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Re: The future of fly-fishing

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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?

I don't think you are thinking doom and gloom. You are facing reality. It's been going on for years and years and really blossomed over the last 10 years. I watched some damned good water in the Poconos go to private clubs. There's been some scuttlebutt about it starting to happen on the Pine. I have a section that I can fish exclusively, and this fall the landowner told me he is thinking about leasing it out and wanted me to have first shot. Not me. I won't pay to hunt and I won't pay to fish. I just don't need the "status" that goes with the pay to play mentality in order to maintain my pristine pursuits.

I think our younger generation of bretheren will pay he11 for quality fishing and hunting in Pa. It'll be to the point where they are working to much to keep things going to afford the time, or they will be to broke to afford it.

I don't think there's anyway to turn it around. Us peasants are doomed.