



Perry Pendley Appointment



We, at Protect The Harvest, would like to congratulate William Perry Pendley on his appointment as Deputy Director of Policy and Programs for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Bureau of Land Management's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The BLM manages more than 10% of the nation's land and employs over 10, 000 people.

As we have shared in multiple articles, the BLM is often a target of environmental NGO's lawsuits such as current suit surrounding the Hammond family's grazing rights in Oregon.

Most recently, Pendley was president and chief legal officer of Mountain States Legal Foundation (MSLF), based in Colorado, where he worked for nearly 30 years. MSLF is a nonprofit, public-interest legal foundation dedicated to individual liberty, the right to own and use property, limited and ethical government, and the free enterprise system. An IRC 501(c) corporation created in 1977, MSLF represents clients pro bono in defense of constitutional liberties and the rule of law.

Pendley is also a national columnist, speaker, and author of several books such as Sagebrush Rebel: Reagan's Battle with Environmental Extremists and Why It Matters Today, Warriors for the West: Fighting Bureaucrats, Radical Groups, and Liberal Judges on America's Frontier, War on the West: Government Tyranny on America's Great Frontier, and It Takes A Hero: The Grassroots Battle Against Environmental Oppression.

Born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Pendley received both his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Master's Degree in Political Science from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Wyoming College of Law, during which he was Senior Editor on Land and Water Law Review. Pendley also served as an attorney to former Senator Clifford P. Hansen (R-Wyoming) and to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. During the Reagan Administration, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals of the Department of Interior, where he authored President Reagan's National Minerals Policy and Exclusive Economic Zone proclamation. He was a consultant to former Secretary of the Navy John F. Lehman, Jr., and was engaged in the private practice of law in the Washington, D.C. area before moving back to the West U.S. in 1989.