

KELOLAND Billboard Fights Terrorism

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Military officials say if and when President Bush gives the Okay to strike -- American forces are ready to take military action against Iraq. But one KELOLAND man is campaigning against violence. He wants the US to hit terrorists where it really hurts.

Orrie Swayze has served in the military and has been convinced for years that oil would cause international conflict. Now that his predictions are coming true, he's teaming up with the Milbank VFW to help fight terrorism from rural America.

Just south of Summit, in northeastern South Dakota, you'll find the largest anti terrorism billboard in America. Rather than using force to fight terrorists, Orrie Swayze says the best way to win the war on terrorism is to take away funding.

Swayze says, "Well I think its very hypocritical, the September 11th we all stood around cried big tears about the tremendous tragedy, but at the same time we end up going back to the gas pump buying oil that sends the dollars to the terrorists."

So, Swayze suggests we wean ourselves from fossil fuels. "Renewable fuels are part of it, conservation, we have a lot of opportunities to invest in America."

Not only do ethanol and biodeisel fuel keep money out of countries like Iraq, they put it in the hands of American farmers.

Peterson says, "We've already seen a basis improvement of ten to fifteen cents a bushel on corn because of the ethanol plant in Big Stone City."

It's Swayze's hope that soon many of these types of billboards will be found along highways through out the country. "I hope it lights a candle or starts a prairie fire that causes everybody to say well we can do something."

The official grass roots campaign starts this Thursday at ten o'clock at the Coffee Cup truck stop in Summit where they will unveil the billboard.

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