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Our commenting period is almost at an end. So I wanted to thank Victoria Rutson and Dave Navecky. I spoke with both of them on the phone and met Dave in person at the Rockford scoping meeting. I feel they both want to do a thorough job. I understand they have guidelines and procedures that they must follow that are implemented by our elected officials. These constraints may make things difficult for them and hard for some to understand.

The rest of my comment is directed squarely at our elected officials and the many committees that make these policies. Federal, State and local. I've written to 30 politicians and Governmental planning agencies. I received 4 replies!

Kate Cloonen, 79th District, Illinois House and Zach Oltmanns, Ogle County Board District 1. Both Kate and Zach replied on topic and engaged in conversation. I'm not even in their district, yet they took the time. If they ever run for office that I can vote for them, they will have my vote. Dick Durbin sent back a form letter not on topic. I sent a reply, but after 6 weeks nothing! I will never vote for him or anyone he endorses. Winnebago County Forrest Preserve representatives have returned emails and spoke with me in person. I live in Winnebago County so they do represent me. Other Politicians or agencies that I contacted

including RMAP(rmapil.org)never responded!

The way this is being handled politically, locally with great secrecy. Nationally perhaps through the guidelines of the FAST ACT? It has made me feel less than 100% American.

GLBT was given 7 months to deal with the STB to layout a comprehensive plan(which they have failed to do). The General Public, Land owners and adjoining land owners were never given formal notice. We were only given 4 months for comment. Does this mean the vast majority is only 4/7th American?

Now that GLBT is being asked to provide more information they are given another 6 weeks or so. During which most of that time the public can no longer comment. How will those affected by any new change be able to make their concerns heard?

With the additional 6 weeks added to the 7 months GLBT was originally given this equates to the public at large being .47058824 American, yes a bit less than half! While a small group of rich investors and their Politicians get treated like 100% or more!

I don't know what happened to "For the People and by the People"? Has that been lost long ago?