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THE INSANITY OF BUILDING A HIGHWAY TO HELL

The almost psychotic scheme to destroy 5,000 acres in Walker County alone, by building what would amount to the largest pork barrel boondoggle in the history of Texas defies any common sense or reasoning except by the land grabbers and profiteers who would make money through the destruction of...

1. 8 square miles of productive timberlands and farm and ranch lands,
2. hundreds of homes and citizens' quality of life,
3. all wildlife that might inhabit much of Walker County that would be killed if it dared to cross such a dangerous highway to hell,
4. recreational and touristic values and opportunities,
5. archaeological and other historic resources.

The age of being able to waste depleted energy resources is rapidly drawing to a close and this proposed highway would become obsolete within 25 years at the latest.

What Texas and America needs is a rapid rail network, based on the common sense engineering approach of the Italians.

A narrow corridor, raised 10 to 20 feet above the ground would allow wildlife to pass and property owners to pass underneath freely and safely.

Automobiles and trucks could easily be loaded onto flat cars for extremely rapid and energy efficient movement at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour using current technology.

The savings to the environment with high speed raised rail would be of great significance to the quality of life of all Texans.

The monetary savings to the taxpayers of utilizing a corridor of only 50 feet or so would be in the billions of dollars. Only 170 acres would be negatively impacted, thus saving well over 7 square miles of Walker County from destruction, which is only 1/30th the damage that would be caused by the insane highway scheme.

The lives of countless citizens would not be disrupted and their land would not be "stolen" from them by big government and big government's henchmen and ignorant and/or greedy boosters.

The fact that our City and County Governments and Chamber of Commerce would even entertain such a mindless proposal casts them in a very poor light from an intelligent standpoint.

We need to stand up against tyranny and the planned destruction of our little part of what is left of America the Beautiful.

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