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NREPA Would Make the “*THE EARTH MOVE*” Out from Under Americans’ Feet Into the Hands of the Federal Government *Bill would lock up over 24 million acres of land*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Tomorrow, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands will hold a hearing regarding the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA, H.R. 980) which would lock up American land, specifically moving approximately 24 million acres of lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Utah from public access lands to off-limits wilderness areas.

In addition to several other witnesses, Grammy Award Winning Singer Carole King will testify regarding this legislation. In honor of her appearance, here’s a comparison between Ms. King’s 1971 single “*I Feel the Earth Move*” and the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act:

I Feel the Earth Move **By Carol King**

I feel the earth move under my feet
I feel the sky tumbling down
I feel my heart start to trembling
Whenever you're around

Oh baby, when I see your face
Mellow as the month of May
Oh darling I can't stand it
When you look at me that way

I feel the earth move under my feet
I feel the sky tumbling down
I feel my heart start to trembling
Whenever you're around

Oh darling When you're near me
And you tenderly call my name
I know that, My emotions
Are something I just can't tame
I've just got to have you baby

Because of NREPA, residents of six states would literally see **the earth move under their feet** as land is transferred from public access parks and forests to off-limit wilderness areas.

For the past 17 years, Democrats have tried to pass this bill - causing residents' **hearts to start to trembling** whenever NREPA's around.

Not a single one of the 72 sponsors of NREPA lives in affected districts, so local residents get nervous whenever NREPA advocates **look at** their land that way.

Although President Obama recently signed a massive lands bill into law, Democrats still have **got to have** 24 million acres of more land. This area is equal to the size of Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont combined.

I feel the earth move under my feet
I feel the sky tumbling down
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I feel the sky tumbling down

I just lose control
Down to my very soul
I get hot and cold all over

States would ***lose control*** of water rights authority and people would lose the ability to use the land for energy production and for recreational purposes such as hunting and fishing.

I feel the earth move under my feet
I feel the sky tumbling down
tumbling down, tumbling down...

If passed, NREPA could cause the employment rate in affected areas to go ***tumbling down, tumbling down***. In fact, it is estimated that Sublette County and Lincoln County in Wyoming would have a combined 1,679 jobs impacted by this bill.

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