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COMMENTS: Developers, Big corporations, and our elected officials are taking the land and all that's on it and under it: agriculture, water, etc. and dividing it up among themselves and forcing the taxpayers to pay for it.

Example: Pueblo City Council and its Planning and Zoning Commission has never voted against any development proposal and in 2004 voted to pass a law giving Colorado Springs the untreated water in the Dam and which allowed Springs to build a pipeline that would return only treated (used) water down the Fountain River. Springs has already illegally polluted the Fountain way past the legal amount considered safe.

MYTHS: "There is nothing that can be done about developers' right to develop all the subdivisions it wants." FACT: Developers cannot build without the approval of the city council. MYTH: "Growth is good for the economy and everybody". FACT: Pueblo has the most urban blight (development, subdivisions) of all the counties in Colorado and the most poverty. MYTH: There is a law protecting citizens from the conflict of interests of our elected officials...FACT: Our elected officials have never passed a real conflict of interest law because they don't want to be held responsible for their own actions.

EXAMPLE: QUESTION: Why is the Bureau of Reclamation (a federal agency) basing its decision for its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a 2300 page written during the past five years by an engineering contractor paid by Colorado Springs.

QUESTION: How can this biased information be considered anything but biased and unfair? Why is the Bureau siding completely with Colorado Springs? Why? Is this legal?

QUESTION: Is this a done deal? The Bureau has stated that it will consider only "scientific" questions from the public. If so, it's a *scientific* fact that the pollution coming from the Springs down the river to Pueblo includes human feces and chemicals so awful that the river is now totally contaminated and the pipeline is not full proof against the Spring's plans for unlimited and increasing "growth".

COMMENT: Developers, BIG corporations, elected and appointed officials are on a gravy train to millionaire land and have sold the rest of us down the river into poverty.
HUMANS ARE THE ONLY SPECIES THAT DESTROYS ITS OWN HABITAT.

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