



# STOP NORTON NOW!

## GALE NORTON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS...

Interior Secretary Gale Norton publicly claims to be a devoted conservationist, but the moment the media spotlight turns off, she works with her industry cohorts to:

- 1) Repeatedly suppresses, distorts, scuttles, abandons or ignores sound science.
- 2) Deceived Congress by declaring polar bears, caribou and other wildlife would not be hurt by oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, despite scientific reports to the contrary.
- 3) Consistently violates the oath she took before Congress and the American people to uphold our nation's environmental laws as they exist.
- 4) Failed to comply with a court settlement to establish new refuges and sanctuaries and assure other protections for Florida's endangered manatees.
- 5) Improperly uses the president's executive power, to weaken, undermine and subvert the nation's environmental laws.
- 6) Evades court orders and other legal mandates to protect wildlife like the Sonoran Pronghorn.
- 7) Provides oil, gas, timber, mining and development industry lobbyists with unprecedented access to Interior Department operations.
- 8) "Capriciously" ignored federal law that mandates environmental reviews when considering controversial oil exploration in Utah's Dome Plateau.
- 9) Refuses to defend against numerous industry court challenges to the Endangered Species Act, eliminating designation of critical habitat that imperiled wildlife need to survive.
- 10) Proposes to make it easier for state and local governments to gain title to federal lands in order to weaken protection of those lands and open them to commercial exploitation.
- 11) Used a report from the Office of Surface Mining to weaken wetland protections.
- 12) Refused to send a critical wetlands review by Interior biologists to the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 13) Stalls on her legal obligation to list, protect and help endangered species recover.
- 14) Delayed, limited, scuttled and crippled initiatives to save imperiled wildlife and its vanishing habitat.

The bottom line is that behind closed doors and away from public view, Gale Norton is allowing big corporations and industry insiders to determine government policies that will seriously weaken implementation of our nation's environmental laws. She has purposely kept a low-profile while accumulating an environmental record that will be the worst in the history of her position.

Unless we expose the real Gale Norton and stop her and her cronies from subverting America's environmental laws and permitting excessive development on fragile public lands, the result will be more pollution in our air ... more poison in our water ... more damage to our public lands ... more wildlife lost forever ... and more ecosystems permanently crippled.

**Defenders of Wildlife needs your support to Stop Norton NOW!**