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Let  $PL_o(I)$  represent the group of piecewise-linear, orientation-preserving homeomorphisms of the unit interval admitting finitely many breaks in slope under the operation of composition. We will outline an argument which shows that if  $H = C \wr T$  is a standard restricted wreath product of non-trivial groups embeddable  $PL_o(I)$ , then  $T$  must be isomorphic with the integers. This result also applies if we replace the group  $PL_o(I)$  by any of the generalized R. Thompson groups  $F_n$ , and answers a question of M. Sapir. (Received February 06, 2006)