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### **How Do You Create a Deep State?**

First, you create a “good ole’ boys network, usually through business or civic organizations.

Second, you game the system by “legalizing” whatever it is you want to do, and if possible, banning the privilege to others. We call these “loopholes.”

Third, give power to unelected officials. That way there is no accountability.

Fourth, protect those bureaucrats with job security with laws that make it impossible to fire them.

Fifth, use off-budget expenditures, “off-the-record” conferencing, and executive sessions to keep things secret.

Sixth, hurt and intimidate people who get in your way.

Does Benewah County have a Deep State?

Yes, it does and in the coming months, I will explain to you how it works.

### **The Shell Game of Water Adjudication**

And speaking of “executive sessions,” our County Commissioners have them at the end of every public meeting. No minutes are provided, but the topics of discussion are in the published agenda, at least . . . until now.

For ten years, the Commissioners have had “water adjudication” on the agenda. I have

often wondered what they talked about. No one would say.

Then, a few months ago, our local *Gazette-Record* mentioned the subject. . . only to find it disappears from the agenda ever after. I wonder if it is now under the category of “pending litigation.” A convenient excuse to keep what is really going on from the public.

### **Getting Water for Irrigation**

I have already suggested that to fight the risk of wildfires, you can build swimming pools and ponds with liners. You can use them for irrigation, too.

But it is better to have a good well and a big pump. One local farmer tells me that most people make the mistake of drilling their wells too deep. You can actually reduce the recharge rate by drilling past the aquifer.

Drillers charge by the foot, so a deep well to them is more lucrative. Advice? When they hit water, tell them to come back the next day to test the recharge rate. Premature testing will give false results.

Fact: here on the westside, we have a big aquifer. It’s an underground lake. There should be no reason why you can’t have a great well.

### **Early Harvest**

Everything seems different this year. Gardens and crops have matured early - by my calculations: at least two weeks.

I planted some things late because of the unseasonal frosts. Still got a harvest.

Does the solar maximum influence this? I think so. Plants respond well to increased radiation as long as they have moisture. Maybe with more radiation, they grow faster.

### **Power Outages**

They happen. Our power lines are surrounded by trees with shallow roots.

However, the last one was caused by a cracked transformer. Interesting.

Now, what would cause a transformer to crack? Lightning? Target practice? Radiation induction from a solar storm?

If it's the Sun, I don't know how solar panels are supposed to work if surges in solar radiation burn them out.

Check out the website at 2046AD.org for a deep dive on what's going on with the Sun.

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### **Back-Up Power**

I've tried solar panels in the past with good success. Wind power might be a better choice, however, especially if the Sun is working against us on solar.

Right now, it is easier just to buy a dual-fuel generator. Make sure it runs on propane. Then, get a battery bank with an inverter. You can find them at Walmart or O'Reilly's. Don't bother with deep cycle batteries. A car battery will do. Run the generator to charge the batteries. Then, use the battery bank for the back-up power.

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**Next issue:** [The Zoning Board's State of Emergency Plans for You](#), [Harvest Results](#), [Winter Preparations](#)

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