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Re: Who owns the trout?

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I'm with troutbert on this one. Whatever philosophical positions you might offer on the issue, this is really a pragmatic question of how to manage a resource.

As for the notion that everything has an owner, we do have public ownership of land. What is the difference between everybody owning something and nobody owning it? In either case, people have to have a mechanism to make decisions about resource management.

Asserting individual ownership and absolute authority of property rights is problematic for trout populations. One person making the wrong decision can ruin an entire watershed. Does a person have the right to ruin a whole watershed just because they own part of it?