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I just got a new Orvis fly-fishing catalogue today, and fully 1/4 of it was devoted to private destinations to fish. We have bashed, and rightfully so, the evil empire on this site, but I fear that it is not the only or even one of the few groups out there grabbing up fishing properties as fast they can. Now, I am an old fart (60) and my days on the water are winding down, but I can see that the future for average guys' fishing on privately owned waters is going to be dicey unless some things are done soon. I know I have been directly affected by the empire locally, but from the list of private waters, I think it's going to be increasingly worse everywhere for young guys of average means as time goes by. I also noticed a 2-page ad in FTJ from The Fly Shop for a private holding, much like that of the src/homewatersclub for very expensive fishing. Am I just thinking gloom and doom, or is this so real that the very existence of public access to privately owned waters in the future is in true jeopardy? It is awful that individuals like don(ny) beaver and other groups like his have perverted the world of what can be such a wonderful sport. So sad....