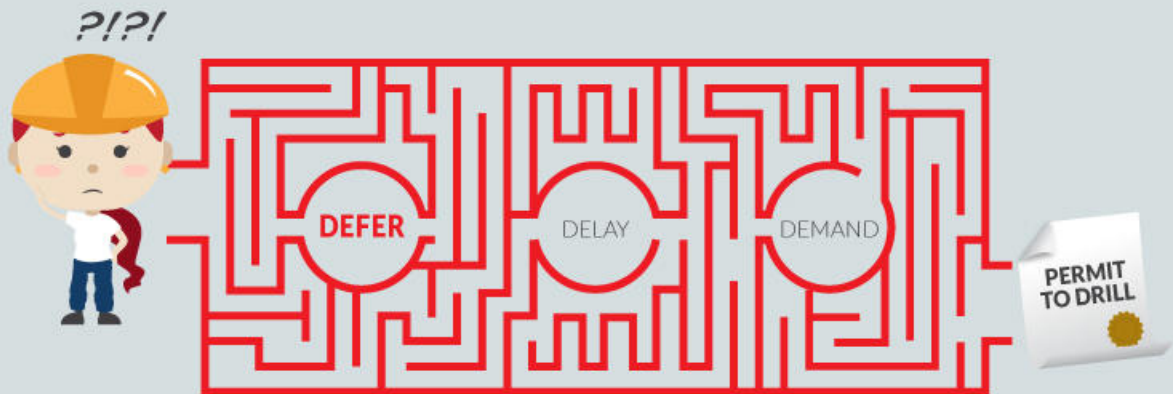


## Red Tape Nation <sup>[1]</sup>

# PEELING BACK THE **RED TAPE**

## TACTIC 1: DEFER

The federal regulatory process for onshore oil and natural gas development on public lands is a veritable labyrinth of red tape.



Let's peel back the **Red Tape**...

### WHAT THEY SAY

TOTAL ACREAGE OFFERED FOR LEASE IN THE WEST IN 2014 WAS 534,645 ACRES.



### WHAT THEY DON'T SAY





Acreage offered for sale by BLM in western states has dropped significantly.  
**BLM offered 77% less acreage in 2014 than in 2008.**

## WHAT THEY REALLY DO



Utah BLM recently **deferred 61 of 90 leases** nominated for sale



**DEFER**



Colorado BLM recently **deferred 33 of 34 leases** nominated for sale

## WHY ARE THEY DEFERRING?

PSST... 'REFORM' IS CODE FOR **RED TAPE**

MEANWHILE, AT THE BLM OFFICE...

**2010 Leasing "Reform"**

- REDUCE PROTEST PAPERWORK
- SLOW THE PROCESS WAAAAAY DOWN
- FAVOR LESS PRODUCTIVE FORMS OF ENERGY

**EXCUSES TO DEFER OIL & GAS LEASES**

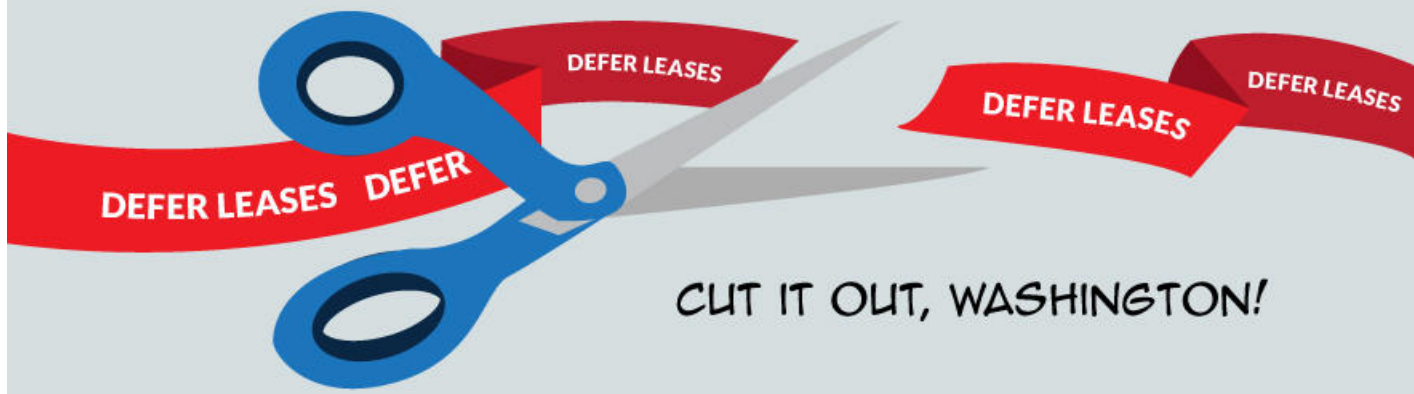
1. SAGE GROUSE AND OTHER SPECIES
2. INVENTORY MORE WILDERNESS AREAS NOT APPROVED BY CONGRESS
3. 2010 "REFORMS" REQUIRE MORE PAPERWORK
4. AVOID CONTROVERSY

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE  
**13 MILLION  
ACRES**  
IN LEASE NOMINATIONS  
PILED UP DUE TO  
**RED TAPE.**

BUT AS LEASE  
NOMINATIONS PILE UP,  
SO DOES **AMERICAN  
OPPORTUNITY.**



## THE SOLUTION?

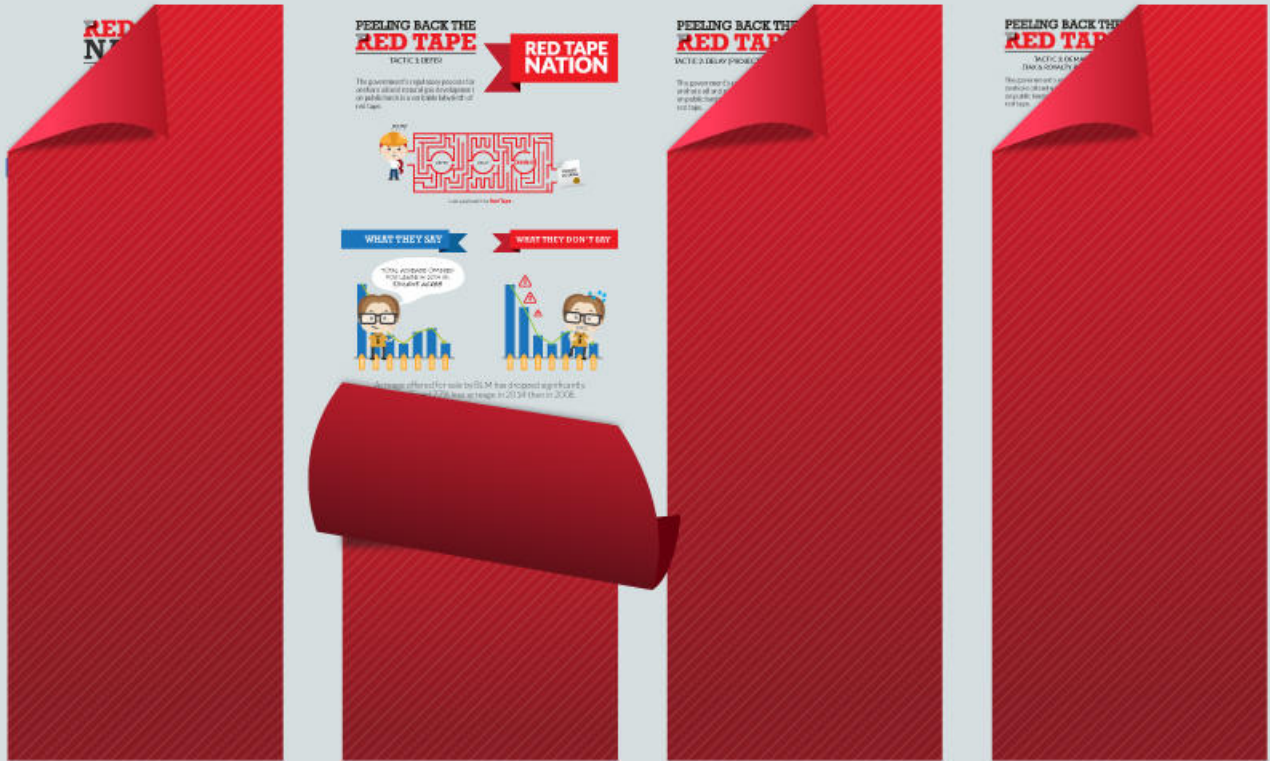


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