

# Vita for Randal O'Toole

Director of the American Dream Coalition since 2003  
Director of the Independence Institute's Center for the American Dream since 2003  
Cato Institute adjunct scholar since 1995  
Senior economist for the Thoreau Institute since 1975

## Books

*The Best-Laid Plans: The Case against Government Planning*, expected publication: late 2006  
*The Vanishing Automobile and Other Urban Myths*, Thoreau Institute (2001), 545 pp.  
*Reforming the Forest Service*, Island Press (1988), 248 pp.

## Other Recent Publications

*The Planning Penalty: How Smart Growth Makes Housing Unaffordable*, American Dream Coalition (2006), 47 pp.  
*A Desire Named Streetcar: How Federal Subsidies Encourage Wasteful Local Transit Systems*, Cato Institute, 2006, 16 pp.  
*Rail Disasters 2005*, American Dream Coalition, 2005, 27 pp.  
*Great Rail Disasters: An Analysis of Rail Transit Systems in the U.S.*, Reason Foundation & Independence Institute (2004), 39 pp.  
*The Journalists' Guide to the American Dream*, American Dream Coalition (2003), 32 pp.  
*Reforming the Fire Service*, Thoreau Institute (2002), 49 pp.  
*Rails to Nowhere: The Utah Transit Tax*, Sutherland Institute (2000), 16 pp.  
*Smart Growth at the Public Trough* (coauthored with Peter Samuel, Cato Institute, 1999)  
*ISTEA: A Poisonous Brew for American Cities* (Cato Institute, 1997)  
*Tarnished Jewels: The Case for Reforming the Park Service*, Thoreau Institute (1995), 64 pp. (coauthored with Karl Hess, Jr.)

## Consultant Work

Analyzed land-use and transportation plans for more than a dozen metropolitan areas, including:

- Denver's "FasTracks" rail plan for the Independence Institute;
- The Hiawatha light-rail plan for Minnesota State Representative Phil Krinkie;
- The Cincinnati light-rail plan for Alternatives to Light-Rail Transit;
- Portland's land-use plan for ORTEM;
- San Francisco Bay Area transportation plans for the California Alliance for Jobs.

Analyzed forest plans for over 70 national forests, including plans in every region of the country. Clients have included:

- The New Mexico Department of Natural Resources for reviews of the draft Lincoln and Gila forest plans;
- The Colorado Department of Natural Resources for reviews of the White River and Grand Mesa national forest plans;
- Four other state agencies and more than 75 environmental groups, including the National Wildlife Federation, the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society, for reviews of forest plans in more than twenty states.

## Education

1977–80 — University of Oregon. Three years graduate work in economics (no degree)

1970–74 — Oregon State University. B.S. Forest Management and B.S. Geology

## Awards and Fellowships

Scaife Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley, 1999 and 2001

Merrill Visiting Professor of Political Science, Utah State University, 2000

McCluskey Conservation Fellow, Yale University, 1998

David Simons Award for vision, presented by the Oregon Natural Resources Council, 1981

Richard L. Neuberger Award for outstanding service to Oregon, presented by the Oregon Environmental Council, 1978

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