

Hands Across the San Pedro Stop the Wall (27 January 2020)

Thank you for being here.

We've done a lot of organizing over the past fifty years I've been in Cochise County and this is the biggest group I've ever seen come together here.

I'm so happy to see that what we started back in the 70s is not going to die just because we have a bunch of jerks back in Washington.

I have little to add to what's already been said here today. Just a couple of points.

In 1988, 31 years ago, after more than ten years of public campaigning and political horse-trading, the endangered San Pedro Riparian Area was given federal legal protection by a Republican Congress and signed into law by President Reagan.

Now another president is trying to overrule dozens of laws and regulations, including the law that created the San Pedro Riparian Area, in order to build a wall that has no purpose but political ambition.

Just a few more points about the wall.

1. The wall is an environmental disaster and biological obscenity.
2. The wall is a humanitarian disgrace and a monument to racism.
3. It is an economic swindle and an engineering embarrassment.
4. It is a political power grab and a national security hoax.

In short, it's just plain dumb. So, to paraphrase President Reagan, we're saying, "Mr Trump, Stop Building This Wall!"