



A Circular for the McCroskey Township

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Area Home Invader Still At Large

We have a new neighbor moving soon to our area off of Desmet Road. In transition, he parks his RV on his newly acquired acreage in order to have a place to stay as he prepares his new home.

The other day his friend checks on the place and finds it trashed with a stranger sleeping on the floor. A basket of items lies next to him which he evidently intended to steal after his little nap. The friend chases off the trespasser who nonchalantly wanders into the woods, munching on stolen potato chips.

The Sheriff's Department is called. Result? Nothing.

This kind of criminal activity with a non-response from the county makes us feel unsafe. Will you let your children wander in our nearby forest to gather flowers and otherwise discover the wonders of nature? Who might be lurking behind a tree?

Trespassing will also drive down property values. When people find out that law enforcement in Benewah County is no better than Seattle or Portland, who will want to live here? Will you?

No Man's Land

Well, I must say: local officials are sure keeping things interesting. First, the St. Maries City Council wants us to believe there is such a thing as "grandfather clauses" and now, as reported in a recent issue of the Gazette-Record: the County Commissioners have been told there is a "no man's land."

I sure would like to hear more about this "no man's land."

Presumably, "no man's land," according to the fire department, is any property that can be denied public services. You know, sort of like a grocery store charging you to enter the building and then charging you again when you check out. It's like a Costco Club, I guess.

The County does this too all the time. You pay taxes to belong to the Benewah County Club, but if you need an ambulance or a fire truck, well, expect a bill for services rendered.

I don't know if the Sheriff's department will charge you extra for kicking in your front door, but I do know that a small cadre on the West Side of the County thinks it's exempt from trespassing laws. You know, a "back to nature" thing.

The previous Sheriff bragged about how he was going to put a stop to all of that, but then when a local rancher complained about certain people breaking down his gate and letting his cows out, well, he was told all of that is federal now.

Anyone feeling like a sucker yet?

If we get charged twice for county services anyway, some of us might like to join this “no man’s land.” The Benewah County Club is getting less fun to be in every day.

What is an NGO?

“Non-Government Organization”

Why should that matter to you?

Well, NGO’s are how governments distribute money directly to the people. Unlike government agencies which are required to have standards for the distribution of government funds, an NGO gets its money without strings attached.

It passes the money on to recipients quicker but the danger of corruption is high.

Governments are not the only source of funding for NGOs. Billionaires and wealthy corporations are usually the parties which create NGOs with seed money and the hope that governments will pay the rest.

Suppose I am Bill Gates. I want to vaccinate African children for smallpox. It will take \$10 billion to do it, but I don’t want to pay the whole amount. So, I create an NGO, seed it with say \$1 billion, and then persuade Congress to pay the rest.

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Think about anything that involves a social or political objective and there probably is an NGO created for it. Great idea?

Only if you are a recipient. Taxpayers, not so much, because NGOs become a money trap. More next month.

Fake Government Agencies

It would be worthwhile to get the inside story on the deputizing of tribal police. The Sheriff’s Department claims it does not have the funds to police the West Side of the county, so they deputize tribal police to do it.

The practice appears to be as effective as deputizing a Wal-Mart security cop.

Remind me again, why do we pay taxes? If we are not going to be serviced by the county, are we in a “no man’s land”?

Next Issue: More on NGO’s, Fake Government Entities and area news.

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