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A photograph of two men in professional attire standing in what appears to be a newsroom or editorial office. Both men are smiling. The man on the left is wearing a grey pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a blue tie with white polka dots. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a purple tie with thin white lines. In the background, there is a large sign that reads "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. Digital Ne". Several computer monitors and desks are visible in the background, suggesting a busy workspace.

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I just returned from vacation. I have taken a similar vacation for about seven years. I go to a remote cabin in the wilderness with no Internet, cell coverage, etc. Others and I are building a community in the middle of nowhere. In fact, it's a little past the middle of nowhere. There is no light bulb for 55 miles. There is a logging road about five miles from our lake which is called Papaonga. There is a trapper's cabin and an abandoned fishing outpost, but no other buildings on this 4-mile long lake.

What just dawned on me is that where I go on vacation is as far from regulations as I can get. Our current cabin is 55 miles from the nearest town called Ear Falls, Canada, population 800. The last 55 miles includes a 40-mile trip down a logging road and a 15-mile trip up a river through three lakes to our place.

The only regulations we have to deal with are that the cabins we build must be 67 feet from the shore line; we have to dispose of our grey water (sink water) properly; and our outhouses have to be 50 feet from shore. It's a little more complicated than that, but not much. I have spent the last 20 years helping people develop systems to comply with

endless regulations and do my best to escape all that during "my" vacation. At work, I live deep in the bowels of US regulations, and on vacation I get as far from regulations as possible. I am not the least surprised, but I had never made that connection before.

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I support regulations and the enforcement of regulations. I spend every day helping people help their companies to comply with the rule of law. Our organization (SCCE) grows every time another onerous complicated regulation gets put in place. However, my preference is for fewer regulations. I am clearly losing that battle. I think we may have gone too far with all these rules to live by. Hopefully, in the near future, we will see a shift in the tendency to write regulations to monitor and control our every movement. *