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EXECUTIVE GRANTS OF CLEMENCY: Dwight and Steve Hammond

07/10/18 – EDWARD C NOONAN, Former 2012 & 2016 Presidential Candidate alert:

Today there was a statement from the White House Press Secretary Regarding the Executive Clemency for Dwight and Steven Hammond. The Statement began with:

“Today, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Grants of Clemency (Full Pardons) for Dwight Lincoln Hammond, Jr., and his son, Steven Hammond. The Hammonds are multi-generation cattle ranchers in Oregon imprisoned in connection with a fire that leaked onto a small portion of neighboring public grazing land. The evidence at trial regarding the Hammonds’ responsibility for the fire was conflicting, and the jury acquitted them on most of the charges.”

See full White House Statement at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-regarding-executive-clemency-dwight-steven-hammond/>

For a report on this event, please listen to this YouTube report:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8IWN1t3b5E>

Tom Thumb (message #1)

In reply to story at independent.co.uk

This article isn't telling the whole story. This was private land bought by families in the 1870s. It was declared a preserve in 1908 since waterfowl were occupying the land. Here's the key: The waterfowl were there because of the watering systems set up by the ranchers for their livestock. So the federal government would force the family off a ranch for this waterfowl but once the federal government took control they stopped using the livestock watering system which caused the waterfowl to move to the adjacent ranches which the federal government used to seize those ranches where they stopped using the watering equipment on the newly

seized ranches which again caused the waterfowl to move to adjacent ranches and so on. This process continued until the 1990s when the Hammonds were one of the few families to still have held on to their ranches in the area. Those within the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) took this very personally especially a married couple with the surname of Karges.

Now the fire. There was a lightning strike which started a wildfire and the Hammond family started a backfire to prevent the grassland which was feed for their cattle from being consumed. It worked, but they were prosecuted. To add insult to injury they were prosecuted under a terrorism statute.

Judge Hogan was tightlipped to the jury about what would happen to someone tried under the 1996 terrorism statute. He sentenced the father and son to 3 months and 12 months respectively and they completed their sentences.

Then the prosecutor comes back and says the statute under which they were tried says a 5 year minimum sentence and that perpetual thorn in all our sides the 9th circuit court ordered the two back to prison. The jurors were pretty much bullied into arriving at a guilty verdict by the judge and prosecution. On the whole, it is right that Trump pardoned these people.

Tom Thumb (message #2)
In reply to story at independent.co.uk

This is also something for which there is a big east-west divide in opinion. Westerners tend to side with the ranchers while easterners tend not to. This is simply because the westerners have to put up with the federal government owning a lot of their states where very low percentages of the states east of Montana are owned by the federal government.

For states east of Montana they are between 0.4% and 13.4% owned by the federal government with Michigan and New Hampshire being the outliers at 10% and 13.4% respectively. The western states, from Montana westward, range from 29.9% to 84.5% owned by the federal government. This is a problem easterners simply don't have to deal with. I understand wanting to preserve a place like Yosemite, but why is California 45% owned by the federal government? Yosemite doesn't cover that much ground. Nevada is 84.5% owned by the federal government.

I'm not a Nevadan, but there was some friction between local officials and federal officials in Nevada in the 1990s over this. I can understand why Nevadans would be bothered by this. It's unusual for an easterner like Trump to take this side on these issues. It has little immediacy to them since so little of eastern states are owned by the federal government.

I'm rather surprised by Trump's concern on this point. He even appointed a Montanan to be Secretary of the Interior by the name of Ryan Zinke. Zinke understands these issues directly having grown up in Montana which is 29.9% owned by the federal government.

The opposition to him being appointed among easterners was noisy, but I don't see them campaigning for increased federal ownership of their states. Some of the stiffest opposition to Zinke being Sec. of the Int. was out of states like Illinois and New York. Illinois is only 1.8% owned by the federal government while New York only 0.8% owned by the federal government.

Part of how this occurred is when the US Senate changed from an appointed body to an elected body. The states lost an important check on federal power when that happened, and outside of the peasants turning out by torchlight with pitchforks I don't see that changing. Senate approval is needed to change it back to the prior system, and it's really a fox watching the hen house situation. They'll never give up that power over the states. **[end quote]**

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