
"Green " US soldiers?

The Cold War and the "danger of communism" are over. New tasks are needed for the US Army. What could be better than collaborating in the protection of other countries' environment? According to the Washington Times, June 12, 6200 US soldiers are being prepared to carry-out "eco-protection duties" in Central and South America that may require their services. Surprising as it may sound, Timothy E. Wirth, Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs has stated that "this is a legitimate military issue." If such preposterous plans are allowed to be put to practice, it would mean a new chapter in the US's long history of intervention in this region. Why don't they -instead- deploy troops within their own territory to stop loggers from logging, polluters from polluting and transnationals from depleting resources worldwide?