

Wall Street Journal Features Eustace Conway

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Civilization is trying to encroach on Eustace Conway's way of life, but now his conflicts with state and county rules is getting a national hearing. From the front page of this week's Wall Street Journal, Conway, who started his notoriety as the tent-living student, explained his philosophies and way of living to the Journal, a way of life that is his main income, as he runs a summer camp at his Turtle Island property in Watauga County. But that camp is what is causing the problem. His buildings—all built by his hands—don't meet codes. Conway told Dave Faherty of WSOC-TV yesterday that he has a 'perfect record,' never a health or a building problem at Turtle Island, and doesn't need state or county laws to tell him how to be healthy. There is potential help, as legislators are proposing exemptions of some state codes for primitive sites such as Conway's, but with summer in sight, the question is will that help come soon enough to save his summer income remains to be seen.

(Photos; WSOC-TV, Wall Street Journal)