

I am by no means a lawyer nor legal buff. I am an Amateur Radio Operator(licensed). After moving to the Western Va. Mountain from Baton Rouge, La. I have never before in my radio life seen the open use of 2 meter amateur radios by bear hunters, farmers, and general families as I have here. They openly brag about the "ham radios" that they have bought a Radio Shack, other retailers and used. I am also surprised at the way the radio related industry has reacted to this petition. Beware that your part of the spectrum could be next. I watched as the "Freebanders" took over the area above and below CB. Others have moved to amateur bands, Hf, VHF and UHF. They have the mentality of "they can talk where ever they wish and no-one can do anything about it." I feel that if they are not stopped some how, either at the retailer or on the air, then they will continue to take what ever radio waves they please. I have monitored them within 1 mhz of the local state police repeater directing the search for their lost hunting dog. Where next will they show up next?

If this is not the way to stop them. Then why not work from this point and petition and try to work out a way to better control the spread of this menace. A pirate is a pirate weather it is on FM broadcast, amateur bands, cell phone bands, public service bands, military bands or which ever band your business may be on. Remember all the airwaves are free game to a pirate.