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Subject: Hammond Family

The Coalition of Western States represents over 50 legislators and grass roots leaders predominantly in the Western United States dedicated to stopping federal overreach. After extensive research on the Hammond case, it is very clear that the Bureau of Land Management is continuing to engage in what Judge Robert C. Jones termed “*a literal, intentional conspiracy to deprive*” ranchers and farmers of their property rights throughout the west. The Hammonds are by no means alone. This is a war on rural America.

The Coalition of Western States stands squarely behind the Hammond family in their pursuit of justice and we stand ready to aid them including specifically pursuing a pardon should they request our help.

The gross mismanagement of the BLM and the Forest Service is affecting tens of thousands of people across the west. The Coalition of Western States finds it appalling that the Hammonds were prosecuted for setting a backfire. Yet, the poor management of National Forests by the Forest Service, failure to properly and promptly fight fires, and the BLM actually setting destructive backfires¹ resulted in the deaths of well over 100 cattle and the destruction thousands of acres of private property in the western United States without any consequence to the bureaucrats in those agencies. Furthermore, the Forest Service and BLM have acted methodically throughout the west to confiscate private property through regulatory theft or force the sale of private property to the government through continued harassment. This bureaucratic terrorism must stop. The Coalition of Western States stands ready to defend the continued federal overreach and once and for restore management of public lands to the states where it constitutionally belongs.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zvrrQbjepc>