

# LETTER: Paying the price for our lavish lifestyles

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The truth is climate change has been occurring for hundreds of thousands of years even before humans inhabited the Earth. Climate change is going to happen whether humans burned fossil fuels or not.

That's a scientific fact.

Since we have no control over natural law and its consequences there is going to be a price to pay for our lavish life styles and human greed. One big problem is many folks these days want everything. Two or three houses or cabins in every corner of the world, and all the junk you could buy in a department store.

That's unsustainable.

Minimalizing this and protecting our remote wilderness areas better than we have would be one first step in slowing the rate of climate change.

Bogs and rain forests are there for a reason. They are just not there for human exploitation.

Nature has its own way of naturally maintaining the carrying capacity of the Earth's species and climate change is one of them. However, human activities whether it's destroying bogs or burning fossil fuels only speed up the process of a naturally warming Earth.

We have to separate the fantasy from reality here or we are going to be screwed anyway. Human over-indulgence would definitely exacerbate the problems of a naturally warming Earth, environmentalists or not.

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It is sad in many ways that such a young girl Greta Thunberg has to worry about the world's long-term health because the people who governed the world before her were completely delusional. It is great to see young people pro-active. We need to show our youth that there is hope.

To strike a balance here economically and environmentally is going to be tough, though. With 7.2 billion people in the world, hopefully natural selection will get rid of a lot of idiots.

There are a lot of greedy people in the world and we are running out of room to accommodate them.

If the power of nature intervenes there will probably be a great cull at some point.

Nature will maintain the carrying capacity of the Earth, environmentalist or not. The science is there.

Yours in conservation

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