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## Letters to the Editor

# Calls downsizing of APA an insult

Dear Editor:

The downsizing of the Adirondack Park Agency is another in the long line of insults to the integrity of our humanity which values things other than those that make a profit.

Those who criticize government must remember that government controls came into being because human beings could not control themselves. In the Adirondacks there are waiting in the wings those who were never taught that freedom survives only when it is balanced with individual responsibility. Their concept of freedom involves only taking from the world what they feel they own because they paid for it. And when no one is looking they will take that and whatever else is

not being carefully monitored.

The world is interdependent. Every false move ripples throughout the land, sea and air and eventually comes back to haunt the instigator. Without a strong, well-staffed Adirondack Park Agency human predators will create ripples that every living person will regret when the quality of life they stay here for

disappears forever and the pestilences that infect life everywhere, crime, drugs, pollution and murderous taxation, which they decry, comes home.

And it will. It has everywhere else when people have shortsightedly made profit their god.  
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