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Please Consider Lost farmland!

US Loose 2 acres every minute = 2 acres x 60 minutes =
120 acres x 24 hours =
2880 acres x 30 days

(86,400 acres lost every month)

Farm land and Food Security is just as important as homeland security as the demand for the world's food will need to grow 50% by year 2050. The best and most productive land is disappearing the fastest.

The challenge is to recognize the land as a precious and irreplaceable natural resource. Save the land that sustains us, America is blessed with some of most productive land in the world, it gave our nation the foundation to grow and prosper over centuries. But its abundance has allowed us to waste it, and once it is gone, it can not be recreated.

In Rock Co WI, our extension agent calculated the financial loss per acre for farmers to be \$769.50. This represents minimum amounts and does not account to the quality of the prairie soil. These were yield averages in all Rock County.

IT would not be just farmers loosing money.
loss to the agriculture service industry would
be \$170,000, and the number could be much higher.

The \$20,000 per acre offered by mr PATTON does
not even come close to what would be lost, as his
train will CAT up fields and produce wet
land, (no natural drainage) with even more land
taken out of production.

To quote Margaret Mitchell, the well known author of
Gone with the Wind novel.

"The Land is the only thing in the world worth
working for, worth fighting for, worth
dying for, because it's the only thing
that lasts."

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