

Quotes from Ron Arnold and Alan Gottlieb

"The goal of the Wise Use movement is very clear. Referring to environmentalists, Arnold explains, 'We're out to kill the fuckers. We're simply trying to eliminate them. Our goal is to destroy environmentalism once and for all.'"

— Ron Arnold, interview, *Common Ground of Puget Sound*, Fall 1992

"Our goal is to destroy, to eradicate the environmental movement. . . We're mad as hell. We're not going to take it any more. We're dead serious — we're going to destroy them."

— Ron Arnold, interview with Katherine Long, *The Toronto Star*, December 21, 1991

"Today Ron is promoting a new threat: his own people's potential for violence and insurrection. In the course of one interview, he brings up this possibility eight times. 'Things are so regulated and restricted that people are sensing themselves as an oppressed class, and that's how you get revolutions,' he'll say. Or 'Try telling a logger who's lost his job and house and whose neighbor is molesting his daughter because he has nothing else to do that he should remain nonviolent — that we'd rather see him work within the system. I've had calls in the middle of the night to talk to a guy who was armed and wanted to kill someone, an environmentalist or whoever. I've driven 200 miles to tell him, 'Listen, you silly son of a bitch, this will just get you killed and the government will be in here with army regulars and cannons. There'll be nothing left of your town.'"

— Ron Arnold, interview, *The War Against the Greens*, by David Helvarg, 1994

"King Bruce Babbitt will generate a genuine insurrection in this country."

— Ron Arnold, interview, *The War Against the Greens*, by David Helvarg, 1994

"The National Park Service is an empire designed to eliminate all private property in the United States."

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VOICEOVER: "Arnold's followers consider this a battle for personal freedom."

ARNOLD: "And that sword has two purposes: to carve out a niche for your agenda, to reshape the American law in your image; and, to kill the bastards."

INTERVIEWER: "Describe yourself as you would like others to think of you."

ARNOLD: "As I would like others to think? People in industry, I'm going to do my best for you. Environmentalists, I'm coming to get you."

— Ron Arnold, interview, CNN, May 30, 1993

"We want you to be able to exploit the environment for private gain, absolutely," he says. "And we want people to understand that is a noble goal."

— Ron Arnold, interview, *The Toronto Star*, December 21, 1991

"Facts don't really matter. In politics, perception is reality."

— Ron Arnold, interview, *Outside* magazine, December 1991

the Farm Bureau wants "nothing to do with CDFE. We don't really even like to use the term 'Wise Use,' a name Ron Arnold came up with."

— *Outside*, December 1991

Gottlieb and Arnold's associations with the Unification Church "prompt similar groups, including People for the West, to distance themselves from Arnold's efforts."

— National Public Radio, March 7, 1992

"Many local land rights groups are seeking to distance themselves" from Arnold and Gottlieb

— *National Journal*, October 23, 1993

The National Cattleman's Association, the American Farm Bureau, and other local property rights groups are "wary of Arnold."

— *Beef Today*, August 1993

"It would be an embarrassment to be associated with Arnold, says Pierre Gervais of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, even though the association employed the outspoken activist as a consultant, according to the report [the 1991 report of the Parliamentary Library on Share Groups, by Claude Emery]."

— *The Ottawa Citizen*, August 17, 1993

"Groups like the American Farm Bureau . . . take umbrage at many of Mr. Arnold's strident statements. Neither are they enamored of Mr. Gottlieb, who has a felony conviction in 1984 for filing false income tax returns."

— *New York Times*, December 19, 1991

"By his plea, Mr. Gottlieb has admitted that he intentionally filed a United States Income Tax Return for the calendar year 1978, which he knew to understate his taxable income by approximately \$49,000. The evidence which supported the plea and which was set forth in a written stipulation signed by the defendant, clearly established that the defendant set about to fraudulently misrepresent his taxable income."

— Government's Sentencing Memorandum, *United States of America v. Alan M. Gottlieb*, U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, May 30, 1984