

THE WILDER WEST... the ART & WIT & WISDOM of DAVE WILDER



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'BOOT HILL'



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No Vacancy

Sorry, folks, but we're full up. No room at the inn you might say. We're tapped out, overgrazed, overbuilt and under-watered. It's a nice place to visit, I know, but I'm afraid you just can't live here. I'm talking about the Southwest of course.

The numbers are now in for the 2010 census and it seems that Nevada, Arizona and Utah are among the fastest growing states in the U.S. and have now surpassed the Midwest in population. Meanwhile, the source of most of our water, the Colorado River continues to flow far below historic levels. This scenario is the very picture of un-sustainability, yet too many of our new neighbors continue to believe that this type of growth can go on forever, that there is plenty for all and we can all get rich and live happily ever after here in Southwesternland. Nope. Not everyone can have a house in the country. Besides, a pink stucco box built within spitting distance of a hundred other pink stucco boxes is not country living no matter what lies the realtors tell. Major Powel knew this kind of growth in the Southwest was a bad idea a hundred years ago. Seems everyone admires Major Powel but nobody listens to him. It's still a bad idea. The Southwest actually needs a couple million or so less people to be even remotely sustainable. Take Phoenix. Please.

In fact, do me a favor, if you're one of those folks who really love the Southwest and are thinking about relocating down this way, could you think about it a little more? Think about that ugly, overcrowded city that you despise, that cookie-cutter development, that strip mall, that big-box-Chinese-crap-store and then imagine them superimposed onto those lovely Arizona Highways landscapes that you've been dreaming of. Then love it enough not to live here. It's not just you; it's all of us.

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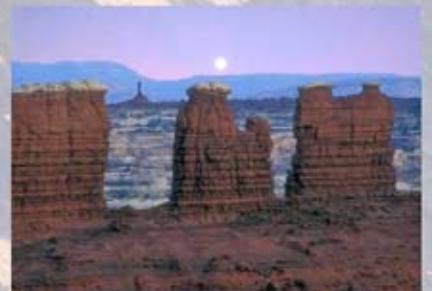


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