

Wall Is Blatant Disregard of Environmental Laws and Common Sense - LTE Bisbee Observer d  
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The stormtrooper tactics of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Portland — anonymous men jumping out of unmarked cars in camo outfits to grab US citizens off the streets and detain them for hours without charges in undisclosed locations — differ only in degree from the DHS tactics in building Trump's border wall across the San Pedro without input or consent from the public or local officials, in blatant disregard of environmental laws and common sense.

Like its use of federal force in Portland, the agency's blasting and digging through National Monuments and Memorials, Wildlife Refuges, Conservation Areas and Native American sacred sites in Arizona and across the Southwest (at a cost of billions of taxpayer dollars) is being not to protect national security, but to support Trump's authoritarian pretensions and desperate reelection efforts. And like the fascistic actions in Portland, they are a direct threat to our democracy that must be stopped.