiking plot in exchange for testifying against the plot's co-conspirators, who were convicted and went to prison;



(5) her reputed, longstanding, and outright opposition to livestock grazing on public lands;

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

(7) her tweet in 2020 in support of her husband's 2018 Harper's Magazine article that radically declared that the United States Forest Service should let houses in and near forests burn as part of a "social contract"; that "perhaps the solution to houses in the interface is to let them burn"; and that "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 (one with a 6% interest rate when the going rate was 11%) from the developer of that project two years later;

(9) her graduate thesis, which argued for two-child-only population control to protect the environment and said, "[W]e must breed fewer consuming humans"; and

(10) her devising of advertisements related to the two-child-only population control policy urged in her thesis, such as one advertisement 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 unqualified to lead the BLM, to be its national director, or 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 exercising its oversight role; never be linked to drastic population control policies that hideously limit children and call babies environmental hazards; never be under a cloud of suspicion for allegedly taking financial favors in exchange for advocating a particular 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.

3. For the reasons stated above, the County Council of Cache County, Utah, calls on the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the full Senate body to reject the pending nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning to be director of the Bureau of Land Management.

4. Rejection of Tracy Stone-Manning's nomination is necessary to preserve the integrity and mission of the BLM.



5. Rejection of Tracy Stone-Manning’s nomination is necessary to preserve the faith and trust the BLM must have with State and County leaders and Americans in general.

6. 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 does not reject the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning.

Adopted by the County Council of Cache County, Utah, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Gina Worthen, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jess W. Bradfield, County Clerk