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Subject: Opinion of Richard Duval, photographer and musician
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Good day,

The North American Nature Photography Association has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

I am a full time nature/landscape photographer and musician working out of Seattle. The market is extremely competitive and that's fine – it's the nature of free markets. But I also work hard at my craft and depend on intellectual property rights to maintain control and ownership of my images and my music from piracy and infringement. Simply put, when my work is used without my consent or knowledge, this impacts my ability to control my work, not to mention reducing the income rightfully due me from my labor. In this slow economy, every dollar deprived me impacts my ability to compete, the employment of people and businesses in the creative fields that support my work and our ability to globally compete.

As much as a durable or manufactured good, my work is a direct result of my hard work and marketing efforts. Please don't let this work fall to the wayside through unprotected creative and intellectual property rights.

Sincerely,

Richard Duval

Photographer and Musician