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A Jewell Who's Rough on Jobs As CEO of retailer REI, the incoming Secretary of the Interior was on the radical dollars to wage open green activism "- **By KIMBERLEY A. STRASSEL via Land Rights Network-American Land Rights Association.** **that's from the Lands Rights group out of Washington State.**

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It's too bad Secretary of Interior Salazar quit. Article in Rapid City Journal on April 15, 2013 stated that SALLY JEWELL was appointed as new Interior Secretary by a vote 87 to 11. (Of course, Senator Johnson voted for this, but Senator Thune voted against this appointment. I had called Senator Thune's office earlier.) With Interior Secretary Salazar's "Bluewater Secretarial Order" and "Wildlands Secretarial order", Jewell will lock up dozens of rivers without Congressional approval. Wildlands Secretarial order will also include vast amounts of private land for the Obama Administration.

In naming Sally Jewell as Interior secretary, President Obama lauded the REI boss as a woman who "knows the link between conservation and good jobs. Mr. Lunny ran an 80-year-old, Drakes Bay Oyster Co. , a business that had the bad luck decades ago of being enclosed in a federal park. When Ms. Jewell polished her acceptance speech, a federal judge ordered the business evicted on November 29, 2012. Among the organizations working hardest to destroy the livelihood of Mr. Lunny and his 30 workers was the National Parks Conservation Association. Ms. Jewell is vice-chairman of its board. She is the CEO of a successful outdoor retailer. She started as an oil company engineer. She is a committed conservationist. Far from a creative choice, Ms. Jewell is just the newest addition to Mr. Obama's second-term team of loyal ideologues. The president knows he can rely on Ms. Jewell to do for the federal government exactly what she's done at an activist level: Lock up land ,target industries, kill traditional jobs. REI, for instance, actively supported the Clinton-era Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which in 2001 locked up a third of all national forests, dealing another blow to logging and mining. REI's well-heeled clientele ultimately got 58 million acres of pristine walking trails; Western loggers got to tell their kids they no longer had a job. REI's bigger influence, however, has come from funneling money to radical groups via the Conservation Alliance, a foundation it created with Patagonia, The North Face and Kelty in 1989. Ms. Jewell was lauded by the group in 2010 for committing REI to giving more than \$100,000 a year to this outfit.

The Conservation Alliance maintains a list of the "successes" it has notched via the dollars it sends to militant environmental groups like Earth justice. In

the past few years alone that list has included "77 oil and gas leases halted" in Utah, 55,000 acres put off limits to oil and gas jobs in Colorado, the destructions of functioning dams, and the removal of millions of new acres from any business pursuit. The Alliance is particularly proud of its role in getting the Obama team in 2012 to lock up half of Alaska's National Petroleum Reserve-set aside 90 years ago specifically for oil and gas. The NPCA, when it isn't destroying oyster farmers, has filed lawsuits attacking power plants and waged campaigns to ban off-road vehicles and snowmobiles in park lands. Ms. Jewell, on the board since 2004, was there for many of these efforts to kill jobs and restrict park use to those whom the NPCA approves. These are the very parks Ms. Jewell will oversee as Interior secretary.

Additional information to above article: To visualize what will happen next, check out NPCN: www.npcn.net/index.php/pages/vision if you haven't read about plans to take over all the Northern Plains Grasslands, Forests-Parks, Nat'l Monuments and control all the rivers! There was article in MSN news-April 17th by the Nature Conservatory planning to turn the grasslands back into buffalo pastures!

This is critical in early 2013 that citizens write to their State Governor! Copy off the first four pages about the NCPN and their plans and send with letter! Get names/address to email or write to their STATE senators and representatives to organize a committee to cede back the thousands of National Forests, BLM and National Grasslands back to the State to control. This is happening in the Idaho State government right now! If we don't stop this public land take-over, it will result in loss of our rock hunting in all the northern plains states and their movement start adding closure in other states!

Realize we will have to fight against the Conservation Alliance, a powerful organization with millions of dollars and about 30 other wilderness clubs with big coffers. Getting the land back in STATE control is the best way to stop this land grab!