



Biking in Beijing

Only 55% of the time is the air in Beijing safe to breathe. Other days the air is still more polluted than most other cities. A Dutch company has decided to come up with an innovation for all the cyclists to augment or substitute for the masks the Chinese are wearing.

Called "Future Bikes" the cycle is fitted with a filtering screen on the handlebars which pulls up the cleaner air toward the head of the cyclist. If cyclists line up behind each other, the following cycles receive even more purified air.

China has 3 million daily bike users and residents often refer to the situation as "Airmageddon".



US National Monuments

Protected habitats, much like our national parks, which are set aside by presidential decree rather than congressional law, are known as National Monuments. Many are visited extensively and much beloved by large numbers of Americans. However, the newly appointed Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, recommended on August 25, 2017 to make reductions to some of the 27 Monuments in favor of mining and logging rights. These Monuments had been under review for the past several months, during which over 3 million people commented in favor of maintaining the existing Monuments.





Clean Water in Danger

EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt, has already begun rolling back many of our clean water safeguards and threatening the drinking water supplies in many areas of our nation. These safeguards, many of which are from the Clean Water Rule of 2015, are being “reinterpreted” by the new EPA legal staff to circumvent regulations. Also, a new provision in the House budget bill will allow the existing law of public review (transparent due process) to be changed so that The EPA and other agencies can make decisions and all new input and accountability will be eliminated from public review. This undocumented process is referred to as Shadow Regulation.



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Hydrocast Mapping of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin

A new Hydrocast Mapping program of the LBPF is measuring salinity in the estuaries, which varies with fresh water influx and diversions. Data from Wildlife and Fisheries, satellite images, precipitation data and monitoring stations on bouys are all tabulated into precise mapping for studies of habitats and other purposes.

