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Mitchell Jones <mjones@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in [news:mjones-740551.20301826042005@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:mjones-740551.20301826042005@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

I said:

>> Private property does not solve the problem, though it might if people  
>> cared about long term consequences rather than short term gain.  
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> \*\*\*{Private property does in fact solve the problem. Weyerhaeuser does  
> not clear cut its privately owned forests. It follows careful,  
> scientific land management practices, cutting in carefully selected  
> patterns designed to prevent erosion, and it plants seedlings to replace  
> the mature trees that it harvests. If it did not do that, it would go  
> broke, and its land would wind up in the hands of someone who had enough  
> sense to not piss away the value of his property.

Expecting corporations to always keep in mind Long term consequences means that one ignores the 'hostile takeover, gut, liquidate, and dump' philosophy. Unfortunately that philosophy makes some people rich.

> And that's the key to  
> understanding why private property works: those who do not carefully  
> husband the resources they control earn losses, go broke, and are forced  
> to sell out to persons who have better sense. And the same process would  
> work in other areas, including fishing rights, hunting rights, shipping  
> lanes, and so on, if property rights were in place in those areas as  
> well. --MJ}\*\*\*

But by the time they work, the fishing grounds are barren. The theory is nice, but we don't have time for it to work. We also have several centuries of international law to overcome. That will be the EASY part. Getting people to act with good sense is the hard part.

When there is a riot going on, no one cares about property right.

You expect private property to be a magic wand, solving all problems. I am trying to point out that it won't work that way fast enough.

I wish you were right. Wishes don't do it however.

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I do have a magic solution that WILL work FASTER than yours, IF we can do it, and we only have a few years opportunity left.

Move industry into space. Mine the asteroids. Eliminate an economy based on lack of things. Clean-up the earth and restore it as a park.

Of course, it probably won't happen. If it doesn't happen in the next 50 years, it will never happen because we will have burned up hundreds of millions of years worth of stored solar energy and done it in a couple of hundred years.

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please pardon my infinite ignorance, the set-of-things-I-do-not-know is an infinite set.

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