

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEST:

Greetings,

A question on the minds of many, myself included, in this post-election, post-modern and, seemingly, post-environmental season, is where do we go from here? With so many issues of importance vying for the national spotlight, it seems as though the environment and the creatures who share our world have become passé, a story from yesterday's news and a concern for future generations. 'After all', ask the neo-conservatives with some legitimacy, 'if Islamic terrorists wreak destruction and havoc on our nation, who will remain to advocate for and enjoy the benefits of a clean and vital natural environment?' 'This generation must join the fight for the future of all generations yet to come,' they say! 'Precisely,' I say! And if our generation does not advocate for the environment and the health of generations yet to come, who, and what, will remain that's worth fighting for? Politicians divide issues, and the electorate, for their and their supporter's benefit.

I submit that advocating for sustainable economic development, the rational use of natural resources and stewardship of the natural beauty that we've collectively inherited from our forebears are not political propositions, but ones that benefit our entire nation as much as fighting to preserve our physical well-being from murderous madmen. Whatever your political flavor, let's join the fight together and find the personal and political will to do what needs to be done for those generations yet to come. The fronts in the war to save future generations lie in the hearts and minds of the living!

*Mike Stoakes, President,
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