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THREE DOLLARS

Wake Up!

BY MARC DAVIS

A few days ago, I stood in front of a federal judge as he sentenced me to six years in prison on monkeywrenching charges; I had destroyed machinery with the intention of slightly slowing the accelerating destruction of our planet.

A few days from now, I will begin to serve my term. I am in terrible pain at the thought of separation from my two little daughters. I am a severe claustrophobe, and lost 40 pounds in the two months of incarceration that followed my arrest. Prison will be more than usually difficult for me. But none of it matters much in the context of the crisis in which we find ourselves.

We humans are collectively killing this planet and dooming our own children by indulging in an orgy of consumption and denial. The killing is quite legal: Whatever fragile legislative protections are enacted to slow it are abandoned when it becomes economically inconvenient to retain them. We yearly release millions of tons of chemical and radioactive poisons into our food, air and water — poisons that in some cases carry the threat of harm for 100 times longer than humans have had written records. It is, we are informed, not economically feasible to do otherwise. The Smithsonian Institute recently informed us that one-third to one-half of all existing species will become extinct in the next few decades. The Earth, in plain terms, is dying. The battle over environmental issues is not about logging jobs versus hiking trails, as our captains of industry would have us believe. It is about the continued existence of life forms higher than the cockroach on this planet. We are losing.

We are gobbling the seed-stock of life and pretending that the free lunch can go on forever. The biosphere in which our species evolved has served to sustain us quite well for millennia. Yet those who seek to stop the brutal assault on our shared home are condemned as radicals by men whose self-proclaimed conservatism is really nothing more than a demand to be allowed to enrich themselves at any cost.

An intelligent conservative knows some deep truths, including the illusory nature of free lunches and the inadvisability of taking irreversible actions without understanding the consequences. Our behavior is neither intelligent nor conservative.

I have learned through working with the dying and the addicted the incredible power of denial in the human psyche. Denial is what allows the addict to consume more poison, allows the smoker to assign that pain in his lungs to a temporary cold. The dying classically progress through certain easily recognizable stages on their journey. Denial is first, followed by bargaining, anger and finally, for those fortunate enough to reach it, peace and acceptance. We are as a culture and a species mostly in the denial stage, with a tentative reach into bargaining as we grudgingly accept the need to recycle a very few of the most convenient items we demand from our industries. Denial seldom solves anything, but it does allow an extended period of pretend well-being and good feelings. Our cultural denial is reinforced by an economy that is structured in such a way that survival can only be assured by growth.

Growth by its very nature means an increase in the speed and efficiency of environmental destruction. All of our political and corporate leaders owe both their wealth and their power to growth. Anyone who says aloud that infinite growth on a finite planet is impossible is ridiculed. Denial has become official policy.

There are two forms of biological growth. A healthy organism is born, grows to its genetically programmed size, reproduces and dies at the appropriate time. Cancer is also growth, a wild replication of one form of cell at the expense of all others within an organism. Unchecked, cancer kills its host and itself. Industrial civilization is a cancer on the body of the Earth. We must change course dramatically if we wish our children to survive.

If what I and my three colleagues did has no effect other than to further damage an already tattered social contract, then I apologize for my part in it. That was not the point. I acknowledge the necessity of courts and laws, and accept my prison term. But I am not sorry.

We are in desperate trouble on this Earth, and unless the thick veil of denial is torn, and quickly, we will march ourselves and the rest of the beings with whom we share this sweet planet into possible extinction. Our actions were an attempt, ill-conceived or not, to wake our dreaming society. The effort was made not for personal gain but on behalf of all beings and their unborn offspring. I hope someone is listening.



Oh those subterranean outhouse blues: activists cemented in ground close road in New South Wales.

The Chaelundi Campaign A Victory for the Critters, OldGrowth & Greenies

BY NED

The campaign to save all old growth forests remaining in Australia recently received national and international attention with the successful blockade at Chaelundi, and subsequent court decision which recognized this ancient forest for its unique assortment of plant and animal communities. Chaelundi is seen by both the timber industry and environmentalists as a test case for the future of old growth forests. Although forests and endangered species know nothing of political borders, unfortunately it is State governments in Australia that have the most power over land use issues rather than the federal governments. Consequently, issues of national importance such as preserving old growth forests have to be fought on a state by state basis.

Old growth forests are being eliminated at an alarming rate in Australia. The timber industry is concentrating its activities in the few remaining areas of original forest outside of National Parks. The diversity and complexity that characterizes old growth ecosystems will never be retained once these last stands are felled. In northeast New South Wales, the controversy centers around the last 4% of intact old growth under control of the NSW Forestry Commission. The FC is determined to log these last areas, but have met with considerable opposition from the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA), feral forest activists including the odd EFl'er and the community in general.

Chaelundi has reached a crescendo with the timber industry

predictably claiming job losses and mill closures would result from protecting old growth, and the scientific community pointing out the importance of these areas in preventing the extinction of a vast range of endangered and threatened species. In 1989, NEFA investigated the remaining old growth forests in northern NSW and identified Chaelundi as one of the largest stands—7,000 hectares. At that time several scientists were conducting research into the fauna of the region. Dr. Tony Norton, of the Centre for Research and Environmental Studies at the Australian National University, predicted from computer models that optimum habitat for most arboreal (tree living) mammals would occur at Chaelundi.

Subsequent surveys in the forest found that Chaelundi is home to an extraordinary diversity and contains an amazing density of arboreal mammals. Densities of 12 to even 28.6 animals per hectare (compared to the usual 3-5 in such forests) showed Chaelundi to be far and away the richest known forest for these animals in Australia. Every species of arboreal mammal in NSW is present from the Feathertail and Yellow Bellied Gliders to the Koala. Other old growth dependent and endangered species present in the forest are the Sooty, Masked and Powerful Owls, the Glossy Black Cockatoo and the Long-nosed Potoroo.

In March 1990, the undisturbed forest of Chaelundi was nominated by the Wilderness Society under the Wilderness Act (NSW 1987) as part of

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leap into my eyes in vivid light green,
the dark soil, rich humus
of silent cedar decay
clinging inside my nostrils
each of my breaths
the taking in
of pure astonishing centuries
breathing out to me
as fresh, as cool
as coastal rain,
the dew, sparkling prisms
from suspended silken spider webs
each touch feels softness, yielding
crumbling away
old life to new in quiet heart rhythm
I climb small
and want to pause
to see more than flashes
feel all long, as in love
but the wisdom is sipping away
— more than simple death —
and I labor with weak knees and lungs
up the mountain
then settle in to watch,
hearing the clink and scuffle
of stones and dirt
falling down stiff pipes
into infernal engines
imagine the inaudible click
of bolt cutters on hoses
of the yellow mindless gangling
arms of steel
that would extinguish eternity
with human hands.
Then — a sound
at the farthest edge of awareness
that doesn't dance
with the surging of the distant creek
the roar of the wind in the firs —
like a sneaking tire crunching gravel
so slowly —
I caw — no time to wait —
his head comes up
as fast as his legs move,
running for cover
He joins me, panting
as I still listen —
I explain in a whisper, not sure,
then a heavy metallic crash
sends us deer — leaping
over snow patches
and melting logs
through the vivid green
that taught me
how to sense,
alive and joyous,
and how to use the gift.

—RABINOWITZ

Errata

In his review of *Vanishing Lobo* in the Litha edition, Michael Robinson did not intend to say that White Sands is an inappropriate place for the Mexican wolf; rather, that it may not be good enough habitat and certainly is not as good as other places, such as the Gila.

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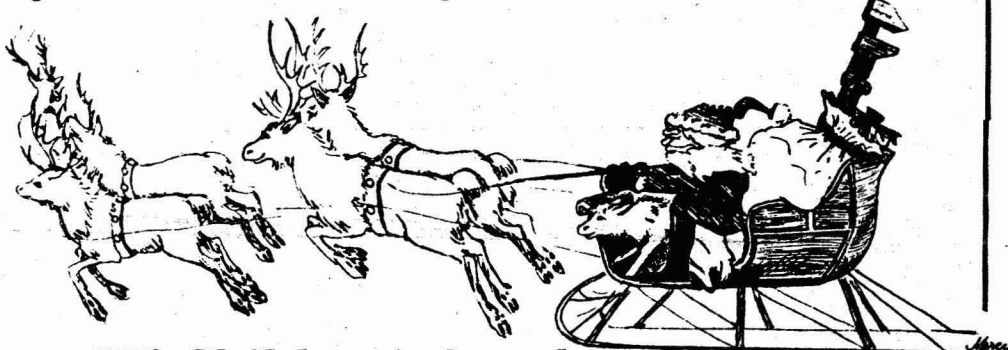
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— VICE PRESIDENTS OF ADVERTISING & SALES: JAMES BARNES, KAREN DEBRAAL



EF! Children's Supplement

This issue marks the debut of EARTHKIDS, the Earth First! children's supplement. Whether you are a kid or not, or have kids, take a look. We think you will agree this is not, especially in content, the usual pablum fed to young people on environmental issues.

With the Yule issue EARTHKIDS becomes a four-page pullout, complete in itself. You will be able to order separate single copies or bundles for classroom, library or whatever, without freaking out your authority figures.

In 1992, we plan to make EARTHKIDS quarterly, working ahead so that it will be of best use in working with children.

EARTHKIDS will be as pertinent and varied as you make it. Plays, musicals, songs, stories, articles, poems, drawings and cartoons, games, puzzles, recipes, brickbats, bouquets — whatever — should be sent to EARTHKIDS editor Joanne Forman, P.O. Box 1101, Ranchos de Taos NM 87557. Information on subscriptions and bundles should go to the Earth First! Missoula office.



Journal staff observes a moment of silence as Missoula's Louisiana Pacific mill burns.

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Dear Earth Firsters,

I thank you for the hospitality of this year's national rendezvous.

I had arrived by a rather informal invitation to talk on my people, the Cree, and James Bay Hydro development. The setting for the talk was great...it was outdoors! During the time I was there I learned about various actions and found out that EFlers had a definite sense of humour that they used to make points. As a Cree I love this as we love all political jokes. The action after the rendezvous with the "Caribou" drowning was one I will always regret missing. Well, I would thank you for your help in defending the Earth but as a Cree I can't. We don't thank people for using Common Sense. I, however, acknowledge it as something special in your society (tribe?). This work you do is important and the Earth, our mother, and the Creator watch over all of you.

Yours in Brotherhood,
—WILLIAM NICHOLS Grand Council of the Cree

P.S. Great time. More relaxing than other events I've been to lately. When this is all over I'll take you on tours of my land.

Dear Shit fer Brains,

Despite persistent rumors to the contrary, this publication continues to be as vital and relevant as ever. Sitting here in the Earth First! office in Missoula, I can't help but be impressed by the tremendous job Tim, Bill, Carla and David and the many folks who come here to hammer out this rag have done. As someone who has worked hard on this newspaper from the very beginning, it was always my hope that Earth First! would take on a life of its own, and acquire its own voice independent of those few of us who were fool enough to think something this crazy would ever fly. This has surely happened, and its a great feeling to know that us grizzled old warhorses can head out to pasture knowing that there are others around to carry on.

We have been through a lot together, especially in the last two years. And now, over ten years since our humble beginning, Earth First! is still the only group that isn't afraid to tell it like it is, that doesn't shy away from controversy, and is as bold and outrageous as these times require. The next ten years will be as hard as the last ten years, and will require some necessary broadening of our focus from traditional wilderness issues to include some of the pressing global issues like ozone depletion, global warming and the destruction of the tropical rainforests, to name but a few.

But I think we are ready. There are more Earth Firsters around than ever before, and working on more issues in more places than ever before. I have recently met EFlers in places like Amsterdam, Leningrad, er, I mean St. Petersburg and Hydai Gwii. And given what we have been through, we still maintain an amazing sense of unity.

There are those who wish we would just go away, who would like to write us off. But as long as we continue to say what needs to be said, and do what needs to be done, that will never happen. Like it or not, we are here to stay. And I for one am looking forward to more camaraderie, ass-kicking actions and general hell raising in the future.

EARTH FIRST!
—MIKE ROSELLE

Greetings,

I've just received my first copy of my subscription to EF! Journal and what should be the featured story? The link between Animal Rights and Radical Environmentalism! Great Article.

I've been an EF! supporter for years and an animal rights activist for the last three years and cannot understand why these two groups are at odds! True, the bunny-huggers I encounter within the animal rights ranks are annoying, but they are no more annoying than the Kumbaya-singing pseudo-hippies I've encountered at environmental functions. Seems like these two types of folks are the ones with the problems. The two groups might work well at a hunt sabotage just as long as they didn't have a BBQ afterwards.

This is exactly the kind of division the Powers that Be want. While we quibble and quarrel over the fine print to the Great Plan to Save the Earth, the lumber people and cattle ranchers are strengthening their defense! The FBI already thinks that ALF and Earth First! are the same threat to society. It makes sense to help each other out!

Frankly, I can't understand why any EFler would eat meat. Do some EFlers just want to save the forest so they can go hunt and trap their own food and clothes like people did way back when? Sounds almost as bad as what the cattle ranchers/factory farmers are doing now. I've always thought the forests and wildlands should be protected and humans not let back in at all!

Whatever. Go ahead and eat your meat, sing Kumbaya or hug your bunnies. Just as long as you write a letter, block a logger, raid a lab or curse out a fur coat wearer. The key is to let your fellow activist do what they want and join together whenever possible for common causes and *don't hold grudges!*

Remember, there is no meat or land exploitation in home-brewed beer. So get together with some other radical you don't agree with, hoist a few and talk. You can find common ground and go from there.

Thanks,
—THE BEER-SWILLING ECO-VEGAN

Dear Editor and Good People All,

Your Sept. 23 issue, very good, gives me hope! I am a Catholic priest working with American Indians and working to be human and save Earth Mother. Only valuable years working at a home for psychotics and going to therapy have helped me see that every tension on this earth comes from un-

side of my self. All of us need to become one family. The masculine says either/or, the feminine says both/and, and asks "What beautiful thing can I do here?" They should put birth control fluid in our water and then if you want a child take a pill to counter it. (We all need to ask the Great Spirit's help.)
—REV. NIEL VOIGT NAT AM SAKT

Dear Fecal Grey Matter,

I think that Gary Sullivan, who decided to donate his \$400 to Greenpeace because of your "smart butt" reply, needs to take a chill pill! No offense BUD! but you sound like a tight ass who has nothing better to do than pick your boogers & scratch your balls! Sorry dude, just relax a little, We should all be in this together!

—BARF BAG

Dear SFB:

Re: Cameron Spitzer's letter on rechargeable batteries in the Lughnsadh issue. *Real Goods* (1-800-762-7325) has NiCads rated at 700 mAh and a Nickel Metal Hydride at 1,100 mAh. These are both AA size. They also sell a variety of solar rechargers.

—PORTABLE ENERGY

Dear Cranial Crap, *Re Animal RTS*

In the Mabon 1991 issue, "Anonymous" lives up to the Mark Twain quote, "Get your facts straight, then distort 'em at your leisure." The sanctuary s/he refers to is a privately owned patch of woodland with posted "No Hunting" signs, so the liberated fur animals *are* living in the wild. S/he also errs in the assumption that animal rights are human-controlled. Since when? Animal rights are just that: *All* animals have the right to exist free from human persecution. Anonymous, next time check out the facts.

Now we come to "Cow Killer's" letter in the same issue. C-K, check out that Twain quote. You are also in error when you claim that vegetarians want ten times as many people as there are now. If you had read John Robbins' classic *Diet for a New America*, you would know that it takes far more land to grow crops for farm animals than it does for human consumption, so you *feed* ten times more people, not *create* ten times more people. Animals need rights because they are sentient like us. Plants are not. As to C-K's "fact" that vegetarianism makes you an "apish" moron, Albert Einstein was a strict vegetarian. Think about it.

Peace,
—JAMES CLINK

Dear Coprolites for Grey Matter,

I've got a line for all sloganeers and purveyors of B-stickers: *ENDANGER CONDOS NOT CONDORS*. If it ain't original, don't tell me.

—THOMAS JEFFERSON GROG

To Whom it May Concern,

Please drop my name from your mailing list as I no longer want to be associated in any way with Earth First! I had been looking forward to my return to the US so I could actively become involved in your organization but now that it has become so diverse as "defending wild critters," reclaiming the grassroots, etc, etc., I feel it is doomed to failure and want no part of it.

Have any of you so-called ecological warriors ever heard of "Ducks Unlimited," an organization that saved countless thousands of acres of marsh land while at the same time promoting hunting? Or do any of you ecological warriors know that through cooperation between hunting groups and game management there are more deer, elk ducks, geese etc., now than there were at the turn of the century? Or let me put it more clearly: the first time an "Ecological Warrior" deliberately interrupts

What happened to the old Earth First!? I asked a friend of mine, a noted international journalist, to attend the EF! meeting in Ennis, Montana a year or so ago. I explained to him that in my opinion EF! needed some positive press in order to recruit more members. Sadly, he later told me that he believed the organization had lost its goals and was attempting to be an all encompassing network that would never work. I have to agree with that analogy.

You mentioned how the graying of the environmental movement concerns you. Well, what concerns me is how an organization that had goals could become so diverse to render it ineffective.

So instead of calling yourselves Ecological Warriors, you might try "Yarak Kafasl."

From a former EF! member,
—DOUGLAS C. TAYLOR, American Embassy

Dear Disulfide Bonded Waste Matter fer Neural Transmissions,

Terrible News! Those damn environmentalists want to phase out the CFC's. Something about ozone depletion. And I thought ozone was a pollutant! Anyway...DuPont has a Freon Products Division Hotline #: 1-800-441-7515. You better get your freon while you still can. Before you know it, them environmentalists will make old growth cuttin' illegal. Jeeeeezzzzz.
—DANCING BUTTERFLY

Dearest EFlers,

Have any of you heard of the atrocity occurring in the Prince William Sound? Already victim of the fuckers from Exxon, the land is being clearcut (among other bullshit logging practices) by Whiteston Logging Corporation. The wood doesn't even stay in the country, it is being sold to Korea. The land was swindled from the Natives here and now it is being eaten by Whiteston termites.

I've been doing my best. I started a group called "Students Against Irresponsible Logging." I've written letters everywhere. I've made many public speeches in the town. I need help though. I'm still in high school and I can't save the forests as a student. I want to get my college degree in forestry and stop this bull crap. I can give information to any one who asks for it. It would be nice to have some relief. Write Students Against Irresponsible Logging, PO Box 2511, Cordova, AK 99574.

From my Soul,
—JARED RAY SHORTMAN

Dear Feco-encephalopod,

I've heard this debate about sexist imagery rage on and on, and it's time for us to wake up and *grow up*.

First, healthy men and women have fantasies of sex, rage, etc. on which they would never act in real life. Second, many of us grow out of the infantile expectation that the external world will conform to our inner wishes. Third, if I didn't allow parents, churches, and schools to police my fantasies, I'll be DAMNED if I'll allow some armchair psycho-socio-cultural analyst to do it NOW.

Should I be shocked, offended, or jealous if an artists draws conspicuous breasts or bulges on his/her fantasy eco-warrior? GET REAL. As Dylan said, "You can be in my dream if I can be in yours."
—J. TRASK

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GRAND P.S. Santant.

Bombing Range Proposed in Owyhee Canyon

BY COMMITTEE FOR IDAHO'S HIGH DESERT

A new threat has burst upon the high desert plateaus and spectacular canyonlands of Oregon, Idaho and Nevada. Idaho's governor and the Air Force have revealed plans for a new bombing range at the very center of the Owyhee Canyonlands!

If this project prevails, supersonic flights will become a frequent everyday occurrence over most of Malheur, Elko, Humboldt and Owyhee counties. The proposal is being pushed rapidly, allowing little time for the public to evaluate its merits. It is vital that your concerns be raised now so they can be examined in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Air Force Invades the West

With almost no public awareness or comment, the Air Force in recent years has greatly expanded supersonic and other military operating airspace (MOA) throughout the western US. Nevada is almost entirely covered by MOAs or other restricted military airspace and now Oregon and Idaho face similar threats. Worse, the military has physically grabbed entire valleys and mountain ranges in Nevada, causing dislocation of long-term residents of ranches and villages.

Many citizens will be surprised to learn that much of southeast Oregon now lies under Military Operating Areas. The Air Force appears to be establishing piece-by-piece the "Continental Operations Area" denied to it by Congress nearly two decades ago. Yet, the Air

Force has failed to establish a need for expanded supersonic operating areas in Idaho or Oregon.

After the controversial Saylor Creek Bombing Range proposal was soundly defeated by public opinion last year, Idaho's governor and industrialist J.R. simply formulated a new proposal for a bombing range in the obscure hidden heart of the Owyhee canyonlands. Indeed, though discussion has been active for a year with rangers and some interest groups, conservationists were briefed by the Idaho governor's office barely 80 hours before the first scoping hearing.

Massive Land Swap

The governor of Idaho is proposing a massive exchange of Public Land for Idaho state lands. The Bureau of Land Management is being asked to give Idaho title to 147,000 acres of public land administered by the BLM in the heart of the Owyhee canyonlands. Then, Idaho proposes to lease this block of state land to the Air Force for a bombing range.

Two ranchers within the proposed bombing range are to be bought out. A third rancher within the boundaries and those adjoining the supersonic bombing range have been ignored. Further details of the deal remain murky.

The previous Air Force bombing range proposal avoided the boundaries of Wilderness Study Areas but the new proposed bombing range actually includes 61,000 acres in four Wilderness Study Areas. This is a threat to WSAs throughout the western US as this proposal may be a trial balloon to

test the resolve of conservationists to defend WSAs. "Interim management policy" guidelines supposedly protect Bureau of Land Management WSAs until Congress acts on Wilderness recommendations.

Today, sonic booms are infrequent over Idaho deserts, but a huge Supersonic Operating Area would be associated with the proposed "Big Springs Bombing Range." If the Air Force proposal is successful, routine sonic booms will rock an area of 8,300 square miles in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. The Supersonic Operating Area overlays about a million acres of Wilderness Study Areas in the three states and the associated bombing range is centered within at least sixteen WSAs.

The Air Force claims supersonic flight will be restricted to 10,000 feet above ground level, but conservationists are not persuaded. At 10,000 feet booms are still very disturbing, and the sonic boom footprint could be twenty miles wide along the flight path of the warplane. Military airplanes have been observed routinely violating airspace restrictions within the canyons of Idaho and Oregon, and the Air Force flip-flopped so many times during the Saylor Creek Bombing Range controversy that it has little credibility remaining regarding its intentions.

Wildlife in Bombsights

Burrowing owls and dense concentrations of other raptors inhabit the Dickshooter area, and peregrine falcons may be present. Bald eagles use the rivers during the winter and golden eagles are common. Waterfowl include herons,

cranes, egrets, ibis, ducks and geese. The mountain bluebird, Idaho's state bird, nests on the Owyhee Plateau.

Antelope and deer would be impacted and Dickshooter Ridge is a critical wintering area for the surviving Owyhee elk herd. The Owyhee is home to perhaps half of the earth's California bighorn sheep, and it has become a major source for bighorn stock for reintroduction to other areas from which it has been exterminated. The Owyhee remains one of the few strongholds for river otter and the red banded trout.

The plateaus support a number of rare plants in unique setting, but the Owyhee remains largely unknown to botanists.

Native American gravesites, sacred grounds and traditional hunting and gathering grounds lie within the Owyhee. One of the densest concentrations of archaeological sites in Idaho occur within the boundaries of the proposed bombing range, and outstanding historical buildings and stagecoach roads persist.

Obviously the Air Force has again misjudged the public's attitude toward the Owyhee Country. The Air Force must be told in stronger terms that the Owyhee is not some barren wasteland to be bombed and abused. The Owyhee is the source of lifetime memories for thousands of our citizens, as well as the non-human species which live there.

Additional Issues for the EIS

—Do Idaho's governor and Idaho State Land board have the constitu-

Siouxan Roadless Area Under Assault

BY WILE E COYOTE

The mightiest temperate forest on earth once blanketed the area now known as southwestern Washington state. A century of industrial exploitation has, for the most part, reduced this region to a depauperate monoculture of single-aged Douglas fir stands laced with logging roads and fragmented by recent clearcuts. Few places have managed to escape the chainsaw thus far; the largest and most imminently threatened of these is the Siouxan (pronounced SOO-sän) roadless area.

The Siouxan fire of 1902 burned about 40,000 acres, killing most of the ancient forest in the area. Ironically, this fire also spared the area from being roaded and logged, since little merchantable timber could be extracted. The Siouxan roadless area is now one of the more ecologically healthy places in southwestern Washington, supporting a diverse second-growth native forest that is just reaching maturity. This forest includes populations of elk, mountain lions, black bears, raptors, rainbow trout, and other less charismatic but equally important creatures. Younger native forests such as this are just as rare and

endangered as the ancient forests that are receiving so much attention.

The Siouxan roadless area is especially threatened. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is in the process of gutting that portion of the area under its administration. The Forest Service's portion of the roadless area, the upper Siouxan valley, is scheduled for liquidation beginning in 1993. These plans will be carried out under the auspices of New Perspectives ("a kinder, gentler holocaust").

Realistically, there is very little hope of stopping the Department of Natural Resources at this point. They are under mandate to utilize their lands for maximum economic return, and their assault upon this area is already well under way. The Forest Service, however, might still be stopped from destroying their 12,590 acres of this roadless area. Under New Perspectives, this agency is supposed to allow a greater degree of public involvement in their process, thus lending the appearance of public approval to their final solution for our last unprotected roadless areas. They need to hear what biocentrists and deep ecologists have to say about their plans.

One possible alternative to the

Forest Service's planned destruction of this area would be to establish a "Siouxan-Trapper Creek Wilderness Recovery Area." Simply by closing approximately two miles of forest road #58 (as well as some low-grade feeder roads and cherrystem roads), the Siouxan roadless area could be reunited with the Trapper Creek Wilderness, the Sister Rocks Research Natural Area, and the Bourbon Creek roadless area. This last area is of particular interest, since the Forest Service cynically drew the Trapper Creek wilderness boundary to exclude the Bourbon Creek roadless area, which contains valuable old-growth forest (excellent spotted owl habitat) that the forest service wants to clearcut. All four of these areas should be protected as a single roadless unit.

What you can do: Contact these public officials and tell them how you would like the Siouxan area to be managed. More importantly, visit the siouxan roadless area and environs. It lies northeast of the towns of Chelatchie and Amboy, Washington (consult a map of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest). Get to know this special, powerful place. Be sure to bring your tool kit in case you need to make any "emergency repairs."

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tional authority to exchange lands in this manner? What is the role of the Idaho legislature?

—The WSA lands are under Interim Management Policy guidelines and only Congress can release the WSAs. Congress must authorize the disposal of Public Lands in excess of 5000 acres.

—What will happen to Air Force ranges associated with bases now scheduled for closure? Couldn't one of these ranges be recycled instead of creating a whole new range? Does the Air Force need a new range?

—Mountain Home Air Force Base is an indentified priority site for toxic waste cleanup. Bombing ranges are notorious toxic sites. Why should the public allow the creation of another potential toxic site before MHAFFB is cleaned up?

—Will the State of Idaho, if it leases the range to the Air Force, become liable for a future Superfund site, or for other unforeseen liabilities? Will the Air Force—that is, the Federal Government—be able to take a walk leaving Idaho holding the bag?

—The lands within the proposed range are headwaters of a federally designated Wild and Scenic River: the mainstream Owyhee in Oregon. What will be the impacts from toxics, runoff and erosion from increased wildfire associated with the range?

—What will be the status of water rights on the 147,000 acre bombing range? Will these water rights be transferred to adjoining lands for agricultural development, or for cyanide leach mining develop-

ment? Who would most likely be the recipient of these water rights?

—The EIS must include comparisons of the economic benefits of the proposed range with the economic benefits of alternatives such as Owyhee National Park. Economic studies must consider revenues from lost grazing fees, lost recreational expenditures, and quantifiable values for lost opportunities such as wilderness experience. What is the rationale of closing bases in one part of the nation and spending tens or hundreds of millions of tax dollars to open new ranges where they are not wanted? If MHAFFB closes in the near future, will other bases continue to use the range even though Idaho would no longer be receiving the much-touted economic benefits?

—What will be the impacts on access of Native Americans to ancestral gravesites and sacred grounds? What will be the impacts on access for traditional and subsistence hunting and gathering?

—What will be the impacts on raptors? This area is home to one of the densest concentrations of raptors in the world, and probably is a significant flyway for raptor migration.

—What will be the impacts on reintroduced bighorn sheep and critical winter range for the Owyhee elk that winter in the Dickshooter area?

—What is the official status of the Saylor Creek Bombing Range Citizen's Working Group? The Air Force must be strongly urged to reconvene the working group. Alternately, the Air Force should take the necessary steps to create a new citizen's working group.

What You Can Do:

1. The Air Force must know you concerns now. Issues raised in scoping may be the only ones allowed to be contested later. State your concerns and demand that the general public be allowed to express themselves at several convenient locations after reasonable public notice. Be sure to request a copy of the Draft EIS and request that you be included in any future mailings concerning the Big Springs Range. Letters should go to:
Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Environmental Programs
AFRCE-BMS/DEV
Building 520, Room 131
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6884
Telefax: 714-382-7762
2. By law, Congress must approve the disposal of Wilderness Study Areas, the withdrawal of Public Lands in excess of 5,000 acres, as well as funding for the bombing range. The establishment of Supersonic Operating Areas over the Owyhee must be questioned:
The Hon. Dale Bumpers, Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-0401
3. The BLM now manages 98% of the lands in the proposed bombing range, but BLM Director Cy Jamison has rolled over on the Big Springs Range. The BLM should be encouraged to resist the withdrawal of Public Lands.
The Hon. Manuel Lujan, Jr.
Office of the Secretary

US Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets NW
Washington, DC 20240

4. The Federal Aviation Agency must approve the designation of military airspace. Ask to be notified of any airspace changes in the Saylor Creek, Owyhee, Paradise, Saddle Mountain, Hart Mountain, or Juniper MOAs. Request that any changes to the Owyhee MOA be done through a full EIS, including public hearings in Boise and Portland. Volume of mail is important. Federal Aviation Agency
Northwest Mountain Region
17900 Pacific Hwy. S.
C-68966
Seattle, WA 98168-0966 phone
(206) 431-2735

5. Watch newspapers for dates and locations of the upcoming hearings on the Draft EIS. Attend a hearing and speak up!

6. Photos are a must. Try to visit Dickshooter Ridge-Pole Creek-Deep Creek, take photographs and submit photos with testimony. People with special knowledge (raptors, cultural, hunting, hiking, whitewater, etc.) are urged to bring their information forward.



Fat of the Land

BY PARK N. LOTT

There come seven men on bicycles. They're fast even for bicyclists. They're Big Oil Executives. They work for Conoco a few hours each morning. They have a lot of time to practice riding.

Is there such a thing as "the fat of the land"? If there is, then that's what the seven men sweat off while they ride. Some other people dig up the oil at "Continental Oil." Some other people refine it. Some other people take it in trucks to gasoline stations. Some farmers put it in their tractors to grow spinach in the desert. These men eat the spinach, and ride their bikes faster than Popeye could. They eat the spinach and sweat it out before it ever really is fat. It drips on their bicycle wheel spokes and splashes onto the ground.

These men ride fast enough to win a race. Maybe they could or couldn't have won a race when they were in high school, but they could all win one now. The other people who might have beaten them in a race in high school are too tired from working in a truck or on a farm to win any races.

All of these men would make sure to win any race they were in. If you were in a race with any of these men and you started to beat

him, he would kill you with a secret gun he has hidden under his bicycle seat, if he thought no one would see what he did.

Those men live here in Houston and they always ride in this city park in the morning. They will die very sick men, one day, but I don't tell them.

See, at night the EPA goes to sleep. Then Conoco makes the air into poison soup by running their refineries full blast for twelve hours while the EPA pretends not to know. At night.

In the morning, the men on bicycles breathe poison air. Little pockets in their lungs called alveoli take the poison out as they breathe. The poison stays in them. They exhale tiny bits of cleaner air. The men are little bitty filters.

The poison in their lungs will go to their brains and make a tumor grow. Most of the men in Houston, Texas, develop brain tumors, I think.

I don't tell these seven men, because they are rich and will use their money to move to Montana if they know.

Tongass Reform Act Sold Out by Stevens

BY MIKE ROSELLE AND ALLISON SLATER

The process of making paper and the politics that go with it are dirty, from start to finish. Often in our overly specialized economy, the different steps in the process are separated by hundreds of miles, so the communities dealing with one problem don't see the rest of the story. The ecosystems in or near Tongass National Forest in Alaska, at 17 million acres by far our largest national forest, have the privilege of shouldering all the environmental damage, from logging to processing the pulp to providing the fuel for the procedure.

Last year Congress passed the Tongass Reform Act, which supposedly ended the mandate for the forest to provide 450 million board feet each year by calling for renegotiating the 50 year contracts. But Alaskan Senator Stevens, concerned, of course, with JOBS, put a provision in the 1992 budget which requires the same amount to be harvested, reform act or not. In addition, the Forest Service has refused to implement any of the reforms, especially the one calling for a halt to the process of "high-grading", where only the high volume stands are cut, even though these are the ones most critical to wildlife.

The comment period for the new ten-year plan for the Tongass recently ended, timed carefully to take place when the coastal troll fishermen, traditionally the group most concerned with and hurt by water pollution and damage to spawning beds, were out earning a living. Angered by this obvious political bias, the fishing groups and environmentalists are trying to get the comment period for this important plan extended to include more than the opinions of loggers and mill workers, who are more often than not paid to testify by the pulp mills.

Reports from Alaskan De-

partment of Fish and Game, hardly a bunch of eco-radicals, give a hint of the degradation that has been done by the insane pace of logging. Some streams which were supposed to be protected by the Reform Act were scheduled to be cut right down to the banks. A few of these cuts were stopped when biologists saw what was planned, but many areas were cut with no monitoring whatsoever. Orders from Stevens were "not to hold up" sales translated into sales going through with no studies or environmental review.

All big timbering areas are used to the argument that loggers depend on the sales for their jobs. In Tongass the loggers are a small consideration next to the pulp mills, which are the top employers. Two pulp mills, Alaska Pulp Mill and Katchikan Pulp (owned by Louisiana-Pacific) on Prince of Wales Island require a certain amount of timber to keep them operational. Stevens considers it his primary responsibility to keep those mills running, whether or not he slashes the entire state to do it, and regardless of whether people really need the pulp or not. The pulp, by the way, is shipped out of the country, mostly to Japan, and is used to make cellophane and Rayon, cheap shirts and Twinkie wrappers.

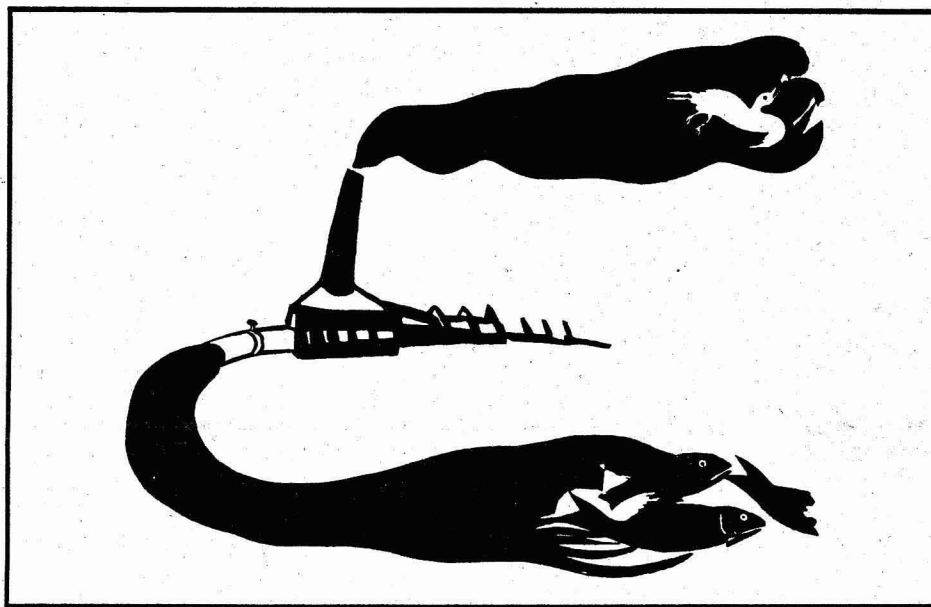
The pulp mills, being true symbols of the capitalist spirit, are involved in both the supply and demand side of environmental degradation. They eat trees and shit out amazing amounts of pollution. Alaska Pulp Corp. alone spews out 40 million gallons of industrial waste a day into Silver Bay. It uses 30 million pounds of chlorine a year. Almost seven tons of sulfur dioxide floats out of its smoke stacks every day. Chloroform, methanol, hydrogen sulfide, dioxin...the list goes on and on.

Two Greenpeace activists were arrested during a protest in Silver Bay on August 14. As part of their campaign against the use of chlorine, the two activists from Sitka chained themselves to the docks while supporters hung a banner. The protest was timed to prevent a barge bringing chlorine to the mill from unloading, which uses the chemical to whiten the pulp, then dumps the waste into the water. The protest was part of a summerlong campaign by Greenpeace and the Rainbow Warrior to call attention to ongoing destruction of Alaska's environment.

In addition to visiting Sitka, The Rainbow Warrior also visited Thorne Bay, site of L-P's log deck, and lodged a strong complaint with the

District Ranger over logging in Honker Divide, one of the states most productive salmon spawning areas. This is all part of Greenpeace's new campaign to halt logging on public lands.

People interested in helping to stop the destruction of the Tongass should write the USFS there and call for a halt to logging by the giant pulp mills, and protection for the remaining old growth or contact Southeast Alaska Conservation Council at POB 21692 Juneau, AK 99802 (907)586-6942.



Flushing Out the Bullshit in Alaska

BY CARY BOU

*Oh give me a home, where the caribou roam
And the wolf and the polar bear play
There's white arctic fox, and the giant musk ox
And the bowhead whales spout in the bay.
Arctic Wildlife Refuge...*

Darryl Cherney, carboard caribou antlers strapped to his head, chirped to about 100 activists gathered outside the Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, for an anti-oil, pro-Arctic National Wildlife Refuge demonstration. It was August 7, and the Congressional Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment was breezing through this oil boom town to listen to selected "public" testimony on whether Congress should open up the coastal plain of the Refuge to oily corporations. Outside a coalition of environmental folks were standing together in their own show of support for the Refuge.

At this supposedly "public" hearing, the only 14 people invited to testify were those group representatives that had already flown to DC and spoken at other hearings, and only four hours were allocated for testimony on one of the most important issues to hit this state in a decade. So at \$3,290 an hour (not including maintenance and crew costs) the Air Force DC-9 flew all the way to Alaska for four hours of regurgitated babble. After the hearing they got down to the real business and all flew north to the Refuge for some sight-seeing. The committee should have spent much longer in Anchorage listening to the concerns of the people who can't afford to fly to

DC every week to lobby; fisherpeople, trappers, native people, from the working backbone of the state. Instead, they got to hear, for the 100th time, from the demented governor and his oil buddies.

Street theatre, music and signs were the only ways the silenced Alaskans and environmentalists had to tell the Congressional Committee how they felt about the opening of ANWR.

Inside, 200 people packed the Assembly chambers and were treated to some real comic relief. We heard from our crazy oil bedfellow governor that, "It would be immoral to know about natural resources and not use them. It would be a crime against humanity and Christianity if you said, 'You can't do this.'"

Four native leaders also testified, two favoring development, two against. Sarah James spoke for the Gwitch'in tribe. The Gwitch'in culture and the ecosystem they depend on is threatened by oil development in the calving grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd on the coastal plain of the Refuge. This is the one place among the thousands of miles that the caribou travel each year where development can affect the entire herd. Sarah said that Congress has ignored her people on this issue for years, that visitors never stop to listen to Gwitch'ins' concerns but always find time for Kaktouk, a North slope native village that favors development. Sarah told the panel that, "It's not just what we eat, it's who we are. Caribou are our life."

After Sarah finished her heartfelt, moving

testimony, Alaskan representative Don Young broke into another of his infamous outbursts, this time viciously directed at the native peoples who are trying to hang on to the last threads of their culture.

We tried to set old Don straight, but he ran into the toilet, to deposit the rest of his b.s. in the appropriate facility. Undaunted, Darryl and Steve ran into the urinals lecturing Young on his underhanded dirty tactics. Struck with an unusual bout of stagefright, Young tried to hide in a stall, but the Toilet Action Group surrounded the door determined that Don should get his facts straight on the Refuge issue.

One of the most important ways the Gwitch'in are trying to fight the loss of their lands and culture is by declaring the village a dry community, to halt the destruction alcoholism has wrecked on other native people. Now they face one of the biggest fights of their history—the ultimate fight for survival to stop the Porcupine Caribou herd from going the way of the buffalo at the hands of money hungry white men.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Gwitch'in and their struggle, they can be reached at the Gwitch'in Steering Committee, POB 202768 Anchorage, Alaska 99520.

Train Trash

By RON JOHNSON

During this past summer a job photographing white water kayaking trips gave me the chance to spend some time on the Arkansas River in Colorado. Early in the season, I was setting up for my daily trip when I smelled a really foul odor, like a match that had just been lit. I looked down and noticed my shoes and the ground were covered with a sticky white substance. Later that day I mentioned the stench and the white goo to my kayaking partner. Apparently there had been a train derailment there a few years back and a car containing sulfur spilled its contents on the ground and in the river. They never bothered to clean it up.

A few days later I went back to the site and noticed lots of junk scattered all along the tracks and riverbank. A wheel, still there from the wreck, stood proudly as a memento to the derailment.

Over the rest of the summer I took mental



notes of all the garbage dumped in and near the river by the railroad; wire, paint cans, buckets, piles of rotten wood, generic trash. One day I discovered a shocking practice of the railroads. Let me explain: A train's wheel sits on a fixed axle, meaning both wheels are connected to the same axle. When a train has to take a corner, one wheel on the axle is going faster than the other. In order to save wear on the tracks and the wheels, the railroad installs "flange-greasers." A flange-greaser is a pump mechanism buried under the track. It is activated when the train runs over the switch. Large amounts of toxic grease are squirted onto the wheels to lubricate them on the turns. The grease then runs down the track, pools into slimy clumps and leeches into the ground, watershed and the river. When the piles of sludge get too large for the trains to pass, work crews shovel the piles over the bank and into the river.

The Colorado River through Gore Canyon is a wonderful kayak run, as well as the lifeblood of the ecosystem, but unfortunately the railroad passes through this canyon, and with the railroad comes pollution. Amtrak passes through here once a day and their cups, wrappers and garbage litter the river. The rocks are streaked with silver from paint cans tossed over the banks. Telephone poles and wire are everywhere. On our last paddle through the canyon, railworkers were tossing boulders into the river like it was child's play, making the river more dangerous for kayakers, and constantly changing the flow of the river and the shape of the bank.

Now that summer has ended, I am back in the East, looking at the rail lines here. It is no different, same pollution, same problems. The railroad has a vast history in the development of America, and it is often suggested that we should go back towards the use of rail to reduce the number of cars and roads. But if the railroads want to be a part of the future, they need to clean up their act.

Protesting Pavement

By JAN LUNDBERG

ALLIANCE FOR A PAVING MORATORIUM

Roads, paved and unpaved, the machines that run on them and the development that can then proliferate, constitute the common denominator of what is killing Earth: "growth" and the furious devouring of our planetary home.

Road building is the steel cable (rather than a "thread") connecting the exploitation of Malaysia's Sarawak jungle, the logging of Oregon's North Kalmiopsis Wilderness, and our cities, which look like used-car parking lots.

The "Senate Energy Sellout" and Caltrans' function ("to pave over every inch of the state so that we can get from hell to damnation faster") are two more issues familiar to *Earth First!* readers: just further proof of the need for the soonest possible national moratorium on new roads and parking lots.

There is a constant need to watch our oily characters on Capitol Hill and to take direct action for ancient trees, but the public must come to understand we have too many urban and country roads, and that to allow more roads and parking lots is to *guarantee* our own destruction along with all Nature.

Roads represent our fossil-fueled society's oil-supply lines. How idiotic to lengthen them when the world considers oil a strategic commodity, when there can be a supply crisis, and when the US will run out of oil by around the year 2020. Because US overpopulation was reached by 1930, before the US went petrochemical for food production, our vulnerability is not just in terms of shortage at gasoline stations.

How inefficient to travel on roads compared to safe and sane Amtrak, and how awful to rely on congested roads instead of being able to walk or bike. Carrying this obsessive heresy further, to unplug ourselves from the car and not have to commute at all is the first step towards liberation from a savage economy on the ropes which threatens to pull almost everybody down the toilet.

How filthy and ruinous that erosion from roads (and clearcuts) chokes endangered salmon, that roadside pesticide spraying accumulates in our living tissue, and that poison runoff from pavement is a source of lead poisoning of our water comparable to factory lead pollution.

This whole education campaign is bigger than merely emphasizing these negatives and suggesting piecemeal alternatives. The members of the Alliance for a Paving Moratorium (on new roads and parking lots), 30 transit and environmental groups coast to coast, propose a road moratorium to bring about the redevelopment and greening of all our decayed, older communities. The implications for curbing "growth" are enormous: a paving moratorium can lead to the restructuring of our whole way of life and the adoption of a total conservation ethic. A favorable global impact is inevitable, but time is run-

ning out!

Mechanics of roads and a moratorium

A road moratorium signifies the end of the road building juggernaut: much of the earth-moving machinery will be scrapped, autos and trucks will not have more space to find fleeting elbow-room, and the oil industry will have to reduce refinery crude runs. Heavy, toxic, residual asphalt is produced in quantity mostly to enable the simultaneous production of the most prized refined product, gasoline. Both needs would be reduced by the moratorium.

Signers of the paving moratorium know that the goal of the environmental movement is really to bring about a community-based, decentralized form of human settlement in what has become an industrialized, needlessly mechanical world. They know that there is no technological fix to accommodate our consumer society.

So, as we watch DC environmental groups lobby on energy and transportation, let us remember they are not playing with a totally full deck: The Motor Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Act, boosting requirements for new cars to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2000, would not address the problem of cheap gasoline, which is hardly taxed, and subsidized by Desert Storm, nor the prospect of 1000 Geos replacing 100 Chevys.

Senator Pat Moynihan (D-NY) has become a hero of mass transit lobbyists, but his compromise legislation on highways still would tax us for billions of dollars worth of new roads. In this package is a \$37 billion wetlands "mitigation" slush fund to facilitate road building. Right now there are 907,000 miles of undermaintained roads in the US, and there is not enough money to keep those pothole-free. To make matters worse, the House of Representatives offers a new highway construction bill that would dwarf the senate's misguided, too-little-too-late reform. The House would put 3/8 of the myriad porkbarrel projects in five states—coincidentally those states which are represented by the most influential committee members.

Wilderness activists point out that there are eight times as many road miles in our national forests as there are in the Interstate Highway System. However, every road, no matter where, erodes and poisons our communities, separates the races and classes by allowing "white flight," and degrades ecosystems and the biosphere.

Let us unite to bring about global cooperation to save tropical rainforests and stave off global warming by showing our fellow deforesting nations that the US is no longer building roads and parking lots. Join the Alliance for a Paving Moratorium and "hit the pavement!"

For more information contact The Alliance for a Paving Moratorium POB 8558, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (703) 371-0222.



In the vast, untouched origins of the Amazon tributaries, 1500 Huanorani Indians fight for their existence against oil corporations, the Ecuadorian government and a flood of colonists from the Andes.

On July 9, 1991, four activists from the Rainforest Information Center were arrested and imprisoned without charges as they entered the Oriente (the Ecuadorian Amazon) to help the Huanorani demarcate their territory to keep the colonists out, build a cultural center, and organize into a political force. The Ecuadorian Army controls access to the area and answers directly to the international oil companies, often bypassing the government. The oil companies do not like the idea of environmentalists working with indigenous people in the field. They prefer their environmentalists in Washington D.C. A false military intelligence report surfaced implicating RIC in indigenous uprisings. The activists were held in jail for four days, then released when the British Embassy stressed that it is illegal to arrest and deport people without any charges. The American Embassy was extremely uncooperative. Big surprise. Conoco is an American company and a subsidiary of DuPont. The CIA has a long history of covert activities in Ecuador (see Philip Agee's *Inside the Company*.) George Bush is an oil slime bag and ex-CIA chief. You figure it out.

The Huanorani still more or less live a traditional hunter/gatherer lifestyle in the midst of oil exploration. They are semi-nomadic, living in family groups of 15-20, subsisting off monkeys, javelinas, small garden plots, and their incredible knowledge of medicinal plants.

The Oriente is probably the most botanically diverse place on earth with 9000-12,000 estimated plant species. This high biodiversity resulted during the Pleistocene era when much of the Amazon basin dried out, but isolated areas such as the Napo River drainage remained wet serving as a biological refuge. Many of the species still remain in the area as remnants from the Pleistocene are now found nowhere else. biologists and botanists estimate that hundreds of species remain undiscovered. jaguars, tapirs, monkeys, crocodiles, fresh water dolphins, 120 mammals, over 600 bird species, some 500 species of fish and countless unknown species of frogs, insects and plants abound in this rainforest wilderness.

With petroleum exploration and development and the subsequent colonization that follows many of these species are sure to become extinct. Even if the Huanorani survive as a people, it is doubtful their culture will remain intact. The Tagaeri group, however, are especially resistant to infringement upon their territory. In 1987 the Tagaeri attacked a group of oil exploration workers who were laying seismic lines which cut through the Tagaeri gardens. The oil companies enlisted the help of the Catholic Bishop in missionizing and "taming" the Tagaeri. The bishop and a nun flew into the area by helicopter bearing gifts and were found a week later with 17 spears embedded in their bodies, ceremoniously killed.

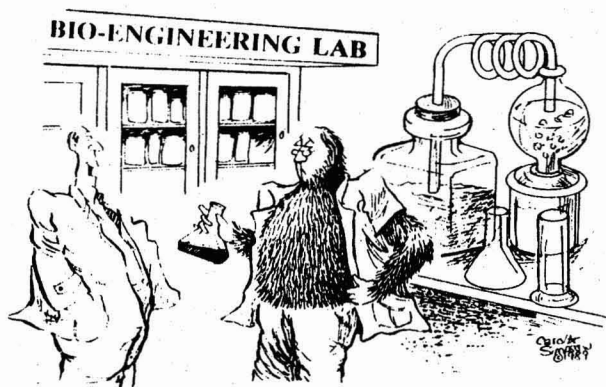
For nearly 20 years, international oil companies, led by our own dear Texaco, have sucked oil from a vast reserve near the headwaters of the Amazon. A pipeline stretches from the Oriente, climbs nearly 10,000 feet over the Andes and drops back down to the coast for refining and export (mostly to the US). For the past two decades, this pipeline and other oil activities leaked more than 16 million gallons of oil (more than the Exxon Valdez spill) into the rainforests. Roads were punched through the pristine rainforest and colonists from the heavily populated Andes poured in carving small farms out of the jungle to raise coffee, bananas, and cattle.

To put things in perspective, Ecuador is the most densely populated country in South America, up to its volcanos in debt, and highly dependant upon petroleum exports, which ac-

count for 60% of the nation's income. From 1972 to 1982 the government earned over \$7 billion in oil revenues.

In 1979 Ecuador created the Yasuni National Park in the heart of the Oriente. Shortly thereafter, Conoco discovered oil in the park (and we all know what that means). In the spring of 1990, the government of Ecuador, in a thinly veiled political move, expanded the neighboring Huanorani indigenous territory to 1.5 million acres. Much of this land resulted from redrawing the boundary of the park to exclude the proposed oil fields which now lie in the deepest part of the Huanorani territory. However, the government did not give the Huanorani any mineral rights, so the oil companies are free to explore and develop any petroleum. It is against Ecuadorian law (whatever that's worth) to explore or develop petroleum in national parks, however, Conoco holds a leasing concession in the middle of the park.

The two pristine areas under immediate



"Excellent work, Digby—you've created a fur coat that even the animal rights people can enjoy."

threat are block 16 and 22, both under concession lease to Conoco. The oil discovery in block 16 lies nearly 100 miles from the nearest road. ELF, a French company which holds the concession north of block 16, has already constructed 15 miles of road. Conoco repeatedly pledged publicly to exploit petroleum activities in an "environmentally sensitive" manner. For example, Conoco will use cluster wellheads, rehabilitate the area, and not interfere with the Huanorani lifestyle. (????) To prevent colonization, Conoco and the Ecuadorian government (two entities noted for their upstanding sensibilities) promise to police the road, keeping out all colonists. Conoco also promises not to build a bridge across the Napo River; the pipeline will go under the river. Admittedly Conoco also promises not to build a bridge across the Napo River; the pipeline will go under the river. Admittedly Conoco is more susceptible to environmental pressure than say Petroecuador or Braspetro (the Brazilian company) and has a public image to maintain. However, Conoco holds the lease for 20 years, after which time it reverts to the Ecuadorian government which views the Oriente as a release valve for population pressure. As long as land can be opened up in the Oriente, the government can diffuse the land distribution struggle and will eventually build a bridge and open the road to colonization.

Citing opposition by environmental and indigenous groups, in December of 1990, Conoco announced it was considering canceling its petroleum plans. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Cultural Survival, acting on the assumption that Conoco is the lesser of many evils, met with Conoco officials last winter to discuss petroleum development. NRDC and Cultural Survival are now soliciting a \$25 million donation from Conoco to establish a foundation for Huanorani community development

projects, and for scientific research and protection of Yasuni National Park in exchange for not opposing Conoco's leasing activities.

"For reasons that are still unclear, Cultural Survival and NRDC have recently assisted Conoco in rescuing its project, threatening to undermine two years of planning and lobbying on the part of Ecuadorian environmentalist and indigenous groups. To fend-off Conoco's development scheme," reports "La Campana Amazonia por la Vida," a coalition of 13 environmental and human rights organizations solidly opposed to petroleum development in Yasuni National Park and the Huanorani Territory.

NRDC staff attorney Robert Kennedy Jr. stated in a meeting with Conoco that NRDC accepts the reality that Ecuador will develop its resources and "NRDC believes that it is better to have Conoco do the developing than anyone else." He also stated, "the environmental community is having second thoughts about the wisdom of not dealing with big business."

In a March meeting with CONFENIAE, a group of 960 Ecuadorian Amazonian communities, Kennedy emphasized the "inevitability" of petroleum development and expressed his belief that Conoco is "serious about its promises," and susceptible "to our influence."

Conoco just announced this October it would withdraw from block 16. However, the other members of Conoco's exploration group plan to pursue exploration. Conoco CEO Constantine Nicandros stated in an October 11 press release, "This was a difficult decision because it is a good project . . . But we simply have more good projects to do than our capital resources can cover. . . Conoco Ecuador plans provide a road map for safe, environmentally responsible projects of this type." With Conoco's withdrawal, the primary interest in the oil exploration group becomes Overseas Petroleum and Investment Corp. of Taiwan, which is undoubtedly worse.

Stay tuned to see if NRDC and Cultural Survival will continue to work with Conoco's ex-partners, or maybe with Kennedy's friends at Conoco withdrawing from the project, NRDC will give up it's environmental imperialism and work with CONFENIAE and RIC to help the Huanorani prevent any oil development in blocks 16 and 22 by anybody.

What You Can Do:

1. RIC is strategically purchasing habitat in the Choco Cloud Forest for just \$10/acre. send donations to: Rainforest Information Centre, DeVargas Centre, Suite G-504, Santa Fe, NM, 87501.

2. Write letters of protest to NRDC and Cultural Survival: Adrian W. DeWind, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Natural Resources Defense Council
1350 New York Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 783-7800

Ted MacDonald
Cultural Survival
11 Divinity Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 495-2562

3. Write letters of support to La Campana Amazona Por La Vida and CONFENIAE: Av 6 de Diciembre

159 y Pazmino, oficina 408
Apartado 4180
Quito, Ecuador

4. Write to the World Bank demanding that it stop its \$100 million loan to Petroecuador for exploration and development of new oil fields:

Barber B. Conable, President
World Bank
1818 H St. NW
Washington, DC 20433

subsidiary of the Dutch corporation Suikerunie, was razed, while fields of genetically altered potatoes, from the Belgian firm Plant Genetic Systems, were destroyed in the towns of Wageningen and Bant. These last two fields were operated by the Hettema Corporation in conjunction with Prosperina BV. In total, the attacks caused tens of thousands of dollars damage and set back the genetic tests by one to two years.

The Dutch press, of course, reacted furiously to the attacks. What's more, they made note of the fact that the Dutch autonomist paper NN had listed the addresses of corporate testing fields of genetically manipulated plants.

To explain their actions, the Razende Rooiers issued a lengthy communique which was likewise published in NN. The Razende Rooiers defend their militant approach in their communique:

"The destruction of a test field is designed to both start a discussion on the subject of biotechnology, as well as to offer a direct counter to pro-biotech propaganda in the form of sabotage. Resistance, in whatever form, to biotechnology is not only necessary, it is also legitimate. And you don't have to be an expert to use a shovel."

But the group not only defend their tactics in the communique, but they go on to further discuss the theoretical necessities of offering concrete resistance to biotechnology.

Technology is playing an increasingly greater role in food production. This means multi-

tions become increasingly dependent on the products of the multi-nationals. Do consumers really want food production to be entirely artificial and, thus, corporate owned? To ensure that the public does wish such a 'luxury', biotech multi-nationals spend millions of dollars annually on their public relations/propaganda budgets.

Just as with the Green Revolution, the use of biotechnology will bring great gains to the food production sector, yet it will also carry with it newer and bigger problems. Far from solving the world's hunger problem (which actually stems from unequal distribution and not from under-production), biotechnology will simply serve to further marginalize the Third World. The use of biotechnology will be destructive to the environment, as manipulated fields require certain 'necessary' chemical applications (which the multi-nationals themselves can gladly supply). What's more, the proliferation of manipulated plants will result in a drastic loss of genetic diversity. Already, 50% of the world's population are fed by three plants: wheat, rice, and corn. Biotech would drastically reduce the number of naturally occurring varieties of these plants. Also, 93% of the present world's supply of genetic data is stored in the gene banks of Western corporations and scientific institutes.

What will result from this, of course, is a highly paternalistic and grossly racist attitude on the part of multi-nationals towards indiginous

comes the 'benevolent' multi-national with its highly-skilled staff of white Western employees, its stocks of chemicals, and its immense reserves of capital.... All of this will result in the environmental, economic, political, and cultural marginalization of Third World societies.

The topic of biotechnology has not, as yet, become a central focus for the environmental movement in North America. Yet, because of the diverse environmental, political and social issues which are related to biotechnology, it is an issue which will become increasingly significant in the years ahead. It is important that the radical environmental movement begin to formulate a coherent critique of biotechnology and begin to work out an effective and concrete strategy to resist its implementation. Though the Razende Rooiers attacks were carried out in Europe, the relevance of their message and the issues raised in their communique are clearly just as relevant to our movement here in North America.

And after all, you don't have to be an expert to use a shovel.

Resettling Indonesia's Rainforest

SOURCE—DOWN TO EARTH: INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE IN INDONESIA

Indigenous people living on the rainforest island of Siberut, Indonesia, have been instructed to leave their traditional homes and move to a government-supervised resettlement site. In September, officials from Indonesia's department of Social Affairs, accompanied by members of Indonesia's Armed Forces (ABRI), "requested" the Sakalio clan of indigenous Mentawai people to clear a new site, and collect wood to build regulation style "modern" housing. The government aims to resettle the Sakalio by November. If they refuse, they face arrest.

This is the most recent government action in a forcible resettlement programme carried on in the name of "development and improving the welfare" of the island's 18,000 indigenous forest-dwellers. The programme removes people from their large traditional clan homes - called umas - in the rainforest interior, to regulation nuclear family houses on sites nearer the coast. Here they are expected to grow rice, adopt one of the five religions permitted under Indonesia's state ideology, Pancasila, and abandon traditional dress for what the authorities consider "proper" clothes.

Meanwhile, the government plans to develop oil-palm plantations and timber estates, which will devastate the island's forests and destroy the habitat of the island's many endemic species of wildlife (Siberut is listed as a Biosphere reserve under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere programme). Plans to bring in transmigrants to work on the plantations pose a further threat to the indigenous people and their forests.

This latest action by the government threatens to undermine any positive outcome from a workshop to discuss alternative development strategies for Siberut, which is planned for November. The workshop aims to bring together representatives of the Mentawai people, govern-

ment officials from relevant government departments and members of the Indonesian forestry conservation NGO network, SKEPHI. Any government willingness to consider the wishes of the Mentawai people in Siberut's development is now thrown into doubt.

SKEPHI is appealing to all concerned organisations and individuals to protest against the forcible relocation of the Sakalio.

Letters of protest should be addressed to:

Prof. Dr. Haryati Subadio,
Menteri Sosial
Salemba Raya 28
Jakarta Pusat
Indonesia

With copies to:

Prof. Dr. Emil Salim, Menteri KLH, Merdeka Barat 15, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia and Soegiarto, Menteri Transmigrasi, Agus Salim 58, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia.

For extra speed, letters can be faxed to SKEPHI + 62 21 830 3923

If your government is a member of the IGGI, the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia, please lobby your governments to raise the issue in the context of development assistance to Indonesia.

Please inform Down to Earth PO Box 213, London SE5 7LU, England, gn:dte, or SKEPHI, PO Box 88 JATRA, Jati Rawamangun, Jakarta Timur, Indonesia, of your actions.

To obtain copies of a recent 50-page report on the threats facing Siberut, contact: SOS Siberut, c/o 36 Matlock Court, Kensington Park Road, London W11 3BS.

(Please enclose a cheque for L Sterling 6.00 to cover photocopying and mailing costs.)



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the Guy Fawkes River Wilderness (113,000 ha). This legislation requires an assessment of the area's wilderness qualities by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) within two years and a recommendation as to the future of the area be submitted to the NSW Minister for the Environment. Directly after this nomination, the FC commenced roading into the old growth. NEFA reacted with a blockade and legal action. Six days and 13 arrests later, an injunction was granted over the forest until a hearing in the Land and Environment Court. The FC caved in and admitted that it had not complied with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be completed.

The FC then proceeded to prepare a quick "mini" EIS covering only three compartments (561 ha) on the basis that timber mills in Dorrigo and Grafton would close down if Chaelundi wasn't logged before December, 1990; although the district forester has since admitted that the mills are not immediately in need of this timber. After allowing time for strong public criticism, the FC approved its own EIS. By February of this year Chaelundi was once again threatened with logging and roading.

On April 2, 1991, NEFA instituted a second blockade of Chaelundi. This time the blockade was to last over five months and cost more than \$250,000 for the police budget. In the first week of April, barricades were constructed across Broadmeadows Rd. to prevent vehicle access to the disputed old growth compartments. Barricades consisted of a series of rows of nine foot concrete drainage pipes placed at a depth of three feet under the road. A permanent camp existed behind the pipes and the area was publicly declared by the blockaders the "Chaelundi People's Wilderness Park." With a state election looming, the FC desisted from challenging the blockade until late July.

On July 23, an invasion force of scores of police and FC employees attempted to gain access to the forest. The protestors sought to block access by use of nonviolent methods of resistance. There were people chained into the pipes, protestors

perched high in tripods, others buried in the road; throughout the blockade there was a strict adherence to nonviolent action and this was recognized and appreciated by the police officers in attendance. Despite the use of cherry pickers, bulldozers, chainsaws, grinders, hydraulic bolt cutters, and over 200 arrests, it took the police and the FC nearly two weeks to gain access to the compartments.

Once the road was clear and access to the old growth assured, the forest was officially closed to the public to allow forestry operations to begin. Despite the forest closure, which required 24 hour police presence; actions continued throughout the area. Protestors would backpack several kilometres to their camp inside the Guy Fawkes National Park where they would organize actions. In a commando style lock down, six people



ambushed a working dozer enabling three to lock on. Tree sitting was also used to halt road construction for 72 hours. Anyone found in the State Forest was subject to immediate arrest for trespass, yet despite this we were still able to hamper, if not stop, the FC's progress in road construction.

On August 9, NEFA filed an application to the Land and Environment Court and an injunction was granted to stop work pending a full hearing of the case. Having heard evidence that 27 endangered species lived or were expected to live within the three compartments and were at risk due to the Commission's intent to log, Justice Stein brought down his judgement that logging would disturb, injure and kill wildlife under section 99 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act (NPWA) which prohibits the "taking" or "killing" of endangered species. In his landmark decision, Stein ruled that road construction, burning and logging—even under the FC's special 50% canopy removal logging practice—operations carried out by the FC were not exempt from Section 99 of the NPWA.

Judge Stein's conclusions leave no doubt that continued logging in New South Wales' old growth ecosystem will be a death-blow for many individual critters and potentially to entire species as well:

Imminent breaches of S.99 of the NPWA have been proven in relation to a large range of endangered and protected species of fauna. This is not surprising given the extraordinary wildlife values of arboreal marsupials...making it a veritable forest-dependent zoo, probably unparalleled in south-eastern Australia. Every species of forest-dependent marsupial is present...Disturbance and injury to many individuals animals and their species by the forestry prescriptions (given the best will in the world by

the FC officers) is in some cases highly likely, if not inevitable. The wildlife corridors provided in the harvesting plans are at best a temporary refuge for fauna able to escape the forestry activities.

They are long and narrow, some dead-end and they provide at best only remnant habitats incapable of supporting large populations. While containing some hardwood, they are predominantly rainforest thus affecting their habitat suitability for some animals.

Following Judge Stein's decision came a tirade of greatly exaggerated claims about the effect of the ruling on the timber industry, and incredibly on all development activities. The timber lobby, the FC director and government ministers deliberately fostered an atmosphere of panic as a backdrop to their intention to subvert the decision. To this end, on October 2 the NSW cabinet rushed through an amendment to prevent the operation of S.98 and S.99 of the NPWA. Premier Nick Greiner (Grimer) government's action clearly shows it prefers to follow the advice of the vested interests of the timber industry than rely on judicial decisions based on expert scientific opinion.

The effect of Justice Stein's judgement on Chaelundi is not to close down anything but to simply confirm the application of the NPWA to forestry activities and to provide a mechanism for judicial review of environmentally dangerous activities conducted by public utilities in areas of high ecological value. The power to apply the Act rests not with environment groups but with the judiciary, and then only on the basis of qualified scientific evidence. The Grimer Government's action in appealing against a Court decision, while at the same time robbing that Court of its jurisdiction to make such decisions, makes a mockery of the

independence of the judiciary.

The disputed compartments of Chaelundi are excluded from the Government's exempting regulations and so are temporarily safe pending their appeal, which could take several months. However, other old growth forests in the State are now subject to the FC's inadequate EIS determinations and logging could begin as early as December. At this stage, there is no protection available for the remaining old growth ecosystems and the endangered plant and animal species which dwell in them. The Grimer Government has given the FC a free hand to drive scores of species to the point of extinction.

Fortunately, the Government's hardline attitude has not been without substantial political costs. The resignation of a former government minister, Dr. Terry Metherell, from the Liberal Party, has robbed the government of its slender majority. Dr. Metherell cited the government's hostile attitude to the environment as a major reason for his decision. The future of the old growth forests is now in the hands of the Independent members of parliament who hold the balance of power in the Lower house. The government is on its knees, and politically the fate of our old growth forests depends on action by the Independents and the opposition to reinstate the Court's jurisdiction to protect endangered species. If an early election eventuates for the embattled Grimer Government, forest issues and old growth protection would be sure to play a major part in deciding the outcome.

Forest activists, environmental groups and those citizens concerned about the loss of Australia's natural heritage will be wise to stay vigilant in the coming months as the last of the Great Escarpment's old growth forests are prepared for the sawmills and woodchippers.

Going Beyond Reform

BY ROBIN W

When I read "Three White Girls Drinking Coffee" in the Lughnasadh *Earth First!* deja vu filled me. Hmm...what year is this? 1963? No, wait, it's 1991!

Memos by women in the students' movement in '63 sounded like this, telling each other their feelings that something was wrong with a movement that preached freedom but had them mimeographing and making coffee while the men made policy, and their discovery that 1. They weren't the only women who felt these things and 2. It wasn't that they weren't dedicated enough.

Of course, when they pointed this out to New Left men, they were denounced for their overconcern with trivial issues. (Sound familiar?)

Finally the women who couldn't accept the hypocrisy deserted the New Left to form the radical feminist movement.

With the intelligent women gone, the students' movement slid into stupid machismo. It started fights with the police, built bombs (and sometimes got blown up by them), preached violent revolution and generally drew the wrath of the State without bringing anybody any freedom. By 1970, the New Left and the students' movement had self-destructed.

At least in 1991 *Earth First!* women can recognize and refuse to accept sexism. Maybe history won't repeat itself exactly; to judge from the "Dear Shit fer Brains" column, it's the sexists who are deserting *EF!* But we're not safe yet.

The radical feminists achieved some impossible

Population Pushers

Eleven days after the Supreme Court issued the gag-rule, it quietly made another decision with stronger, more far-reaching consequences, according to the August issue of *Scientific American*. It upheld the legality of the Mexico City policy (so-called because it was announced at a family-planning conference there in 1984). The rule, "...denies US foreign aid to any organization that performs abortions, advises women on abortion or lobbies on behalf of abortion rights—even if these activities are supported by non-US funds."

As a result, many international groups that offer contraception as well as abortion-related services have lost their funding. The Agency for International Development (AID), "the primary dispenser of US foreign aid," used to be a world leader in promoting birth control, but now, because of the policy, diverts some funds towards groups that are opposed to all forms of artificial contraception. The decision "may actually have led to a rise in the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions in the Third World by reducing the availability of other forms of contraception."

Unsafe abortions are already the leading cause of death of women in their twenties and thirties in six Latin American countries and the second leading killer in another six. An estimated 200,000-plus women die every year due to improper abortions. And now more women will be "turning to unqualified abortion practitioners or trying to abort their pregnancies themselves," thanks to the Mexico City policy.

Afraid that they may lose their funding, many clinics are now refusing to treat botched abortions as well. "A worker at a clinic in Bangladesh (where botched abortions account for 31% of all recorded maternal deaths) told PCC researchers that even if a woman showed up bleeding and in severe pain, she would be turned away without treatment or even advice."

Although the policy supposedly only affects private groups, many governments dependent on US foreign aid have followed suit with their state-run clinics and hospitals. Said a Kenyan health official, "One does not bite the hand..."

Family-planning groups are lobbying Congress to overturn the decision with legislation. They are hoping that many people, also outraged by the gag rule, will support the rights of Third World women to protect them from the clutches of US patriarchal control.

—SOURCE: WIND CHILL FACTOR

things at first, like raising mainstream consciousness on everything from short hair for women to rape, running abortion networks like the Jane collective in Chicago, shelters for battered women, self-defense classes and all-women communes. But then something got lost. They'd wanted to create a whole new society—revolution, not reform. The reforms were just steps along the way. But the focus changed to trying to get a bigger slice of the pie, with demands for equal pay from the megacorporations and awards from women executives and politicians.

So what does this have to do with *EF!*? Some of the Foremanistas sound like the New Left of the 1990s. But are *EF!* women the radical feminists of the 1990s? Will we join the mainstream after getting the State to pass a few laws and set up a few more parks? Will we be eating public-lands-grown beef and working for "green" megacorporations in ten years? I'm not sure that will happen this time — by then the death culture may be collapsing from its own internal tensions and lack of resources. But we could be homeless women watching ourselves and our children die on a barren planet.

EF! is a reformist organization at heart; most *EF!*ers just want the State to pass a few laws and change a few policies. At most, they want to set up another State using the structures of this one to enforce the will of an "eco-elite": laws enforced by police, "Thou Shalt Not" moralities and a submissive, obedient public. *EF!* is stuck begging the State to slow down the destruction and doing mostly meaningless civil disobedience while the death machine grinds on, and I'm losing patience. Time is running out for us all.

Some eco-anarchists go farther, but they're still stuck in Leftist-think, calling Earth-worshippers "woo-woo" people, dismissing feminism as "irrelevant" and enforcing a party line. (Is it significant that eco-anarchists are mostly men?) Besides, their lifestyle isn't practical for women and children.

Please, *EF!*ers, build on the start the radical feminists made. Don't just try to get the State to guarantee you access to abortion and birth control, for example. Find out about stuff like menstrual extraction, and ask yourselves what other ways we can take back our power from our would-be masters and save ourselves and the Earth in ways a State can't stop.

Will you find out about stuff like the feminist communes and build on them, forming underground cultures and economies that don't damage the Earth or need hierarchies to work, that drain power and resources from the State? Can you perceive how we're programmed to hate the Earth, ourselves and each other, and do the work needed to uncover your Wild Womyn Selves? Or will you join the mainstream and get caught in this culture's collapse? Will you let history repeat itself, a circle instead of an ascending spiral? You're on the verge of making choices that could transform EVERYTHING and you sound like you don't know it.

Enough ranting: If I could suggest some books: *The Demon Lover* by Robin Morgan. Good analysis of why the states revolutionaries set up always look like the previous ones. Especially the last chapter, "Beyond Terror: The Politics of Eros." *Wildfire: Igniting the She/volution* by Sonia Johnson. Self-published, look in feminist bookstores. *Ecotopia Emerging* by Ernest Callenbach. The "prequel" to *Ecotopia*.

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Of Squirrels, Squabbles & Scalawags

BY COPPERBELLY, OHIO *EF!*

Thanks to the Ohio State University, the University of Arizona's plans to build an observatory atop Mt. Graham in Arizona, have been dealt with what could be a lethal blow. Ohio State officials announced their withdrawal from the project as the U of A football team prepared to lay down in front of OSU in the opening game of the season. Yes, it seemed to be open season for both U of A athletes and administrators as well.

The fun actually began two weeks before the game when Manual Pacheco (U of A president) was the keynote speaker at OSU's summer commencement. As Pacheco finished his speech on revolution and reform and the need for them in the us a 15-foot banner reading "Manual Pacheco, Gordon Gee partners in crime on Mt. Graham!" was unveiled and, as Pacheco turned to find his seat, stared him in the face. Ohio State President Gordon Gee took the podium and, because of his stuttering, couldn't render a coherent sentence until the banner was ripped down five minutes later. The crowd soon left commencement and was greeted outside by a plane towing a banner which read, "OSU, U of A save Apache rights and Mt. Graham." When commencement goes reached their cars they were again introduced to Mt. Graham via brochured attached to their windshields. All in all a Bad Day for Gee and Pacheco, Good Day for tree huggers.

The next week was spent preparing for the upcoming, nationally televised football game between Ohio State and the University of Arizona. On Saturday morning all the players were in place, the teams in their locker rooms, Presidents Gee and Pacheco in the press box (which, incidentally, had been plastered with anti-telescope stickers the day before), the astronomers next to their model of "Columbus" in the parking lot, the fans in their traffic jam trying to get into the parking lot, and the environmentalists all over the damn place.

To kick off the day's events, four anti-telescope banners were dropped in high traffic areas around the campus. Then 10,000 flyers were distributed throughout the crowd. Ruth the Red Squirrel spotted a RV camera and approached the man carrying it with a flyer and her plight. She convinced him. We were then put on TV to spew forth all the issues, impacts, questions, concerns, and curses that related to Mt. Graham and all in a 20 second sound bite. About an hour later we were given a press release, by the man with a television camera growing out of his head, announcing that Ohio State had withdrawn from the project. Disbelief soon turned to excitement, which then turned to jubilation, which was closely followed by drunken stupor.

Although Ohio State cited purely financial reasons for pulling out of the project, we all know better. Hopefully, through letters, interviews, and articles the amerikan people know better as well. The financial concerns were just an easy way out for a university that wanted to keep the news as quiet as possible. In the wake of the decision, three Astronomy faculty have decided to step down stating reasons of "shame and embarrassment." Good riddance. Hopefully now Mt. Graham can breathe a bit of fresh air. We must keep working to help keep that fresh air coming.

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Drilling the Beartooth

By PHIL KNIGHT, YELLOWSTONE EF!

George Bush's directive to develop domestic energy reserves and decrease "dependence on foreign oil" means anything but increased national security. Just ask residents of Southwest Montana who love the high alpine plateaus of the Beartooth Mountains. If "national security" means ruination of our last unprotected roadless public lands, then we don't want it. But that is exactly what is being planned by the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, the BLM and their ilk. War in the Persian Gulf means war on the wilderness. The last best wild places, like the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, are becoming beachheads with industry the invading force.

The latest target is Montana's Beartooth Mountains, highest range in the state with many summits over 12,000 feet. The Beartooths contain great sweeping alpine plateaus with the largest tracts of tundra south of Canada. They have the most diverse plant communities of any of Montana's

numerous mountain ranges and are habitat for grizzly bears, mountain goats and a host of wild critters. Though the main part of the range is protected in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, the fringes of the Beartooths are under assault by hard rock mining for gold, silver, platinum and palladium. And now the oil and gas industry has turned its evil, glowing eye towards this remote and rugged range.

On June 27 the Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer National Forest released a "scoping package that outlines the public involvement process for the Beartooth Mountains Oil and Gas Leasing EIS." This bombshell proposes 15 exploratory oil wells with a projected full-field capacity of 44 producing wells. The Freddie's want to create a major industrial zone in these peaks, leasing pretty much the entire 186,000 non-wilderness acres on the district for oil and gas. Seven of the exploratory wells would be on the alpine tundra of the Line Creek Plateau, directly adjacent to the Wilderness, in a RARE II roadless area, visible from the 11,000 foot summit of the Beartooth Highway, widely recognized as the "most scenic highway in America." It was just recently that the Phillips Ruby A 1-9 exploratory well was kicked off the Line Creek Plateau due to environmental concerns, meaning the well had to be drilled diagonally from a lower elevation at a much greater cost. I guess the FS didn't get the message the first time and are back with seven wells. The rest of the wells would be drilled on the northern front of the range in lower-elevation country

(meaning important wildlife winter range). Much rides on the results of the Phillips well. The scoping package states that "The Reasonably Foreseeable Development scenario...is based on the assumption that the Phillips...well, currently in progress, will discover sufficient oil and gas to promote additional exploration interest in the Beartooth Mountains..." Let's hope to hell it's a dry hole! But we may not know for quite a while, since Phillips will be eager to hide the results to avoid competition.

Leasing and development would mean 20 miles of new road (much of it on the tundra), drill pads, pipelines, powerlines, tank batteries, and other facilities. The Line Creek Plateau could end up with 18 producing wells!

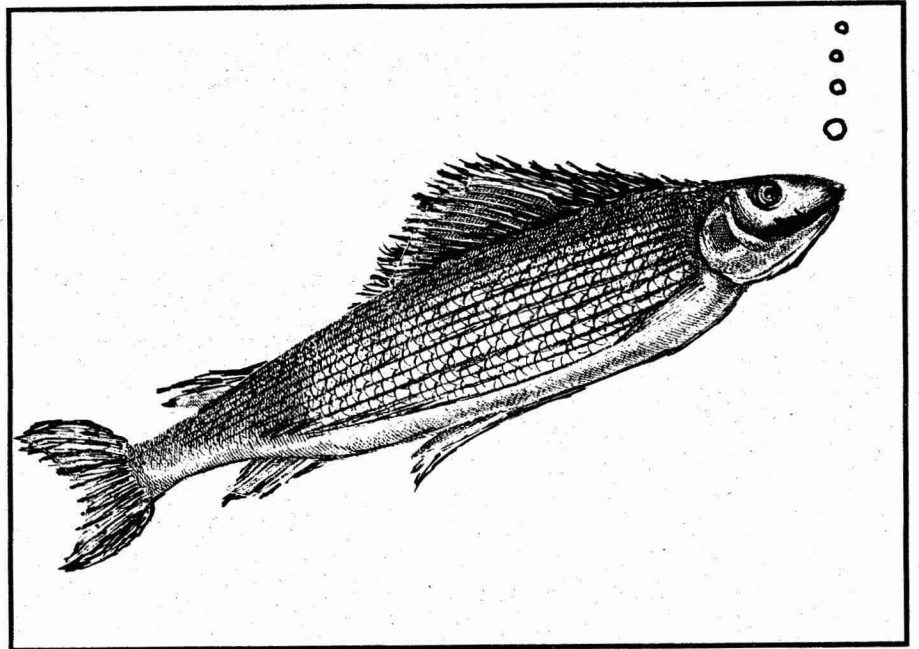
The Forest Service is clearly complicit in promoting this ugly scenario. The "Purpose and Need" section states that "The mission of the Forest Service in relation to minerals management is to encourage, facilitate, and administer the orderly exploration, development, and production of mineral and energy resources on National Forest System lands..." and further promises that "Energy/mineral development will not be precluded by...resource concerns within legal constraints." In other words, if they can get away with it,



they will drill the piss out of public lands. Dangers and bummers associated with oil and gas development include the potential for blowouts of deadly hydrogen sulfide gas, muddied and polluted runoff, destruction of alpine tundra and disruption of wildlife, and burnoff of excess gas via huge flares which will light up the dark, starry mountain night with a hideous orange glow. **What You Can Do:**

The comment period for the scoping document is over, but the Freddie's would still love to hear your opinion of this plan. The Draft EIS is slated for release on about April 30, '92 and the Final EIS about Sept. 30. Write to them now to express your concerns and to request a copy of the DEIS when it is released. Watch these pages for an analysis of the DEIS. Write: David Hatfield, Beartooth Ranger District, Route 2, Box 3420, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Yellowstone EF! hopes to establish a presence on the Beartooth Pass as soon as it opens in the spring (about late May or early June) to inform tourists what the FS is planning for this spectacular area. We may also visit the Custer NF in Billings to deliver a message. Let us know if you can help with these projects: Yellowstone EF!, Box 6151, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 587-3356.



ESA Listing Sought for Fluvial Arctic Grayling

SOURCE-BIODIVERSITY LEGAL FOUNDATION

On October 2, 1991, the Biodiversity Legal Foundation of Boulder, Colorado, and George Wuerthner of Holistic Ecological Research Service (HERS), formally petitioned the US Fish and Wildlife Service to expeditiously list and protect the seriously imperiled fluvial Arctic grayling. The river-dwelling form of grayling is considered one of the most critically endangered, unprotected native fish species in the contiguous US. Today it is known in only one river in the entire lower 48 states—the Big Hole in Montana. The population has declined to an estimated 1500 adults in a 60-mile stretch of the river.

The Arctic grayling, a relatively small member of the trout family, attains a maximum size of about six pounds, but few specimens exceed 2.5 pounds. The average length is 12-15 inches. This species is easily distinguished from the other salmonids by its large sail-like dorsal fin which has a base as long or longer than the fish's head. The brilliantly iridescent orange, green and blue colors on the dorsal fin are striking and also distinctive; however, these colors are more vivid in males than in females. The mouths of grayling extend to under the eye, and their jaws bear small teeth.

The serious plight of the fluvial Arctic grayling is the result of many factors and none has been conclusively shown to be the sole reason for the fish's decline. The importance of each probably varies from drainage to drainage. But at least three major reasons are cited for its overall decline in Montana. The first is the grayling's ease of capture. Although restrictions exist today that limits how many, if any, grayling can be kept by fishers, in early years fish regulations were generous and the vulnerability of grayling compared to other species may have led to its extirpation in many waters through overharvest.

In addition, although grayling co-existed with cutthroat as well as other native species, exotic, more aggressive fish like the brook, rainbow, and brown trout may have out-competed grayling. Both overharvest and competition are thought to be responsible for the loss of fluvial grayling in the Madi-

son River within Yellowstone National Park.

Nevertheless, the effects of this competition may be greatly exacerbated by habitat deterioration set in motion by the introduction of livestock production in the region which may have favored introduced exotics. With the exception of Yellowstone National Park, livestock grazing occurs on nearly all other areas within the historic range of the fish. There is undisputed and widespread evidence to suggest that both cattle and sheep grazing have increased soil erosion, destroyed riparian vegetation, altered stream bank stability and channels. This may have led to a disproportionate impact upon grayling by rising stream temperatures, lowering water quality, and reducing habitat suitability. The limited genetic variability of the grayling may have reduced its ability to cope with these changing habitat qualities.

The listing of the fluvial Arctic grayling under the ESA would result in badly needed increased funding for research to tease apart which factors are most responsible for the fish's serious decline. It would also give agency officials legal authority to better maintain river flows by reducing irrigation losses. In this way, the listing will provide an improved level of habitat protection not presently evident by federal or state management agencies.

The listing would stimulate a more effective public information and education program on behalf of the species. This would serve to reduce human-caused mortality, especially by sport fishers. It would also mandate and encourage the preparation and implementation of a recovery/restoration plan for the fluvial Arctic grayling and its aquatic ecosystems.

This distinctive fish is a significant part of Montana's heritage. It would be a crime if the species became extinct.

Within 90 days of receipt of the formal petition, the US Fish and Wildlife Service must make a finding as to whether the petition represents substantial information that the listing may be warranted.

Fishing Bridge Restoration Corps

By PHIL KNIGHT

The Fishing Bridge Scandal: Part VI. The Fishing Bridge development in Yellowstone National Park has long been a major source of controversy due to its propensity for attracting grizzly bears. Human food sources in the development, which sits in the midst of some of the best grizzly habitat in the entire Yellowstone Ecosystem, attract the ever-hungry bruins, which consequently often end up getting "controlled" (trapped, drugged, relocated, or killed) by NPS rangers. The NPS long ago recognized the need to remove this obnoxious development and rehabilitate the area and in fact promised to do so in the 1974 Yellowstone Master Plan. However, through various convoluted and devious means, the NPS managed to renege on this promise and much of the development remains and is still in use. The campground is the only major thing that has actually been closed. (See back issues of EF! Journal, mostly 1985-87, for background on this issue).

The 1987 Fishing Bridge Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was used by the NPS as a tool to dodge the original agreement to remove the development. So the huge RV park, the rubber tomahawk shop, the service station, employee housing and other facilities remain. The NPS did, in the EIS, promise to embark on a series of mitigating measures to make up for the retention of these facilities and reduce the conflicts between bears and humans. You may wonder what progress the NPS has

made in instituting these mitigation measures. According to information we recently received, they are way behind schedule. How clever is the NPS! Come up with a set of mitigation measures to convince the public and the federal judges that they have the bears' interests at heart, and keep the development open, keep the RV crowd happy, keep old Al Simpson beaming, keep the campground dollars flowing. Then, when everyone is looking the other way, just ignore the mitigation measures.

There has been a little progress on mitigation: The photo shop, vacant tourist cabin office, and several cabin storage sheds are gone. The contractor's camp, helipad, and ballfield along the road to the sewage plant have been closed, *but not rehabilitated*. Five of the six backcountry campsites in Pelican Valley have been removed and Pelican Valley has been restricted to day-use only. Perhaps best of all, the closure to humans during spawning season of all trout-spawning streams tributary to Yellowstone Lake that are used by Grizzlies has been implemented.

Many measures remain to be implemented. The NPS whines about lack of funding for nearly everything they have failed to accomplish, *but has managed to secure money to begin the planning process for replacing the Fishing Bridge campground!* The 1987 EIS, which outlined the mitigation measures, said nothing about the implementation of these measures being contingent upon funding. Since this was not

made clear from the beginning, lack of funding cannot be accepted as an excuse, especially when money for further development planning does not seem to be lacking.

Measures remaining to be implemented, four years later, include:

- Rehabilitation of the Bridge Bay Campground
- Removal of the auto repair shop, the service station, the Hamilton Stores boy's dorm, the Yellowstone Park Service Station dorm, and five employee cabins, all at Fishing Bridge. Removal and replacement of these facilities is contingent upon funding.
- Revegetation of the vacant campsites and ballfield at Fishing Bridge.
- Obliteration of informal trails radiating from the RV park and placement of signs at the perimeter advising campers that the area beyond the RV park is closed.
- Routine patrols around the perimeter of the RV park between 10:00 pm and 6:30 am.
- Removal of the Turbid Lake Road to Pelican Valley.
- Closure of Pelican Valley to off-trail travel. The NPS claims, "Because fishermen are the majority of users of Pelican Valley and because streams are not next to the trail, it would be difficult to implement this action." What a lame excuse! They sure as hell didn't mention this in the EIS. Pelican Valley is heavily used by bears and encounters between fishermen and bears are nearly inevitable.

The Grizzly Bear Task Force suggests the following to embarrass the NPS and perhaps get some of

these rehab projects accomplished to benefit the bears:

Fishing Bridge Restoration Corps

Evidently labor is needed to accomplish revegetation, destruction of buildings, rehab of trails, and placing of signs. We could offer the able services of EF! in these projects by forming a corps of volunteers willing to put in some labor on behalf of the Grizz. When we get enough willing volunteers, we contact the NPS and offer our services, meanwhile publicizing our willingness to help via press releases. Since the NPS is likely to refuse our offer, we can then embarrass them with further press releases, perhaps a press conference, perhaps a visit to the Park. This could prompt quicker rehab of Fishing Bridge by the NPS. If by some odd quirk our offer is accepted, we go to it and have fun wrecking buildings!

If you'd like to be part of the Rehabilitation Corps, write or call the GBTF. Include when you can come to Yellowstone and what skills you have to offer. Send a copy to the NPS, and, if you want, include a letter with your feelings on how the NPS should deal with Fishing Bridge and the Grizz.

— Bob Barbee, Superintendent, P.O. Box 186, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

— Phil Knight, Predator Project/GBTF, P.O. Box 6151 Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 587-3356

Griz Hunt Stopped

SOURCE-BIODIVERSITY LEGAL FOUNDATION

On September 27, 1991, US District Judge Michael Boudin stopped Montana's scheduled fall grizzly bear hunt, granting a preliminary injunction. The hunt, which might have resulted in the legal killing of as many as nine grizzly bears, was scheduled to last from October 1 to December 1.

Judge Boudin issued his ruling exactly one week after a preliminary injunction hearing was conducted in US District Court in Washington, DC with The Fund for Animals, a national animal rights organization, the Swan View Coalition, a Montana-based conservation organization, and Jasper Carlton, director of the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, suing the US Fish and Wildlife Service for violating the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Essentially, the plaintiffs argued that the hunt was in violation of the ESA's strong prohibitions on the killing of threatened species. A threatened species can only be hunted in the "extraordinary case where population pressure cannot be otherwise relieved." Judge Boudin, in granting the order to stop the hunt, said the defendants

had not proved that any population pressures exist in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

"This legal action was long overdue and puts an end to the only threatened or endangered species that the government has illegally allowed to be hunted for sport in this country," said Jasper Carlton. "As one of the greatest omnivores to ever roam North America, it is too important a part of the ecosystems in which it survives, and too noble a creature, to ever be shot."

From 1980 to 1990, of 171 grizzly bear deaths, licensed grizzly bear hunters were responsible for killing 78 (46%). Earlier this year, in the first-ever spring grizzly bear season, hunters killed three healthy grizzly bears, including a 21 1/2 year old dominant male.

Judge Boudin is scheduled to set a full hearing of the case after December 1.

The Biodiversity Legal Foundation is now considering additional legal actions to force the US Fish and Wildlife Service to better protect the habitat of the grizzly in all designated recovery ecosystems.



Forest Service Makes a Mockery of NFMA/NEPA

BY BUCK YOUNG, PAW

"Its a Travesty! A Mockery! A Mockery of a Travesty and a sham! A Travesty of a mockery of two shams!"
— Woody Allen; Bananas.

At a speech to the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Commemoration Conference in Nelsonville, Ohio, US Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson denounced the "proliferation of strong, influential environmental groups teamed up with lawyers who are determined to change the way we practice forestry in this country and reduce the amount of timber harvesting, mineral exploration and development, and grazing of livestock on public lands." Stating that over 1200 appeals and 1800 lawsuits against the Forest Service are holding back the implementation of Forest Plans, and quoting a statistic that 80% of all Americans want continuing environmental improvements to be made, regardless of cost, Robertson warned, "We are not winning the multiple use battle, not winning in the press, not winning in the courts, not winning in the hearts and minds of the American people, and at best holding our own in Congress."

Faced with such a sticky situation, what's a multiple abuse, industry loving head of a federal agency to do? Respond to the concerns of the public for whom his agency is supposedly holding these lands in trust? Adhere to the laws and procedures of the country by which he is employed? Adopt a new environmentally sound agenda for his agency? Certainly not.

In his speech, Robertson suggested two strategies to defend and promote business as usual: 1) "Try to convince the American Public that multiple use is a better concept than environmentalism, which would be tough to do." 2) "Partner up on environmentalism."

He didn't mention plan 3 in his speech, his Preferred Alternative to counter the rising surge of environmental pressure: When you start losing the game, change the rules.

On 15 February 1991, in response to a petition from his buddies at the National Forest Products Association and 79 other industry special interest groups to "improve implementation of land and resource management plans," Robertson issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning (36 CFR part 219). This document proposes changes in the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) regulations. In May he released proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations.

The proposed NFMA regulation changes are supposedly presented in order to address the concerns of members of the public in regards to the implementation of Forest Plans. In an attempt to satisfy both industry and environmental concerns, Robertson, in effect, divides the issues in half, giving the environment rhetorical lipservice, and giving industry the forest.

The proposed regulations systematically address each area of concern raised by environmental appeals, and refine terminology and management standards to better fit these concerns. However, they remove any enforceable regulations pertaining to the old standards without replacing the regulations with new ones.

Ecosystem Management

The new regulations introduce the concept of considering the Forest as a part of a larger ecosystem in future Forest Plans and projects,

defined not by arbitrary lines drawn on a map, but by home ranges of species. For instance, the Pisgah National Forest and the Cherokee National Forest are separated only by the political border of North Carolina and Tennessee. The Forest Service suggests that it doesn't make sense to manage two different species as indicators for the same habitat on these two Forests.

The introduction to the proposed new regulations states, "Many issues and ecosystems cross regional boundaries or occur only within a portion of the region. Subsequently, consistent with the intent to keep planning as flexible and relevant as possible, this text specifically recognizes that inter-regional or sub-regional planning may be needed." (6519/3/2)

At first this sounds great, but ecosystem management for the Forest Service is merely a concept with no enforceable administrative or judicial standards. The operative term in this paragraph is *may*. The actual text of the regulations states "Such decisions shall be effective only if incorporated into the forest plan." \$219.33

these areas which seriously and adversely affect water conditions or fish habitat." \$219.40 (h)

Under the guise of providing protection for these areas, the document may actually open them up to more abuse. Besides the fact that a 100-foot buffer is woefully inadequate, apparently only management activities within this narrow area will be held accountable to effects on the riparian areas. In other words an uphill clearcut could fill a stream or lake, so long as the clearcut didn't take place within 100 feet or so of the water itself, which was at least theoretically impermissible in the past.

Biodiversity

Amidst a whitewash of rhetoric calling for the protection of threatened and endangered species, the proposed regulations spit in the face of all congressional mandates that species be prevented from reaching critical states of endangerment. Species other than those already federally listed as Threatened or Endangered receive no protection.

Other than the legal protection granted to

species listed under the Endangered Species Act, referred to in \$219.40(b)(1), the Forest Service is directed to "Maintain viable populations of native plant and animal species by designating in the forest plan sensitive species and providing standards and guidelines that will ensure their conservation when an activity or project is proposed that would affect their habitat." \$219.40(b)(2) The FS defines sensitive species as "plant or animal species designated in the forest plan by the regional forester which require special consideration to assure viable populations." \$219.32

There are no other specifications for the qualification of species as "sensitive." If the regional forester doesn't say they are, they aren't, and that's it for species protection.

Management Indicators

The introduction says, "There is diminishing scientific support for the concept that changes to an indicator species provides [sic] a valid reflection of changes to the welfare of a group of associated species." (6525/3/3) Therefore, the new regulations expand management indicators to include biological communities and special habitats. "Management indicator species" would be replaced by "management indicators."

Sounds good again, but something is missing—regulations. The New and Improved Management Indicators will serve only as indicators of the stability of themselves. "Plant or animal species, communities, or special habitats (will be) monitored during forest plan implementation to assess the effects of management on their conditions ..." \$219.32 And if the management practices prove detrimental to the management indicators, what then? Well, if they're not listed as Threatened or Endangered, or arbitrarily listed as sensitive by the regional forester, nothing.

Once more, Robertson pulls the sucker punch, holding the carrot out in front of our faces so he can jab us in the groin with a fork. While the ecologically improved "management indicator" definition would replace the ecologically unsound "management indicator species," the old restrictions would be removed and no new restrictions implemented in their place.

ASQ & LTSY

In response to demands by some main



(d)(ii) This gives the Forest Service the freedom not to do so if they don't want to. In fact, this section does away with the old Regional Guide without replacing it with an Ecosystem Guide. The FS is proposing a more ecologically astute concept, but less enforceable regulations.

The upgrading of concepts and downgrading of substantive regulations applies to the inhabitants of these ecosystems as well, by changing the definition of Viable Populations, "to better address biological considerations." (26/1/1) "By making home range the space where a population is defined, administrative boundaries would become unimportant in defining viability; population would become a more ecological consideration." (ibid) Again, a better concept is used to justify more destruction. "Some species have populations whose space needs often include more than one National Forest. For these species it is impossible to have viable populations on each National Forest." This definition of viable population "would require existing population distribution, but would allow reduced population densities."

Riparian Areas

The discussion of riparian areas is a fine example of the inadequacy of the proposed changes to NFMA. The proposed regulations state, "in decision making, the responsible official shall provide special attention to land and vegetation approximately 100 feet from the edges of all perennial streams, lakes and other bodies of water.... No management practices causing detrimental changes in water temperatures or chemical composition, blockages of water courses, or deposits of sediment shall be permitted within

stream groups that the Forest Service at least manage timber harvesting on a sustainable basis, the proposed new regulations redefine the meaning of the terms Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) and Long Term Sustained Yield (LTSY) capacity. First, to avoid the contention that ASQs dictate an irretrievable commitment of resources, the new regulations state that ASQs are a "ceiling limit": "The maximum quantity of timber that may be sold for a decade from suitable-scheduled lands." §219.32 Foresters would not be "required" by law to meet the ASQs, but one imagines it would help them keep their jobs.

The "irretrievable commitment of resources" would not occur until an actual cutting plan was announced. This would further undermine environmentalists' ability to challenge the basic assumptions of Forest Plans, and only allow them to address projects one by one. Together with the changes in the appeals process (see below), this would greatly reduce the ability of concerned citizens to fight for biodiversity.

Second, the proposed regulations define LTSY as "The highest uniform wood yield from suitable lands that may be sustained in perpetuity consistent with the forest plan." The regs state that "Projected timber sale levels for any decade shall not exceed the long term sustained yield timber capacity." §219.40(c)(1)

Exceptions, however, are permitted "to meet overall multiple use objectives" (ibid) which of course include timber supplies. So ASQ could exceed LTSY in order to harvest more timber, so long as it didn't violate any regulations pertaining to such things as biodiversity, which as we have seen, no longer exist. Such things as salvage cuts—and other cuts made in lands not designated as suitable for harvesting, made through loopholes like integrated pest management—won't be deducted from the ASQ. §219.40(c)(3)

So how does the Forest Service propose to meet its mandate to harvest only on a sustainable basis? Hold onto your hats, folks, this is a doozy: by mandating that the ASQ "be constant or increasing over time" (ibid). This is defined in the introduction as a "Non-Declining Yield." (6534/2/1) In other words, by equating the concept of Non-Declining Yield with Long Term Sustained Yield, the Forest Service implies that if they mandate a higher cut each decade, sustained

yield is guaranteed! Who's supposed to be fooled by that one? As Neil Young once said, "well I know it isn't me, and I hope it isn't you."

Appeals

In order to prevent appeals of Forest Plans, the proposed regulations state that Forest Plans set no irretrievable commitments of resources, since ASQs are merely ceilings on cutting. Citing *California v. Block* 690 F.2d 752 (9th Cir 1982), the introduction states that site-specific impact is reached "when, as a practical matter, the agency proposes to make an irretrievable commitment of the availability of resources to a project at a particular site." (6519/1/2) There would, then, be no means of administrative recourse to the overall effects of a Forest Plan; one could only address them project by project. Clearly, these new regulations run directly counter to the concept of "ecosystem management."

So what administrative leverage will the public have to force the Forest Service to provide for biodiversity on public lands? If Robertson has his way, none at all. The introduction suggests that from now on the FS "provide a proposed decision document for public review and comment prior to its being signed by the deciding officer.... The decision document would then be signed by the deciding officer and there would be no further opportunity for administrative appeal." (6515/1/3) Appeals from the decision document would go directly to court, a process too costly for many concerned citizens.

NEPA Update

As mentioned above, our buddy Robertson has rewritten the National Environmental Policy act as well. The proposed NEPA regs are just as scary, but while the NFMA regs are subtle and sleazy, the NEPA regs are right out dastardly.

In the new NEPA regs, Robertson proposes that from this point on, all timber sales of under one million (1,000,000) board feet would be categorically excluded from any and all environmental review. This means that they could do as many 999,999.9 BF sales as they want, and offer the adjacent land in another sale, and the land adjacent to that...

Robertson's justification for the categorical exclusion is that in the past 10 years the Forest Service has found no significant impact on any assessments of sales below a million board feet. This is evidence of the Forest Services insanity,

not justification for exclusion. These findings of no significant impact are the basis for most of the appeals and lawsuits now directed at the USFS. And if I'm not mistaken, many appeals against these findings have already been granted. But that is not taken into account or even mentioned in Robertson's attempt to circumvent public participation in environmental management decisions on public lands.

Conclusion

At the Northeastern Regional Meeting on the proposed regulations in Vermont, the presiding officer said, "some people are abusing the appeals process by writing arguments contesting the process when really they are concerned with the content." He suggested that the proposed regulations were an attempt to get to the real issues by doing away with appeals based on procedures.

It is true that environmentalists often file appeals of the form of decisions when their real concern is content. However, changing FS regulations regarding one statute (NFMA) will not alter this situation. The whole of administrative law, based on the federal Administrative Procedures Act and the Constitutional Due Process Clause, revolves around the concept of providing fair procedures while deferring to agency judgment on substantive issues. The net effect of the proposed regulations is to shift agency responsibilities to the courts, which are ill-equipped to address complex questions of ecosystems management.

That the Forest Service is so bogged down with appeals and law suits provides incontestable evidence that the agency, under Robertson, is not living up to the laws set up by Congress to protect biodiversity on public lands. Rather than work toward following those laws, FS Chief Dale Robertson has opted to change them.

The Federal Register notice for the new proposed regulations is classified as a draft of the new regs. That means that there will follow final proposed new regs. These regulations will have to clear Congress to go into effect. To prevent this fiasco from occurring, write your Senators and Congressman and either tell them that you support my comments, or supply comments of your own.

If Robertson succeeds, the only public recourse to the mismanagement of our ecosystems will be 60-penny nails and grinding compound.



GOD SQUAD AT WORK

The God Squad

BY CLAUD SIEVERT

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan convened a special committee on October 1 that will have the power to override the Endangered Species Act and permit logging in old-growth forests in southwest Oregon, despite federal efforts to protect the northern spotted owl, which lives in these forests. The committee is called the "God Squad" because it has the authority to allow a species to become extinct. The decision to convene the "God Squad" is seen as a politically motivated attempt to rewrite the Endangered Species Act next year. It is expected that they will find it economically inconvenient to protect the northern spotted owl and their fragmented home of vanishing old-growth forests. The committee has the power to drive our fellow creatures to extinction for the quick profit.

EARTHKIDS

RIDING THE SKY

a musical Halloween playlet for puppets or people
by Joanne Forman

Willa Witch
Sara Spotted Owl
Yvonne Yebbut
The Sun
Mister Sir
Chorus

(Enter Willa Witch, happily astride her broom, with Sara Spotted Owl perched behind.)

1. Wind blows east wind blows west wind in my hair is what
2. Wind blows east wind blows west wind in my tea-ther what

I like best wind blows south wind blows north Hal-lo-ween's the
I like best wind blows south wind blows north Hal-la-ween's the

night for ri-ding forth ri-ding ri-ding high ri-ding my
night for ri-ding forth

broom in the Hal-lo-ween sky ri-ding ri-ding high light and

bright like a dra-gon-fly
bold like a sa-mu-ral

Chorus: (Coughing, sneezing and wheezing sounds.)
Willa: Have I got the flu?
Sara: The air is just like glue!
Willa: It's getting thick just like a bog...
Sara: What is this awful, sticky fog?
Willa: Jeepers...
Sara: Creepers...
Willa: What's making us be weepers?
Both: It's smog!
Chorus: (Coughing, sneezing and wheezing sounds.)
Willa: Well! My magic broom will soon take care of that! (Flourishing her broom;

ma-gic broom ma-gic broom pierce this dread-ful

gloom-y gloom ma-gic broom ma-gic broom help us through the

sky to zoom ma-gic broom ma-gic broom give us give us

breath-ing room

CHORUS: KA-BLOOOOOM!!! (all freeze and wait for a slowish count of three. Nothing happens.)
Willa: I can't understand it, Sara.
Sara: Things are weird tonight.

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Willa: They're supposed to be weird on Halloween.
Sara: But not this weird! No moon, no stars. Even the dark isn't the right kind of dark.
Willa: My broom never failed before. Can't a witch even ride the sky on Halloween night? What's the world coming to?
Sara: Don't let it spoil our Halloween, Willa.
Willa: Certainly not! We've ridden the sky every Halloween night since the beginning of time...
Sara: ...and we'll do it this Halloween too! (they remount the broom.)
Willa: Polluted air isn't going to stop this witch!
Sara: Atta girl, Willa!
Chorus: (under, "oooooo")
Sara: What's that wind?
Willa: We're being blown off course!
Sara: Do something!
Willa: I can't! My broom won't respond! (chorus louder)
Sara: Gyrate the telescope! Frammis the gyroscope! Alternate the altimeter! Heeeeeeelp!!
Willa: We're being pulled up—into a hole!
Sara: We can't fall up— (they land with a thump on Yvonne Yebbut, who is dressed for sunbathing, sunglasses and all. A pile of sunglasses is nearby.)
Willa: Yvonne Yebbut!
Sara: What are you doing here?
Willa: And where is "here?"
Yvonne: Really, Willa, you could knock.
Willa: You can't knock on a hole.
Sara: Where are we?
Yvonne: (lazily) I've been here for simply days. It's the hole in the ozone layer. Feel that hot sunshine.
Sara: She's right, Willa, I can feel it right through my feathers.
Willa: So much sunshine can't be good for you, Yvonne.
Yvonne: (shrugs) Yeah, but I don't see what I can do about it. We may be here forever. You'd better take some sunglasses.
Willa: (as she and Sara don sunglasses) I've heard something about this hole in the ozone layer, but I never dreamed we could fall into it.
Sara: Strange things happen on Halloween.
Yvonne: Yes, it's a hole in the earth's atmosphere, made by all the chemicals we've been pouring into the air. We're all doomed.
Willa: Oh, Yvonne, you always think you're doomed.
Sara: And you always think nothing can be done.
Yvonne: Yeah, you should know, Sara Spotted Owl. You're the one who's an endangered species.
Sara: (sadly) It's true. We spotted owls are losing our homes all over the north-western woods.
Willa: (hugging her) Don't worry, Sara, you'll always have a home with me.
Sara: If we don't get out of this hole, maybe we're all endangered. (music)

2. We are en-dan-gered spe-cies we're really up the
1. We are en-dan-gered spe-cies our fu-ture may be

creek We are en-dan-gered spe-cies why is not far to
bleak We are en-dan-gered spe-cies were not at all u-

seek PC B's bring us to our knees
nigve

chlo-ri-nat-ed hyd-ro-car-bons give us dis-ease

di-ox-ides fung-i-cide herb-i-cides pest-i-cides

chlo-rides sul-fides ho-mi-cide e-co-cide

No more di-ox-ides!

CHORUS: No more dioxides!
Yvonne: Yeah, but you can't do anything about it. It's just like you two to sing when the world is about to come to an end. You might as well work on your tan. Even if it kills you.

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Sara: I don't need to work on my tan.
 Willa: And it's better to sing than lie around and moan like you do.
 Sara: There must be something we can do.
 Yvonne: Sure, you can freeze in the dark. Without electricity. Without heat. Without hot water. If you want them you have to burn oil. Or coal or gas. Or have nuclear power. And that stuff gets into the air. You just have to live with it.
 Sun: (enters; he's a rather shy and unassuming fellow.) Excuse me, but I couldn't help overhearing you.
 Yvonne: Don't come any closer! You're already shining too brightly!
 Sun: (hurt) I didn't make the hole in the ozone layer. You earthlings did it all by yourself. My job is just to shine.
 Yvonne: (acidly) You certainly do that!
 Sun: And I'll be doing it for millions and millions of more years. To shine. And I could help you. You don't have to burn all that coal and gas and oil. You don't have to have all that nuclear power, with all that waste stuff you don't know what to do with. You can use me. I'm always around.
 Willa and Sara: Solar power!
 Mister Sir: (off) Help! Help!
 Yvonne: Uh oh, another lost soul. This hole in the ozone layer is getting pretty crowded. (Enter Mister Sir.)
 Mister Sir: Oh boy, am I glad to find somebody! (donning sunglasses.) I was on my way to the office when suddenly I was pulled upward—but how can one fall up into a hole?
 Yvonne: You can when you're in the hole in the ozone layer.
 Mister Sir: Oh boy, I'll be late to the office.
 Yvonne: If you ever get there.
 Willa: I'm Willa Witch, and this is my friend Sara Spotted Owl. That's Yvonne Yebbut.
 Mister Sir: Charmed, I'm sure. I'm Mister Sir, President of the Gluggle and Zatch Consolidated Integrated Power Company.
 Sun: We were just talking about power.
 Willa: Solar power.
 Sun: Yes, I have many uses. I can be used to heat your water, cook your food, heat your houses and schools. I'm a very useful fellow.
 Mister Sir: Not practical, my good fellow. Why, the power company would need mirrors and panels and things big as football fields. We haven't figured out who owns the sun yet.
 Sun: Nobody owns me. I'm here for the taking. And you don't need big central solar installations. There are ways each home or school or office can switch to solar power. People could be independent of the power company.
 Mister Sir: Hold it! I own most of the stock. Chorus (immediately makes voluminous mooing, baaing, oinking and clucking noises) No, no, not that kind of stock, stupid—STOCK.
 Willa: (mystified) Stock?
 Mister Sir: Stock! STOCK!! Certificates.
 Sara: (mystified) Certificates?

Mister Sir: Certificates. Pieces of paper. Owning them entitles me to lots of money every year.
 Sara: How strange.
 Willa: What an odd way of doing things.
 Mister Sir: It's not odd to ME!! If people go solar, they won't need the electric company. And if they don't need the electric company, it won't make money. And if the electric company doesn't make money, neither will I! What will become of me? How will I make money? How will I pay for my yacht? How will I pay for my wife's diamonds? (Wails) How will I pay my electric bill??
 Willa: But Mister Sir, you could go solar too.
 Sara: Of course you could.
 Mister Sir: Truly?
 Sun: Sure! I shine for everyone in the whole wide world—even you.
 Mister Sir: (drying his tears) Well...maybe...
 Yvonne: Hmph. You think it's all so simple. What about all the silicon and metal and plastic and stuff it'll take for every house and every school and every office and everything to go solar. What about THAT?
 Mister Sir: Yeah, what about that?
 Yvonne: See, you guys just aren't practical!
 Willa: Well, I...
 Sara: Well, we...
 Yvonne: See?
 Sun: Ahem. I'm still here, and I'm going to be around for about another four billion years. You don't have to solve every problem today. And besides, there was a solar industry earlier in this century. Whatever century this is.
 Sara: I didn't know that.
 Sun: Oh yes.
 Chorus: (chanting rhythmically) Paris 1878...
 Solar engine at the Paris Exposition
 Los Angeles 1907...solar hot water heaters
 Egypt, 1913...solar power plant
 Glenview Illinois 1940...solar house
 Japan 1960...solar hot water heaters
 Israel 1970...solar hot water heaters
 Willa: See! Don't tell us it can't be done—it's already been done.
 Yvonne: Well I...that is...I didn't know...er...um...

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Earth Night!



Their Nightmare is Real

Now, the people who brought tree-spiking to the British Columbia rain forest have a new sabotage method that the spikers' leading advocate describes as simple, undetectable and capable of destroying a pulp mill's production with a single plastic-foam cup. C.J. Hinke calls the technique "foam-coring" and says it has the added advantage of being legal, unlike spiking. "Even one Styrofoam cup in a 6,000 gallon batch of pulp will prevent the chemical reaction to enable it to set into paper," he said.

—SOURCE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL

In the beginning of August, vacationing yuppies in silly outfits were surprised by eco-messages mysteriously appearing in the middle of their wetlands-turned-golf course. The words "Hayduke Lives," "Earth First!" and "Ron, you pig," became visible on 11 of the golf greens in the Mountain Village Resort in Telluride, Colorado, as grass sprayed with the herbicide Round-Up died. The *Telluride Times-Journal* received a letter signed Earth First! warning the developer that lift cables at the ski resort had been weakened with welding gas and threatening Ron Allred, the president of the developing corporation, Telco. The resort has been closed for the rest of the year, and the opening date for next year is still uncertain. Golf course and lift ticket fees will probably be raised next year, to pay for the costs of fixing the lift and reconditioning the greens.

Telco offered a \$31,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the protestor. Naturally, in the hype following the action, Telco has framed themselves as the innocent victims, and the fact that their golf courses and condominiums, not the Round-Up, destroyed the land was shuffled into the background.

The ski and golf resort was built over four wetlands and forests of aspen and pine. Telco has been cited by the EPA for violating federal wetlands regulations. They illegally dumped 17.6 acres of fill material into headwaters and wetlands during the construction of Mountain Village. The golf greens are in high altitudes where growing the grass requires massive irrigation, pesticides and herbicides. Even the EPA conceded that the "cumulative impacts of alleged Telco violations are more than minimal," which means they were undoubtedly disastrous. Yet an activist who opposed the development was labeled the vandal, terrorist, and criminal.

The choice of weapons of the activist who closed the golf course is questionable, especially for someone trying to fight for the Earth. After all, Round-Up is an herbicide which could run into the water table along with the tons of chemicals the resort applies themselves. When the wetlands-destroying golf course is opened again, perhaps a more benign medium, such as salt or the planting of hardier native species, could be used to get the message across.

Squirrels Sabotage while Bookchinites Babble

An eco-terra-ist squirrel from the Biodiversity and Anarchy Revolutionary Faction (BARF) took direct Sunday morning in a bold move to protest the Yuppie suburban sprawl of Burlington, Vermont. The squirrel forced its way into a B.E.D. substation and placed exploding acorns that, when detonated, damaged electronic equipment and caused a short circuit which cut power to over 9,000 Yuppies. A note was found on the scene explaining that the act was done "in solidarity with the many critters up in James Bay who are losing their homes and their lives to provide Nintendo to brain-dead Yuppie brats." Buffy Clavelle, one of those affected by the outage, said, "It was just awful! My alarm didn't go off, I missed the pro-life sermon at church, I couldn't blow dry my hair and the TV didn't work. It was one of the worst mornings of my life!"

A spokesman for Murray Bookchin stated: "I do not believe that the squirrel adequately considered the social ramifications of the action. The suffering in the New North End on Sunday was tremendous. I would question whether this action was well-discussed or whether BARF actually came to consensus about it. As Hegel would have said, 'Bad Squirrel!'"

An Earth First! spokesperson denied any knowledge of the action but did admit giving a copy of *Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching* to a disgruntled squirrel and added, "Direct action gets the goods!"

Special agents of the FBI in full body armor converged on the substation on Leddy Park Road and riddled the revolutionary squirrel with automatic weapons fire. A candlelight memorial parade for the squirrel will be held at 9pm Saturday. The parade will begin at City Hall and will march to the site of the brave action. Bring candles and "Die Yuppie Scum" signs and banners.

—RODENTS FOR WILDERNESS

Earth Kids:

Riding the Sky concluded

The world isn't changed in a day a
week a month a year we have to get
o-ver the way we think our weak-ness and
fear chang-ing the world is-n't done in a day but
work-ing to-ge-th-er we'll find the way

Willa: I'm going to start right away! I'll get a solar panel for my broom! Then we can ride in the daytime!

All: (repeat "Riding the Sky")
CURTAIN

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Bio-death Machines

BY BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER

I was visiting the forests over on the east side of the Cascades and found there is a logging company that prides itself and has pleased local communities with their truly selective logging and other practices that exude corporate responsibility. However they claim that out there where their planting has resulted in dense young pine stands, they can't "afford" to hire sawyers to thin the trees by hand over their vast holdings (which would give loggers responsible work) and instead they employ what I call the "Bio-Death" machines, pictured here. These miniature feller-bunchers, named in this case, "Clark Bobcats" by their *machinae deus* (an insult to every bobcat that ever lived) efficiently cut the young trees at their base and stack them into piles with a minimum of time and a maximum of destruction of the soil micro-flora and fauna, plants on the forest floor and bark on adjacent trees. The machine is too awkward to maneuver well in tight spaces and rips gashes two feet long in the bark of nearby unlogged trees. Any animals, insects and birds dependent on forest floor plants, healthy soil environments and healthy trees with bark, such as rodents, fungi, insects and the plants themselves, all supporting other life, are likely victims.

The machines' bulldozer-like treads rip the life out of the forest floor so that bare dry dirt remains where existed a fragile community of high desert grasses, herbs, wild roses and berry plants, lichens and perhaps some moss. The forest is left barren and unnatural except for the trees allowed to remain standing, gutting it of the majority of its life forms. The environment for micro-organisms which are the nutrient-fixing life of the soil for the remaining trees the company wants to grow is destroyed. Deer, elk and predators dependent on small rodents, such as bobcats and coyotes are also deprived of their habitat. Basically the area looks bulldozed and rudely gashed, which it was.



If you see these machines in your local woods, try explaining to the associated corporation the folly of their ways for even their own interests—healthy, loggable trees—and if they don't listen, well, you know what to do. I'd appreciate hearing through letters to Dear Shit fer Brains from anyone who knows more about these monsters—plant regeneration time afterwards, how to best dismantle such machines, etc.

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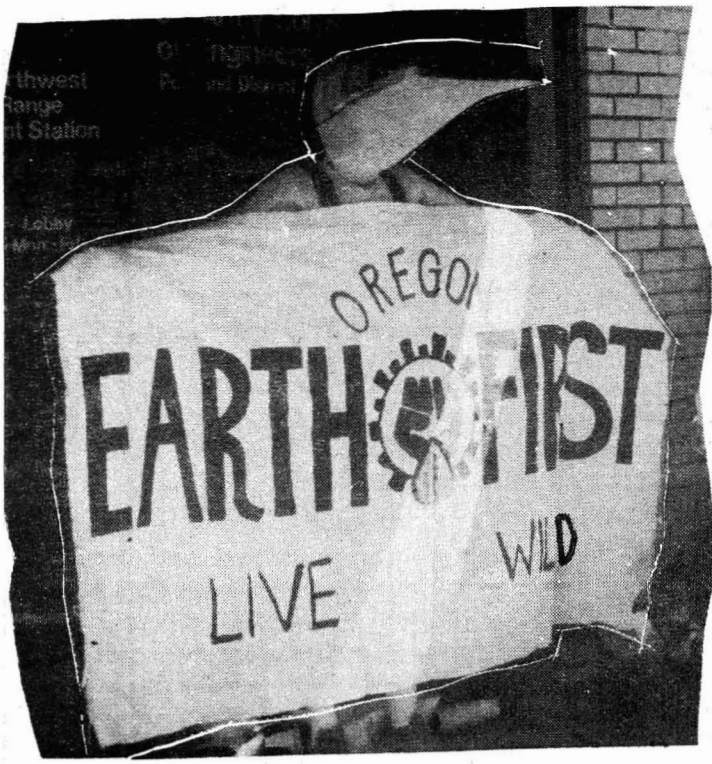


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GREY WOLF CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

by Karen Wood

One of the main differences between Earth First! and most mainstream environmental groups (the Sierra Club comes to mind) is that EF! is fighting to save wilderness for its own sake, while many environmentalists fight to save wilderness because of its recreational or aesthetic value - to humans. There are places I have fought for that I have never seen. It does not matter. I fight for the right of other species to have a home.

It is not enough to stop the degradation of habitat. We need to restore vast areas to as close to their natural balance as possible. This means reversing the ratio of the old growth stage to earlier successional stages (see the article on New Perspectives). And it means re-introducing species that have been shot, clearcut, dammed, and polluted out of their rightful homes.

The US Fish & Wildlife Service has denied an initial request for a reintroduction feasibility/habitat suitability study for the grey wolf in Oregon. Several folks are now working to evaluate certain key ar-

reas in Oregon according to USFWS criteria for suitability in the northern Rockies. We are also gathering as much information as we can about sightings, history, and clues to habitat needs in Oregon. Education is a big part of this effort. Children are still being taught the "big bad wolf" myth through fairy tales, television, and puppet shows. We have a big job ahead of us to change the public's perception of wolves. A change in that perception is essential to the success of reintroduction, not to mention to the future survival and comeback of the wolf in North America.

The USFWS is revising its northern Rockies recovery plan for the grey wolf in 1992. To get on the public mailing list for that process, write to: USDI Fish & Wildlife Service, 4696 Overland Rd., Room 576, Boise, ID 83705.

More people are needed to help with education and information gathering. If you would like to help, contact Karen Wood at EF! Stumpfrogs.

SAPPHIRE SIX APPEAL DENIED

by Karen Wood *Chilling Effect for Public Dissent*

The Oregon Court of Appeals has refused the Sapphire Six's appeal of a lower court's decision to allow punitive damages in a case involving political expression. The appeal court's decision deals a crushing blow to first amendment rights in Oregon. It sets a precedent that permits any entity wealthy enough to afford the court costs to file lawsuits for punitive damages of any amount against those who dare to "trespass" while speaking out for their beliefs. The appeals court upheld the lower court's award of \$25,000 in punitive damages, plus \$5,000 compensatory damages, and ordered the Six to pay Huffman & Wright's court costs for the appeal.

The Sapphire Six is an affinity group of five women and one man who occupied a logging yarder in the North Kalmiopsis roadless area of the Siskiyou National Forest in July, 1987, in what was called the Sapphire timber sale (see the EF! Journal, Lughnasadh & Mabon 1987). We chose this action in order to publicize the destruction of the North Kalmiopsis, the largest remaining intact ancient forest ecosystem in the Pacific Northwest. The protest was a classic example of non-violent civil disobedience, with no violence or damage to "property". The yarding operation was shut down for the day, largely because it took that long to get Val Wade down from the top of the yarder tower. The six were convicted in Curry County of third degree criminal mischief, and sentenced to 15 days (20 for Val) in jail, \$250 each (\$350 for Val) in fines, \$1800 collectively in restitution, and two years probation.

While meeting with our attorney before our "stipulated facts" trial, we were each handed a summons from Huffman & Wright Logging Co. announcing that they were suing us for \$57,000. \$50,000 of that amount was being asked for "punitive" damages. Punitive damages are levied in civil lawsuits in order to "punish" or discourage a repeat of the action in question. Because of the potential "chilling" effect that lawsuits for punitive damages can have on the exercise of first amendment rights, they are typically not allowed in civil lawsuits involving conduct that is protected under the first amendment.

Punitive damages can be requested in any amount; there is no limit, and once awarded, they cannot be cancelled by bankruptcy proceedings.

The defense of the Sapphire Six has centered on the issue of punitive damages. From the beginning we were prepared for, and accepted, our sentence from the criminal court. Our fines and restitution were paid out of our own pockets. \$1100 of the restitution was paid to Huffman & Wright for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them the day of the action. We have not argued with H&W's right to sue for further damages if they felt the restitution did not cover them. We have accepted these consequences for our action. We

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did not even sue the jail when we were beaten by some of the inmates as a result of the jail staff's inciting remarks to them about us.

The Sapphire Six have been fighting the suit for punitive damages since 1987 because it jeopardizes Oregonians' rights of free expression. To give an example of how the recent appeal court's decision might affect you, say that you pass out some leaflets on car windshields in a public parking lot to publicize a rally for protection of ancient forest. Suppose that one of the cars you happen to leaflet belongs to Mr. Timber Beast. Mr. Beast could allege that you trespassed on his automobile without his permission, and SLAPP you with a punitive damages lawsuit for several million dollars. SLAPP, by the way, stands for "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation." Such lawsuits are also known as "intimidation lawsuits." Getting the picture? Even if Mr. Beast never wins his case, he will tie up your time and money in fighting a lawsuit that could take several years.

The attorney for the Sapphire Six, David Atkin, is a rare gem of a person, and a wholly unique exception to the usual ranks of money-grubbing lawyers. David is committed to seeing this case as far as it will go, and will be filing a request for



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review soon with the Oregon Supreme Court. Most of the money we have been able to raise for our defense has gone to costs - ordering the transcript for the appeal, for example, cost about \$1000. As for David's fees, let's just say that he is definitely not in this for the money.

Many of you have lent us your support over the past four years. That support has helped us to keep fighting through the oppression. As we prepare for the next step in this long battle, we would like to ask for your help once again. Please send a donation to: Earth First! Legal Offense Fund, c/o David E. Atkin, 296 E. Fifth Ave., Suite 309, Eugene, OR 97401. If you are an attorney or law student and would like to assist David with the legalese, please contact him at the above address or call him at (503)342-6336. If you would like to help with fundraising and/or support, please contact me, Karen Wood, at EF! Stumpfrogs.

NUKKLEAR TERRORISM

by Deborah Clarke

The Hanford Nuclear Reservation - which covers 560 square miles of arid desert land in southeastern Washington, bordered by the Columbia River - has, according to the Oregon Department of Energy (DOE), the world's largest concentration of high-level radioactive wastes. Hanford's nuclear burial grounds hold 63% of the volume and 37% of the radioactivity of all the nuclear wastes produced by U.S. bomb builders since the 1940s. Yet the U.S. DOE has been stalling clean-up plans (lowering budget requests for 1992-97 clean-up from \$9.6 to \$6.1 billion). Instead U.S. DOE is requesting \$ for new nuclear arms production from Congress.

The wastes at Hanford are unprecedented, in all there are 1400 contaminated sites and four major groundwater contamination plumes, now moving toward the Columbia. Much of the waste is a result of reprocessing, a chemical process of recovering plutonium for weapons which produces large amounts of liquid wastes. The U.S. EPA believes that more than 100 million gallons of liquid wastes were dumped directly into the ground at Hanford in the 1940s and 1950s. Moreover another 750,000 gallons of high-level wastes have leaked from single-shell tanks. In fact, contamination is spreading faster than it can be cleaned-up - at a rate of 20 acres per year. Due to dumping close to the Columbia, strontium 90 and other radioactive isotopes continue to flow into the river. A few of the tanks pose the threat of an explosion, potentially spewing radioactivity into the environment. Although many of the radioactive materials become harmless in only 300 years technetium 99 retains half of its radioactivity for 212,000 years and iodine 129 is half as radioactive for 16 million years!

The effects have been deadly since Hanford began its operations in 1943 to produce plutonium for the atomic bomb. In 1958 workers found radioactive coyote and rabbit dung over 2000 acres. The animals were using the radioactive chemicals as a salt lick. Much remains unknown but people downwind of Hanford believe that emissions are responsible for extremely high incidence of cancer, thyroid disease and other illnesses. Especially at risk are members of the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walls tribes who gather native plants, hunt and eat deer and elk and catch salmon from the Columbia.

More nuclear production is the goal of the U.S. DOE with its plans to centralize production in a scheme called Complex 21, kept mostly secret from the public. U.S. DOE is asking for \$517 million from Congress. The final decision about where the big production site will be will happen at DOE in December. As a result of widespread opposition in both Oregon and Washington to Hanford the complex is likely to be in South Carolina (Savannah River) where necrophilic boys like Sen. Strom Thurman (R-S.C.) worship phallic bombs.

The damage to the Northwest's ecosystem is immeasurable and is felt by creatures in the Columbia River whose numbers dwindle. Efforts to protect and to reestablish habitat for salmon and other wildlife are undermined by continuing seepage from the plumes at Hanford into the Columbia. Write your Senators and tell them you oppose any new production. The U.S. DOE has not shown good faith in clean-up which should be first priority. The U.S. Dept. Of Excrement has shown little commitment to clean-up the overwhelming mess it has already created. How much longer will the death race be allowed to go on?

Wiederholung der Aktion 20 JA
Operation Tree of Life

One of the strangest chapters of Earth First guerilla theatre ever to unfold was certainly the Operation Tree-of-Life Action on September 9, at the Collafield sale near Brietenbush, Oregon. Conceived of as the spark that galvanizes middle America behind the Old Growth issue, The Operation, took it's first foray into the forest for an action. Three Holy Trinity Wannabees, inspired by the concept of environmental evangelism, comprised the group.

We were baffled by the loony problems that beset the Stmpfrogs during their 3 day Britenbush campaign days prior, so we decided to take the law of the absurd into our own hands. With the help of a friendly minister, Slugthang found some pertinent biblical quotations relating to the evils of tree cutting and grafted them into a press release. A manifesto from the mount to the loggers at large; "For too long pagan hippies have been the voice of the environmental movement. It's time to read the Bible! Deuteronomy 20:19, and Ezekiel 34:25-27. (King James) The Lord speaks clearly about the sacredness and inviolability of the Tree of Life. It's time to take a stand for the Trees, this is the place and time to start!" Who can hold back the floodgates of conservative conservationists when they get empowered enough to raise a voice in the environmental chorus!!? We reasoned that the demo should be not so Christian as just Joe-God-fearing-Everyman. If we couldn't see our fantasy come true than we had to create the fantasy in the flesh.

So longtime collaborators Brother S & Slugthang camped out that night on a windswept clearcut peak, practically atop the Collafield cut, and plotted their strategy, illuminated by the stars and the out of control fire across the next range. A sign from on high.

The next day, low and behold, not a peep of activity from the downslope timber sale. Hmm, interesting development. the only noise heard was the conversation of unseen people on the trail winding around the far bend. Could this



be the remnants of last week's action, still wandering on recon, or reinforcements? We finally dressed in our business suits, dusted off our bible, spit shined our shoes and drove down to the connecting road into the Collafield site. Not a soul. Just the scattered debris of the cut clogged road, fresh killed trees sliced and diced, and the lonesome wail of the wind. All dressed up and no one's head to twist, we dug into the vehicle for our sign making materials and went to town. Slugthang spray painted day-glo orange on the tree sections "This tree died for your sins" (with crucifixes,) while Brother S posted some placards "GenesisRead and weep" and "from dominion to domination". Just then three Forest Service Officers drove in and caught us in the act.

Brother S spake "The Lord will cause the Evil Beast to cease out of the land and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods" To which the officer responded, "Evil Beasts?" Regaining composure, they bade us to show them where we had camped the night. True to our personas, we were cooperative. At the site was a crew of lazy firefighters, lollygagging around our camp, pitting out a tiny fire that didn't exist when we had departed. Trumped up charge. They didn't seem to mind the

slash fire blaring away in the distance. We were escorted down to the roadblock, some three miles away from the Sale area, where a slew of officers lounged around, having already blocked access to the press, who left earlier in frustration. Slugthang is asked what church he goes to. He responds, "Foresquare Church". Officer is skeptical, "I go to Foresquare Church!" "Well, there's a lot of Foresquare churches.. "The only real communion happening though, was that the Freddie's had snarled their meal in their Federal Closure, and commenced to suck. Good lord!

Seperated for individual citations, the officers had free reign to search the vehicle for incriminating evidence and came away with art supplies, ect. Believing till the end that we had nothing to do with Earth First! (too strange), they let us go, with copious dollars in debt to the false god of Violations.

What did any of this accomplish, given the lack of coverage? Was this the spark to ignite the middle of the road revolution? If an EFl'er is sited without a support group, does anybody hear?

The Action was a success because Freddie's were clearly scared and freaked out that an unknown faction, on a radically different tack from the standard EFl' route, would emerge and activate. The media, although going home without a story was there for the same reason. With a bit more planning and support (while learning from some of our obvious mistakes,) the same tactic can be amazingly successful. Never underestimate the power of an original approach to upset an authority figure. But also never forget that this same tactic can be very very worrisome to those who would seek to pigeonhole the radical environmental movement as simple out-casts of society. Diversify or Die. No matter how far off the wall your brainstorms take you, just fucking Do-It! God be with you!

SLUGTHANG



FREDDIES' FLOATING CLOSURE RULED ILLEGAL

by Karen Wood

The Oregon Court of Appeals recently overruled a federal district court decision that upheld the validity of a 1989 Forest Service "floating closure." The closure in question delineated an area of the Siuslaw National Forest that encompassed three ranges and three townships. The closure notice then stated: "Note: Closure will be moving, periodic, and unscheduled. You are in the closure only when it is posted or you are so notified by a Forest Service official." In other words, it was like a little raincloud that followed Earth First'ers around. Five people were arrested in 1989 and convicted in federal district court of violating this closure. However, the dauntless David Atkin smelled a constitutional violation and appealed the decision. The appeals court just ruled the floating closure invalid, and threw out the conviction. There is no indication yet whether the Forest Service will seek a Supreme Court review.



Jeffrey PINE

10 Easy Things to do to Save Wild Salmon

1. Conserve electricity as much as possible.
 - A) Hydroelectric power plants account for over 90% of juvenile salmon deaths.
 - B) taxpayers subsidize environmentally-damaging industries which receive criminally low power rates.
 - C) It makes good sense!
2. Don't buy salmon products of any kind. (A) Commercial fishing accounts for millions of pounds of salmon caught on a yearly basis. (B) Sport and commercial fishing rely on perpetuating the hatchery system which sacrifices Wild salmon in exchange for revenue.
 - C) Current & historical netting practices have no way of separating which fish are native or hatchery.
3. Pressure politicians to increase research and implementation of alternative, renewable energy sources.
 - A) In addition to decreasing stream flows, dams contribute to higher water temperatures, and proliferation of warm-water species which prey on juvenile salmon.

- B) Clean, renewable energy sources could easily replace hydro-power.
- C) High annual sun & wind averages that provide excellent opportunities for solar & wind power generation.
4. Don't fish or hunt.
 - A) Fishing & hunting license revenues are earmarked almost entirely to game species propagation programs.
 - B) While sportfishing is not a primary culprit in salmon decline, its chief supporters wield heavy influence over Dept of F&W policy and implementation.
5. Support groups whose only objective is the survival of Wild salmon.
 - A) Certain advocacy groups are onsklmost fishing! easy th0easy things are merely sportfishing groups seeking a steady supply of fish to catch.
 - B) Some of these "conservation" groups receive funding from the very industries who are the most responsible for the salmon's demise. (C) Because salmon have the intrinsic right to exist.
6. Stop buying produce or

- crops grown in innappropriate areas or grown through extensive irrigation practices. (A) Irrigation channels and outlets are deadly when returning salmon get sucked into pump outlets. (B) Growing innappropriate crops require huge amounts of water, which adversely affect spawning grounds and stream flows. (C) Pesticide and insecticide is widespread in these areas and finds its way into the water table. (D) Soil erosion smother spawning grounds, choking small streams and creeks.
7. Expose and work to correct irresponsible logging, mining, ranching practices.
 - (A) Siltation due to clearcutting and lack of stream-buffer protection causes higher water temps and chokes spawning beds. (B) Mine tailings, and abandoned mines leach heavy minerals and compounds into the water table. (C) Livestock tramples, defecates in and disturbs delicate spawning streams. (D) Ranching requires vast sums of water. 1 lb. of beef requires 2,500 of water.
- 8) Never pour paint, solvents, oil ect. down a sewer

- or storm drain. (A) Salmon posses one of the most sensitive sense of smell in the animal world, cappable of detecting 1 part in 10 billion parts. (B) The salmon nervous and reproductive system is sensitive to chemicals, etc. 9 Do restoration work.. (A) Holes in fences allow livestock to invade streams and can be repaired. (B) Trash and fallen logs can be removed to allow migration. (C) Native soil holding tres and plants can be planted to restore banks and provide shade that lowers water temps. (D) Increased vegetation promotes healthy bird and insect populations which help salmon.
- 10 Organize product boycotts against countries using drift-nets in their fleets. Even if the other nine measures are effective a few seasons of driftnetting can wipe out a complete run of fish. The stress of escape can also lower their life expectancy, and decrease their much needed stamina, crucial to salmons ability to return to their native spawning ground.

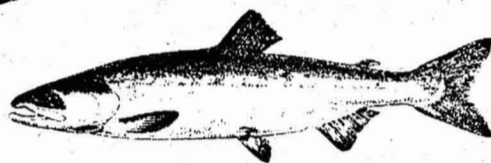
Good Morning Campers!

My name is Ranger Howie Killem and I'll be your guide today here at Bonneville Fish Factory. We from Oregon Dept of Squish and Maim Life are very proud of our accomplishments. First off, did you have any questions during the tour? Tough, keep em to yourself! Besides being unaccountable and aloof, I don't feel as if I have the time to answer just anyone's questions. We at Squish and Maim Life usually only answer to powerful industry, fishing and hunting lobbies.

On with the tour. Follow closely and I will try to impress you with innane facts and irrelevant figures. Here at the kiosk the illusion begins; with lots of romantic old photos depicting swollen nets and streams of salmon. At the time people thought we would never run out of Wild Salmon. We sure showed those idealistic chumps. Thanks to a lack of foresight and a total disregard for the natural world, we have reduced the Wild Salmon runs on the Columbia to a mere pittance. As if that wasn't good enough, we've tried really creative ways to kill Wild Salmon such as transporting millions of diseased, confused and genetically inferior hatchery drones by train cars and dumping them in the river to rob the Wild Salmon of their food and habitat. After decades of one wild run after another becoming extint, we started thinking we must be doing something right. To correct this assumption the Corps of Engineers decided it could get rid of the pesky, unmanagable Wild Fish once and for all. So they moved more earth and laid more concrete and made it basically impossible for the Wild Salmon to expect to survive till the year 2000. Moving on, I must say I feel good about the job we've done trampling Native American fishing rights, altering the natural features of the greatest river in the west, and turning our backs on the taxpayers who probably don't realize that 90% of our budget goes to keeping hunting and fishing interests happy.

With lots of input from aluminum manufacturers, farmers, power companies, logging outfits, and paper mills, we can safely say that we know it all. Those stupid people like marine biologists, scientists, hydrologists, and environmental experts are just trying to scare the public. Just because we've gone from 16 to 20 million salmon anually to a couple thousand is no need for alarm. Does anyone have any questions? Good...

Hatcheries Blind the Public to our Plight!



SPECIES EXTIRPATED FROM OREGON
Oregon Natural Heritage Data Base, May 1989

- grey wolf
- grizzly bear
- California condor
- wood bison
- southern sea otter
- merlin
- common loon
- Columbian sharp-tailed grouse
- North American lynx
- Richardon's ground squirrel
- potentilla root borer beetle
- Columbia River tiger beetle
- hoary elfin butterfly

WILD SALMON?

I'M A WILD SALMON BABY
BURSTING LOVE AT THE SEAMS
THEN I GET MY DRASTIC URGE
FOR A FINAL LIBIDO PURGE
IN CLEAR COOL MOUNTAIN STREAM

I'M A WILD SPAWNER BABY
WITH A MIND TO REPRODUCE
SO I HEAD ON UPSTREAM CRAZY
TO GIVE YA MY LOVE JUICE

WHERE ARE THE WILD ASS FISH?
STRONG VIRILE AND FREE?
WHO FOLLOW THEIR FLOPPING BLISS
FROM THE DEEP RIP TIDE SEA!

BEWARE THE HATCHERY DRONES
SILICON INFERIOR CLONES
NERDY GUYS, PLASTIC BABES
FROM THE COMFORT ZONE
A SPAWNERS' OUTA LUCK
WITH THESE YUPPIE GUPPIE FUCKS

TICK TOCK GOES THE PLANET'S CLOCK
HERALDING THE SHIT TIDE FLOCK
TICK TOCK GOES THE PLANET'S CLOCK
SWIM FAST OR SINK LIKE A ROCK!

THERE'S COW CRAP A DUNKING
A DIOXIN BREEZE POURS IN
THE WATER'S WARM AND FUNKY
NOW THE MONDO DAMS BEGIN

TERMINATOR TURBINES
WANNA MAKE SUSHI OUTTA ME
BUT THE RAT'S MAZE FISH LADDER
IS NOT AN EXIT I CAN SEE

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I'M A WILD SPAWNER BABY
BUT I THINK I'M GONNA DIE
PURPLE HAZE IS GETTING HAZY
AT THE FISH FRY IN THE SKY

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Site of Pioneering Biodiversity Study Threatened

By George Shook

As landscape ecologist Reed Noss has recently noted, National Forest management plans ignore "the value of wilderness as a reservoir of biodiversity and natural processes ... even though the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) regulations require that forest managers, when evaluating the wilderness potential of their lands, consider proximity to other wilderness lands and potential effects on biodiversity." ("What Wilderness Can Do For Biodiversity," *Wild Earth*, summer 1991.)

A classic case in point is the attempted excision of virtually every unprotected roadless area contiguous to the Kalmiopsis Wilderness here in southwestern Oregon. The Siskiyou National Forest, with its "New Perspectives" program, intends to substantially degrade the value of the area to the protection of biodiversity.

Perhaps the best-known, and certainly the most expensive, example of the Forest Service's New Perspectives projects is the Shasta Costa project. Under the umbrella of the Shasta Costa EIS, the (Chetco?) Ranger District is planning to enter with roads and logging part of the long-contested North Kalmiopsis roadless area, which presently functions as a major corridor between the protected Kalmiopsis and Wild Rogue Wildernesses.

The next area in line for the Siskiyou's New Perspectives treatment—gentle removal from the list of potential Wilderness Areas—is the South Kalmiopsis area, a crescent around the southern and eastern borders of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness which was the locale for R.H. Whittaker's pioneering studies of biodiversity, and which probably contains more endemic life forms than any other area in the western United States.

While the area protected by the Kalmiopsis Wilderness is only about 180,000 acres, the area currently functioning as a biodiversity reserve is more than twice that size, and is characterized by the close juxtaposition of widely contrasting geologic and vegetational types. Much of this size and variety would be permanently degraded by planned Forest Service activities. Indeed, it is difficult to see this cynical program as anything other than a conscious attempt to destroy the biological integrity of one of the few remaining large wilderness systems.

We are witnessing the intentional creation of a biological island, the willful severing of connecting corridors which will effectively cut off the Kalmiopsis from surrounding ecosystems. This is the most flagrant example of the wholesale destruction of biodiversity I have seen in almost 30 years of dealing with the U.S. Forest

Service!

There does now exist a substantially intact crescent of *de facto* wilderness contiguous with the southeast boundary of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, stretching from the Fiddler Canyon, and Josephine Creek drainages northwest of Cave Junction, south through the rugged redrock of Rough and Ready Creek and west into Baldface Creek, a much more densely forested area along a tributary of the North Fork of the Smith River. In all, the South Kalmiopsis contains between 50,000 and 75,000 acres of functioning wilderness.

The current Forest Service New Perspectives program would compromise the northern and southern thirds of the crescent, impairing their connection with the adjoining Wilderness. Even if very little logging were to take place in this first entry, the political consequence of this invasion will be to eliminate this area from consideration for future wilderness protection. The Forest Service intends to burn their biological bridges behind them.

The first of these areas to go on the block is the Canyon Project, the northern third of the crescent, encompassing the drainages of Canyon Creek, Fiddler Gulch, and Days Gulch. Upper Canyon Creek is totally pristine at present. No logging or roadbuilding has taken place. Upper Fiddler Gulch has a couple of clearcuts, but is still largely untouched, while Days Gulch, the most northerly of these drainages, is somewhat more heavily impacted by both roads and past cuts.

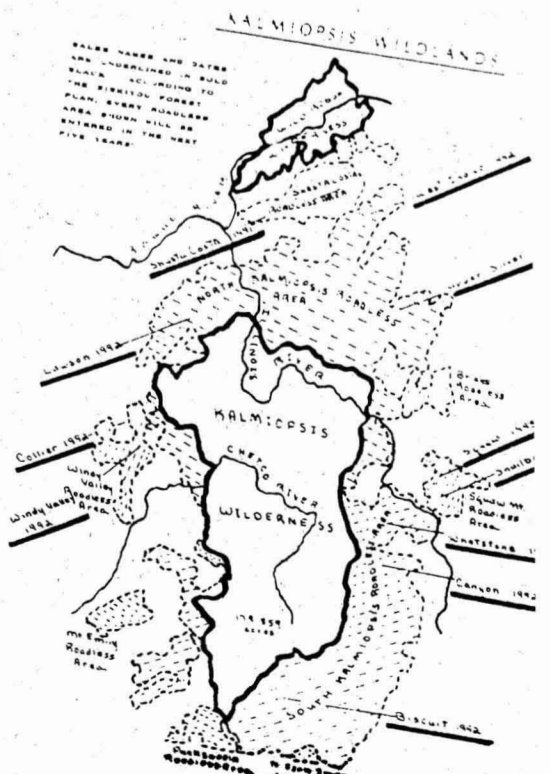
Early last spring, the scoping process began for Canyon, with an invitation going out to environmentalists and other "publics" to join in the planning process by participating in the meetings of the "interdisciplinary team" set up to develop management alternatives for the planning area. It soon became apparent, however, that the only question to be answered was how much logging was to take place. There was no serious consideration of a no-entry alternative, and when we suggested various levels of restoration alternatives for the already-impacted north section of the planning area, the Forest Service refused ever to discuss the idea. (This is, of course, entirely consistent with their suppression of their own in-house study, which showed that thousands of jobs could be created by changing their timber policies.)

At the same time, the new recreational trails guide issued by the district office not only eliminated all trails in this area, but even removed the drainages from trails maps of the adjacent Kalmiopsis rim trail! The local Audubon chapter had requested over a year

ago the opening of the Josephine Mountain trail, an historic trail which bisects the crescent, giving hikers the opportunity to experience the incredible diversity of the area. The Forest Service, of course, refused. It's more difficult to burn bridges if people are using them.

The intent of the agency to exclude meaningful public input from the planning process is further evidenced by their timeline. The project leader recently informed us that following the issuance of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for Canyon late in September, there will be only 45 days for public response to the document. This of course makes it impossible to publish critical analyses of the DEIS in environmental journals in time for people to respond to the agency. Therefore, I encourage you to write *immediately* to Denny Holthus, District Ranger, Illinois Valley Ranger District, 26568 Redwood Highway, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523, requesting a copy of the full DEIS, and demanding an extension of the comment period to 90 days from date of issue. You could also point out that the deficiencies noted above, particularly their refusal to consider the importance of this area to the integrity of the greater Kalmiopsis ecosystem, and the fundamental hypocrisy of soliciting public participation while at the same time making any meaningful public participation impossible.

Incidentally, the Forest Service got a bit of public participation they probably weren't expecting. Two trails in the area have been reopened by a group calling itself the Canyon Conservation Corps. One of these is a short spur to Canyon Peak, an old lookout site which affords an excellent view of the entire planning area. The other is an historic trail along the south rim of the Canyon Creek drainage to Josephine Mountain Camp, which helps to access the entire central portion of the South Kalmiopsis Crescent, as well as leading directly to one of the stands of forest they intend to cut. For a map of the vicinity with these trails and further details about recreational opportunities in the area, write to Canyon Conservation Corps, PO Box 1846, Cave Junction, Oregon 97523. Please include a SASE and small contribution if you can afford it.



CYANIDE HEAP LEACH MINING IN OREGON

-The saga continues...

For those of you not yet familiar with the onslaught of gold mining in Oregon; it's here, it's happening, and it's ugly. Well over 65,000 claims have been staked in SE Oregon's fragile desert. The method of choice for these mineral extraction companies is Cyanide Heap Leach Mining. This insidious process makes previously insignificant deposits of gold cost-effective to mine. It involves strip-mining MILLIONS of tons of earth, crushing it, and heaping it onto a polyethylene liner. The unearthed mountains are sprayed with a highly alkaline cyanide solution which leaches out the gold. The gold laden solution is then drained into a holding pond until it can be pumped through to the on site processing plant. The gold is distilled from the cyanide and prepared to be used by jewelers, dentists and the computer and aerospace industries. The cyanide is then either re-used or pumped with waste ore to a tailings pond.

The list of negative biological impacts associated with Cyanide Heap Leach Mining is staggering. Whole mountains are unearthed creating vast pits. The average size of one of these holes is 1200 ft. deep and 2000 ft. across. For comparison, roughly 50 Empire State Buildings can fit into one pit. More amazing than the size of the pits is the fact that no state or federal law requires the mining companies to fill these in or return the land to its original state. Toxic heavy metals such as arsenic, mercury and lead are often exposed as a result of the digging and the pits eventually fill with rain and groundwater creating toxic soup.

The cyanide laced holding ponds present incredible dangers to thirsty wildlife. In Oregon, the mining industry is lobbying hard to avoid having to net or somehow cover these ponds to prevent wildlife mortality. In Nevada, a state already covered with cyanide mines, more than 6440 migratory waterfowl are known to have been poisoned after contact with the ponds. As well countless Badgers, Kit Foxes, Deer, Coyote, Big Horned Sheep and other critters fall prey to the lure of the toxic water. State inspectors visit these mines on average of once a year with no surprise visits. Therefore the companies are on a sort of "honor sys-

tem" to report wildlife deaths-pause for laughter.

Cyanide spills are common. In Nevada they are rated at one spill per week. The question is not "if" there's a leak but "how much" will leak. An accident at a South Carolina mine spilled 9 MILLION gallons into a nearby river (the Exxon oil spill was 10,900,000 gallons). A typical mine uses 3 million lbs. of cyanide per year.

Another drastic problem is the heavy drain on scarce desert water. The average mine consumes 1,000 to 1,500 gallons per MINUTE, that's roughly 2 million gallons a day.

For every 100 tons of earth scraped from the earth the "reward" is a TEASPOON AND A HALF of gold. Because the gold is scarce, entire mountains and thousands of acres of land must be pillaged before the companies can break even. It costs them about \$200 an ounce to extract the gold, however, because the market price tends to range between \$300 and \$800 an ounce, it's still profitable for them to mine it. A typical mine stands to make \$200 million in profit. With this kind of profit margin, the companies still have the audacity to say that reclamation requirements or even minimal environmental protection measures will prevent them from mining profitably. The mining companies attempting to start up in Oregon are whining about spending any money to protect the ecosystem and threatening to leave the state and take their business elsewhere. So of course, the Oregon state lawmakers are aggressively sucking up to the industries and their smooth-talking lobbyists.

Atlas Precious Metals Inc. is working feverishly to be the first to open a Cyanide Heap

Leach Mine in Oregon. The site of their claim is Grassy Mountain in SE Oregon. This is the biggest operation yet proposed for Oregon and it is being used as a "test case" by the industry to see how Oregonians take to Cyanide mining. Atlas's Environmental Impact Statement is due to be out at the end of 1991. This promises to be an amusing whitewash of fact.

For a brief, shining moment it looked as though the Oregon State Legislature was going to pass a halfway decent bill protecting the ecosystem from the ravages of this method of gold mining. But alas, the bill passed was half-assed. The new law is designed to provide state agencies with guidelines by which to frame their administrative rules regulating mining. Chief sponsor of this new law was the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) who are already firmly in the pockets of the mining corporations. Spokesman for DOGAMI, Allen Throop has encouraged regulatory agencies to "develop adequate controls that protect the environment while not being overly restrictive to the mining companies." (emphasis added)

The Department of Environmental Quality is currently working on their administrative rules governing Heap Leach Mines. The industry is lobbying them with all they've got.

What you can do:

The real clincher is that

57% of the gold mined through this method is used to make jewelry. JEWELRY!! I know, I know, being purely politically correct these days means giving up practically everything-but-a HUGE boycott of gold jewelry would hit them where it hurts. You can keep your old stuff, just don't buy any more. Make sure to tell your local jeweler just where gold comes from. While your at it, consider that most precious metals and stones are obtained through Earth destruction. (CRYSTAL FREE BY '93!!)

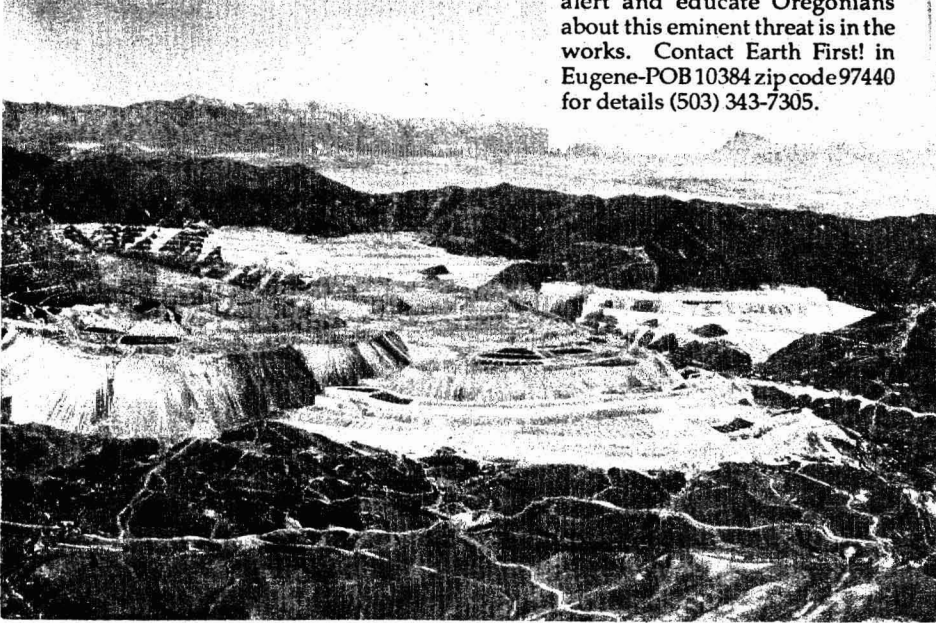
Cyanide Heap Leach Mining is done predominantly on public land with the support of the ridiculously archaic 1872 Mining Act. This law treats land as valuable only to the extent that it can be made into money. Study up on this law and write your Congresspeople and anyone else you can think of encouraging reformation of this stupid law.

For you Oregon folks, some ideas: Organize an affinity group, research this issue, take action. Get the word out there! Unfortunately, there are only a few burned out activists working full time on this issue here at home, we need help.

For you Colorado folks, an idea: Atlas Precious Metals main office is located at 370 17th St. in Denver (208)788-4116. Go in and tell them you made a mistake and thought they were the American Express office but while your there you have a few things to say to them concerning habitat destruction and corporate greed.

A roadshow designed to alert and educate Oregonians about this eminent threat is in the works. Contact Earth First! in Eugene-POB 10384 zip code 97440 for details (503) 343-7305.

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Society for the Preservation of Anadromous Wild Natives is a non-profit group based in Portland. We are putting together a citizens flotilla down the Columbia watershed, to document and bear witness to the difficulties that Wild Salmon face in their attempt to spawn. We will combine educational presentations of the plight of Wild Salmon with 'float show' entertainment, to be presented in communities along the Columbia. Our range of travel will include slack water, portage and whitewater. For this reason we are seeking persons with boats who are interested in getting involved in the salmon issue. We need \$, equipment and involvement! Please contact SPAWN 3116 SE Clinton St Portland, OR 97202

Stumptown EF! Wish List

\$. Zesty merchandise, volunteers to help us with mundane tasks

SOUTHERN WILLAMETTE EARTH FIRST! METAMORPHOSES

Yes, SWEF! has taken a new name: EF! Stumpfrogs. This mid-life crisis was precipitated by many causes, but mainly because we got tired of people referring to us as the "Southern Willamette chapter of the Earth First! organization." EF! is a movement of loosely connected individuals and groups. Eugene is a big place. Big enough for more than one EF! group. Not everyone is temperamentally suited to be a Stumpfrog. I'm sure there are many EFlers in the Eugene area who wouldn't want to be a Stumpfrog if their life depended on it. Changing our name is intended as an outward manifestation of the reality of our lack of structure/hierarchy. Besides, Southern Willamette Earth First! is too long and people can't spell it. Stumpfrogs are more fun.

A Tenuous Pause in Walbran Valley

By SOCKEYE SUE

Actions in the Walbran Valley were at low ebb. Many of the dedicated core activists who have been risking life, limb, and police record throughout the summer defending British Columbian rainforest were being held up in court. With winter coming and the need to relocate and fortify the camps within the valley it seemed to my friend Little Bear and myself that some "outside agitation from the States," might be a service that we could provide.

Dangerously armed with sketchbooks, pencils, pens and watercolors we packed up our granola and took the ferryboat to Vancouver Island. In Victoria we were befriended by Nedd-of-the-Forest who wove us through the city and took us to the Norway house.

We arrived in the valley the next evening and were given shelter at what is affectionately referred to as the Walbran Hotel. The Walbran Hotel is the campsite of a family from Victoria with seven children who went camping last July and decided to stay. They do not participate in the protest actions but maintain a presence and offer shelter, support and spiritual inspiration to those who come into the valley. They hear the trees scream. Continually harassed by Fletcher Challenge, multinational timber corporation, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) the family has moved camp several times. Presently they are set up on the edge of a clearcut. The next morning we awoke to a pristine old growth forest on one side of us and total destruction on the other.

Following a trail through thick woods, we were greeted by a young woman with wisps of moss in her hair who took us by canoe to Y camp.

Moss-in-her-Hair led us to Giggling Spruce Camp where we were to stay. We followed her up to Edge of Dysentery, the new winter camp. She was splitting cedar planks out of a huge downed tree to make a raised platform. When the rains begin, Y camp and Giggling Spruce will be flooded.

By FREEBIRD

Activists protesting clearcut logging by Fletcher Challenge and MacMillian Bloedel in the Walbran ancient forest officially ended all blockading actions in the valley on October 2. The reasons for this are two-fold: A political promise came from soon-to-be Provincial premier Mike Harcourt of the NDP, of a six-month to two-year moratorium on clearcut logging in "controversial areas." On October 1, Harcourt promised to bring in "environmentally sound" logging practices, he said, "We currently have a wild west, no-sherriff-around approach to our forests," and promised to take inventory of the forests, starting with "critical" areas such as the Walbran. At this point no one really knows just how little old growth remains in British Columbia.

Secondly, and perhaps more pertinent (and unfortunate), we don't have the numbers to sustain protests and blockades in the valley at this time. Our resources have been stretched between two multi-nationals building roads simultaneously in the court and in the west Walbran, and our two base camps are one hour apart by car on gravel roads or a four-hour hike. Currently 15 of us are tied up in Victoria facing criminal contempt of court charges in BC Supreme Court. After the first week of court everyone has been set over until October 28 for the continuation. No one has been lazy though; election time always offers great media sabbing opportunities!

On Oct. 3 Johnson was pelted with dirt as she was arriving at a campaign rally, and she had a difficult time being heard above the noise of fists and objects being pounded on the windows. Her departure was delayed for an hour as activists blockaded her bus by lying down in the road. The tv media clearly showed EF! signs and "Earth

Walbran protest camps have been the subject of a continuing media smear campaign. A woman had just been seriously injured falling from a tree. The press attributed this to "reckless thrillseeking." A researcher looking for a Marbled Murrelet nest neglected to remove his climbing pegs. This was attributed to tree spiking by hardened Earth First! ecoterrorists from the states.

A rumor was circulating the camps that the government was going to issue a blanket injunction covering the entire valley and anyone in the valley would be arrested. Presumably this would be for our own safety. Rita Johnston, the Social Credit premier of British Columbia, is big on law and order. This sort of Draconian scenario could conceivably be construed to be in keeping with her political campaign.

Meanwhile, another meeting was going on in Victoria. Mike Harcourt, leader of the opposition party, NDP and opponent of Rita Johnston was meeting with leaders of Vancouver Islands environmental groups including the Friends of Walbran. It seems he is willing to take a stand to protect the valley as part of his platform if the Walbran camps will halt their blockade until the election.

The man from Haddon camp at the other end of the valley, the end being attacked by Macmillan Bloedel, told us about the meeting going on in town. Nobody likes making deals with politicians. The bottom line is saving the valley. If Harcourt gets elected, and if he keeps his promises, the valley may be saved. On the other hand, there are two weeks in which maintaining the blockade could slow down the logging for a matter of hours. These same two weeks could be used to plan strategies and bring the issues into the city, fortify winter camps and initiate alternative actions such as blocking the trucks carrying raw logs for export. All were adamant that we should not break camp but maintain the right to be on crown (public) land. Thus, with certain

First!" could also be heard from shouting "terrorists."

With the enthusiastic help of the forest killing industry, the media has been trying to paint a picture of a once-peaceful protest in the Walbran turned ugly and violent by an intrusion of eco-terrorist Earth First!ers who have come up from the awful USA to wreak havoc upon placid, polite British Columbia.

It all started several weeks ago with a claim by Fletcher Challenge that some of their equipment was sabotaged to the tune of \$45,000. They have never produced any physical evidence of this and most people believe the wounds, if any, were self-inflicted.

Several days later a supposed "tree-spiking" incident was reported as a MacMillian Bloedel worker's chainsaw hit a spike. Apparently the "spike" had been used weeks or months earlier by a climber looking for Marbled Murrelet nests and it was inadvertently left in the tree. In fact, the spike was sticking out a full inch, and any responsible forest protector knows not to leave them noticeable or knows that the whole cutblock needs to be inoculated! The next day the headlines blared, "Tree-sitter urges protesters to consider aggressive tactics," referring to my article in the last journal. Somehow my suggesting of "more creative tactics" became "more aggressive." I must say, though, that the Sun article did reprint some of the best lines of my story!

In the midst of all this hoopla and hype, every "respectable" environmentalist spokesperson made all attempts to divorce themselves from EF! or claim that EF! was not tainting the protests in the valley. Even Paul Watson fired off a letter to the Sun, arrogantly stating, "...thus I can state with conviction that there is no organized effort by EF! in the Walbran." Watson says, "Earth First!'s position is to promote tree-spiking

reservation, we came to a consensus.

The man from Haddon, the man from town, and "Ralph Lauren" wrote the press release, announcing the temporary end of the blockades. Moss-in-her-hair, Little Bear and I went to confer with the core group of activists. They were easy to find. They were in court. The bottom line was that the possibility of saving the forest may be at hand. Possibly not, in which case within a short time actions will resume.

By the end of this month, British Columbia may have a new premier and logging in the Walbran may cease. If not, reinforcements will be needed to protect this sacred forest.

Loose Ends

By ALLISON SLATER

— More shit has been going down on Vancouver Island... literally. A tree-sitter protesting the cutting of old growth in Walbran Valley covered his naked body with his own excrement. This proved to be a successful way of avoiding arrest. The police left him in his platform. He later came down off the platform and escaped through the forest.

— The Supreme Court of British Columbia recently decided against the Sierra Club of Western Canada and Western Canada Wilderness Committee, who had appealed the timber sale on the grounds that the permits were issued under an expired management plan. Poof—just like that—they made an illegal logging operation legal.

— A very cheery article in the *Times-Colinist* described an accord signed by union loggers and five environmental groups which protected "some old-growth forest and ...environmentally sound logging." The South Island Forest Accord is supposedly "a historic union marking the beginning of the end of conflict between conservationists and loggers." But news from the front showed little change in the conflicts between the people in the trees and the people with the chainsaws.

— A MacMillan Bloedel worker ran over an activist's bicycle on a road in Clayoquot Sound. The activist was videotaping the carnage in Bulson Creek after a blockade there was busted and the trees cut. Ron Aspinall, the activist with the squashed cycle, said the logger put the truck in reverse and was going to back over the bike again, until he saw that Aspinall turned the camera on him. The logger, Martin Noel, said he wasn't going to run over the bike again, he was just, "checking to make sure there was nothing attached to the bike, like a baby." Nice of him to check *after* flattening it. Naturally the logger was not charged with property damage. The law protects only bulldozers and feller-bunchers, not human-powered machines

and damage the industry economically through covert guerrilla action in the forests, so it's not an organization that's going to be blockading roads." It should be pointed out to Mr. Watson that Earth First! is not an organization and the tactics used by EF! should not be defined so narrowly.

In a press release, which was ignored we state, "In the Walbran Valley Earth First! is working alongside many other individuals. Contrary to media and logging industry lies, we are not coordinating nor influencing the direction of the protest, nor do we plan to. The activists in the Walbran valley decide by consensus what actions they will undertake without the authority of any organization...EF! involves itself in a variety of tactics including street theatre, civil disobedience, public workshops, and even courtroom battles... We draw our strength from Gaia and we will continue to resist, reclaim and recover. Earth First!"

Four of AZ 5 Get Maximum Jail Time

BY KAREN PICKETT

I suppose it was a safe assumption after Mark Davis was sentenced on Sept. 6 to the maximum term of six years that Judge Broomfield would follow suit with the other defendants when they were sentenced on Sept. 19. But it still came as a shock to hear prison sentences handed down for the remaining three. That shocked feeling came, I think, from knowing what kind of people Peg Millett, Marc Baker and Ilse Asplund are and how little they deserve to be wasting away in jail. The judge just didn't get who these people are and what they're trying to do with their lives. He also doesn't understand the difference between non-violent monkeywrenching and the terrorism that is carried out by the likes of Louisiana Pacific, by Kennecott Copper Co., by International Paper Co., by the U.S. Government, unhindered by the legal system. But then, Broomfield is a Reagan appointee living in Phoenix, Arizona and we didn't have really high hopes for his awareness anyway.

The defendants did finally get their day to speak up for themselves in court when they were sentenced (with the exception of Foreman who did not appear in court). They have all been sitting silently during the two months of court proceedings listening to trashing of their characters and their activities, while their attorneys held forth, while the prosecutors held forth, and the parade of witnesses laid their versions of reality before the

jury. Each defendant in turn told the judge they were willing to accept full responsibility for their illegal actions and given that as a basis, they also had much to say regarding the roots of their activism and their perspective on this case. The judge listened. Then he sentenced.

Peg Millett was sentenced to three years in jail and shares with Mark Davis the nearly \$20,000 in restitution imposed when he was sentenced on Sept. 6 (See Mabon Sept. 23 *Earth First!*). Marc Baker received a year and a day sentence; he will serve 6 months with six months suspended. One month of the suspended sentence will be spent in electronically monitored house detention. He was also fined \$5,000, must do 100 hours of community service and will be on probation for 5 years. Ilse Asplund received the same year and one day jail sentence, with all but 30 days suspended. After she serves the 30 days she too will be under house arrest for another month. She was fined \$2,000, must perform 100 hours of community service and received 5 years probation. Peg, Marc and Ilse reported to the big fences and small rooms to begin their sentences on Oct. 3. Mark Davis began serving his sentence on Sept. 23. The judge additionally imposed a restriction on association on the defendants, which appears to be a particularly repressive and fairly arbitrary punishment. By his order, for their time of probation, the defendants cannot associ-

ate with each other. Nor are they allowed to participate in or associate with a group that advocates monkeywrenching or espouses illegal ideas. They are also required to undergo counselling and submit to urine tests. The prosecutors, raging propagandists to the end, said at the sentencing that while they "had nothing against Earth First!" (go ahead, take time for an old fashioned guffaw), their purpose was to "stop a radical deviant psycho-environmental movement".

Where to Write to the Arizona 4 in Jail:

As of this writing, two of the

four are in county jail in Phoenix waiting for transfer to federal facilities. Since they will be transferred without notice and generally jails do not forward mail, letters are being picked up at a box in Prescott and forwarded to them. Their longer term addresses will be in the next *Earth First!* Write to all Ilse Asplund and Marc Baker c/o: 1385 Iron Springs Rd. Box # 104 Prescott, AZ 86301; to Peg Millett, 23118-008, 37900 N 45th Ave, Dept 1785, Phoenix AZ 85027; to Mark Davis, 23106-008, Federal Correctional Institute, RR#2 Box 9000, Safford AZ 85546.

Jail Poems II

Where have all the babies gone?

Their pictures hanging from mattress springs
Ringed with yarn and beaded plastic crucifixes.

I wonder do the babies wonder where their mothers are hiding,
With breasts dry tucked into blue uniforms.

I am asked several times every day do you have children?

I say yes — three dogs — I name each one.

People look at me strangely or tell sentimental stories
about their Lassies and Rovers long gone for babies

Who are their dangling, darling photographs now.

Guilt is not spoken about out loud here

It would not be polite.

I have my request form in for my talisman

A bag of fur smelling of wild wheat fields

And back itching rolls in spore and scat.

I can see each of their smiles

Remembering the secrets they think they hide from the other ones.

—ABBEY MELLON



Peg Millett, Mark Davis, Ilse Asplund, Marc Baker and family.

In Their Own Words:

What the "Conspirators" Had to Say

BY KAREN PICKETT

Peg Millett's statement in the courtroom was an *a capella* version of Walkin' Jim Stolz' song, "Forever Wild." The sterile and stuffy courtroom was filled with the echoing strains of the melody celebrating the wild world and reinforcing the spirit to keep it wild. Peg said, "It says it all. It's why I'm here." (Note: This beautiful rendition of "Forever Wild" is on Peg's tape, available through *Earth First!*)

Shortly before the sentencing, Peg reflected that she'd learned a lot by going through this process and has also come to see the menace she and her friends were confronting in a clearer light. "This was so much more insidious than I ever imagined...I didn't realize what stakes we were dealing with. I really didn't think what we were doing was anything more than being piddling nuisances to the corporate beast that we were picking at. It cost them a little money, sure, but it certainly wasn't threatening to them. Except the fact that it was our motivation that was threatening to them. I now understand that our motivation was more scary to them than the actions we did." She also said she has learned to have more faith in herself: "I've learned how to trust MYSELF more...If I'd trusted my intuition more, and not trusted Mike Fain as my intuition was telling me not to, this all could've been quite different."

Ilse Asplund described to the judge the morning the FBI first came to her house, where she was caring for her two young kids and Mark Davis' two daughters. She drew a picture of the FBI's terrorism in the childrens' lives.

She said the FBI "struck terror into the heart of those kids," to the point that her kids are still "scared to death of the FBI. They cry when they hear sirens for fear it's the FBI coming to take their mother away, and they still ask why their friend Ron joined the FBI. At her sentencing, Ilse told the judge that her life is dedicated to raising her children, serving her community (she's a community health educator working with AIDS patients) and working for the healing of the earth. "The earth is our home...it's a sacred place," she told Broomfield.

In an interview during the trial, Ilse had said of the basis for her actions, "The southwest is my home, and I need to respond to my bioregion. What happens here is of vital concern to me. It's what happens to the air, the water, the creatures and to the spirit of the land that is the totality of the place, and I feel accountable. There's no freebies: you don't just get to live here and say how great it is to live in northern Arizona. Meanwhile the water becomes increasingly undrinkable and limited. So I feel I'm accountable for the life of my bioregion and to future generations. What this trial was, was a chance to stop this idiotic slide and say look, we're losing our birthrights, we're losing our constitutional rights, our ecological rights, our spiritual rights—we're sliding into oblivion for the sake of private corporate profit and private property. Speaking of the trial and her arrest, Ilse said, "They waited to arrest me because they were trying to use me." Ilse was arrested in Dec. of 1989, six months after the others were arrested "For two years the FBI was threatening me with one hand and baiting me with the other. It's a typical pattern and they dealt with their witnesses the same way. It's been real hard to keep from feeling like a victim. Picture it: you're a single mom with two little kids and your house is bugged, your bedroom is bugged, your friends are wearing bugs, your whole life is screwed. It feels like a big rape trial, and you have to go (into the courtroom) and look at the people who did it. I felt contaminated, I felt wrong for participating in their trial, in their witch hunt and I had to remind myself this is like a rape case. I didn't agree to the house bugs, I didn't agree to the betrayals; I'm not the one who's corrupt. But it's difficult to be in court all this time and not feel the taint of the corruption."

Marc Baker, a botanist who led a quiet, loner-type lifestyle until this sensational trial catapulted him to notoriety and into an unwelcome limelight glow had much to say about the way this case has been carried out. Having seen the destruction in the highlands of Ecuador and the deserts of Arizona in the course of his botanical studies, he said he is all too keenly aware of environmental decimation. While he's willing to take responsibility for his actions, he told the judge public apathy is the much greater crime. He also said he felt the "biggest tragedy" of this trial was that environmental issues weren't given more of a forum. This is mostly due to the denial of the necessity defense, attempted, but denied to Mark Davis' attorney.

While he said, "There are actions of mine that I would not repeat, and some plans I carried out carelessly, everything I did was with good intentions," he feels the government acted in a predatory manner. "They lied, exaggerated, broke the law and right from the beginning generally behaved in an unethical fashion. As I look back, I feel I was a rookie on the environmental front. The past will help me plan the future but it will not impede my future actions. If anything, the arrests, the trial, the penalties and the contemplation have given me an emotional boost." Feeling "there will be more covert activity" and that activity "will involve real acts of terror that are so common among right-wing fascists," Marc speculates that, "The targets of this type of oppression will be the mainstream environmentalists—the lawyers, the organizers or the investigator who has discovered too much." How to deal with that? "We must learn the truth and spread the truth. Although the obvious intention of the FBI and the US Attorney was to intimidate avid environmentalists, both of these politically driven agencies underestimated the dedication of people who care about more than just themselves. Environmentalists obviously must be more careful about their actions and with whom they associate but the initiative for environmental action is greater than ever."

Although Dave Foreman made no comments at the time of sentencing, earlier in the trial he had speculated on some of the reasons he saw for the FBI's tactics. "Maybe they saw the catalytic role of Earth First! in the overall environmental movement...that it was causing environmentalists to ask deeper questions and to take more challenging positions and they wanted to slap everyone down. For whatever reason, valid or not, I became a symbol for the FBI, the Dept. of Justice, for Edwin Meese. I don't know if I deserved to become that symbol, either positively or negatively. I don't think they're intellectually able to see people operating on their own, making their own decisions. They needed to apply their own visions of a hierarchical world when carrying out their campaigns. What we heard on the FBI tapes about sending a message was essentially it: they're trying to say you'd better behave or this can happen to you. The bombing in California, the Grand Jury and raids in Montana—there's going to be more of that and we need to be prepared for that."

Mark Davis' comments appear on front page.

Just a reminder...

As we all know, the disinformation, harassment and propaganda continue. There is much to be learned from this trial to help us to continue to be effective advocates for biodiversity. There is also much to be learned from the past harassment and disruption campaigns carried out against progressive movements by the FBI. A good place to start is Brian Glick's book, *War At Home*. Printed here is an excerpt, "A Checklist of Essential Precautions" (for surveilled and under attack groups). The book is available at your local bookstore or through Earth First!, P.O. Box 83, Canyon, CA 94516 for \$6 postpaid.

If Your Group is Infiltrated: A Checklist of Essential Precautions

1. Check out the authenticity of any disturbing letter, rumor, phone call, or other communication before acting on it. Ask the supposed source if s/he is responsible.
2. Keep records of incidents which appear to reflect COINTELPRO-type activity. Evaluate your response and report your experiences to the Movement Support Network and other groups that document repression and resistance around the country.
3. Deal openly and honestly with the differences within our movements (race, gender, class, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, personality, experience, physical and intellectual capacities, etc.) before the FBI and police can exploit them.
4. Don't try to expose a suspected agent or informer without solid proof. Purges based on mere suspicion only help the FBI and police create distrust and paranoia. It generally works better to criticize what a disruptive person says and does, without speculating as to why.
5. Support all movement activists who come under government attack. Don't be put off by political slander, such as recent attempts to smear some militant opponents of government policy "terrorists". Organize public opposition to all FBI witchhunts, grand jury subpoenas, political trials, and other forms of government and right-wing harassment.
6. Cultivate relationships with sympathetic journalists who seem willing to investigate and publicize domestic covert operations. Let them know when you are harassed. Since the FBI and police thrive on secrecy, public exposure can undermine their ability to subvert our work.
7. Don't try to tough it out alone. Don't let others fret and suffer by themselves. Make sure that activists who are under extreme stress get the help they need (someone to talk with, rest, therapy, etc.). It is crucial that we build support networks and take care of one another.
8. Above all, do not let our movements be diverted from their main goals. Our most powerful weapon against political repression is effective organizing around the needs and issues which directly affect people's lives.

— from *War at Home: Covert Action Against U.S. Activists and What We can Do About It*, by Brian Glick Available from your local bookstores or \$6 postpaid from Earth First!, P.O. Box 83, Canyon, CA 94516

Controversial
A Suspended Tradition

A Hunting We Will Go

BY ROBERT MARTEN

* Shoot new animals to train their fifez H.B.s.

*I always will remember
'Twas a year ago November
I went out to hunt some deer
On a morning bright and clear.
I went and shot the maximum
the game laws would allow:
Two Game Wardens,
seven hunters
and a cow.*

Hunting is an American Tradition, it is our Heritage . . . so the National Rifle Association says. So is talking dirty, defaming women, gays, other races, watching Monday Night Football, drinking and driving, philosophizing on a full stomach, and rape. Rejoice, for we are Americans! So let's get in on the action, shall we?

I have a conditional schizophrenic streak . . . I have listened in silence to the wisdom of the locker room, the arguments over rifle caliber, the football pools, drunken sages, and the experts on women. I was humbled by my ignorance. But aside from all the tall tales about the sexuality of women, there is a period in every macho man's life when the Hunting Story is undoubtedly number one. I have been paying attention to all this garbage for years in the grim hope of formulating countermeasures to all their stupidity . . . but for now we'll just deal with hunting.

Hunting is a human tradition. The weapons used for hunting have more or less paralleled the weapons used for killing our fellow men, women and children. Which came first seems a moot point. Today we

with blue-collar slobs, with doctors and lawyers, and I can assure you they are all created equal. If you have never touched a gun in your entire life you probably know more about firearm safety than the average hunter. We are talking about ignorant, untrained, mean-spirited, incompetent, drunken cavaliers whose main problem is their short-arm calibers are too small.

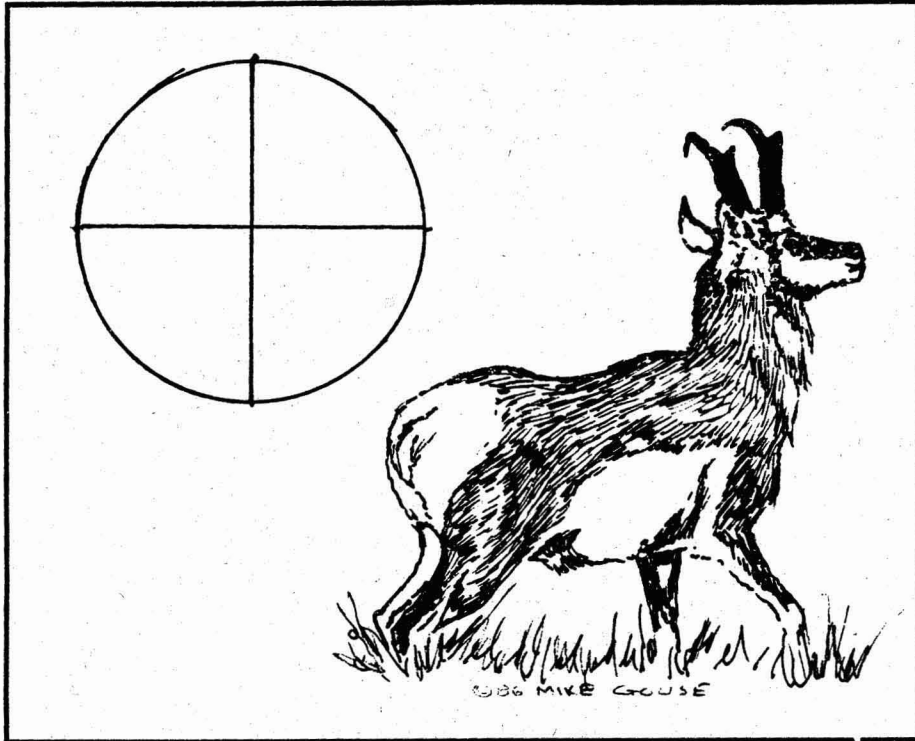
Man is not the only hunter on Earth. A long list of carnivores practice predation every day for food and survival. It would be difficult to deny some cultures their dietary norms, but it is a simple task to deny some slobs in a \$15,000 Jeep the pleasure of acquiring a trophy. The solution is really quite elementary: you too must become a hunter!

He's gone over the edge, right?

Dead serious! Besides, more and more environmentalists are joining their ranks for some odd reason.

The accoutrements of a hunter are really quite basic: a 69 cent orange plastic vest that can be folded up and stored in a pocket; a license from Fish and Game (maybe 25% of the money will be used intelli-

society". Both you women and men should give this "sport" careful consideration, because it can utterly ruin these bastards' hunting "fun". With a little effort, you can properly prepare for hunting with your safety and their safety in mind.



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a properly licensed hunter. The problem was that he deeply despised hunters all along and was responsible for over fifty "hunting accidents". Powder burns on his victims led the police to believe they were shot at close range and questioned whether these incidents were really accidental. One could postulate that the kindly gentleman would encounter another hunter, engage in some banter and then execute the unfortunate boob. Don't you dare follow his example once you have a firearm in your hands, or I hope

you get nailed! Also remember, your fellow environmentalists may be out there.

The law was very firm it took away my permit, the worst punishment I ever endured. It turned out there was a reason, cows were out of season and one of the hunters wasn't insured.

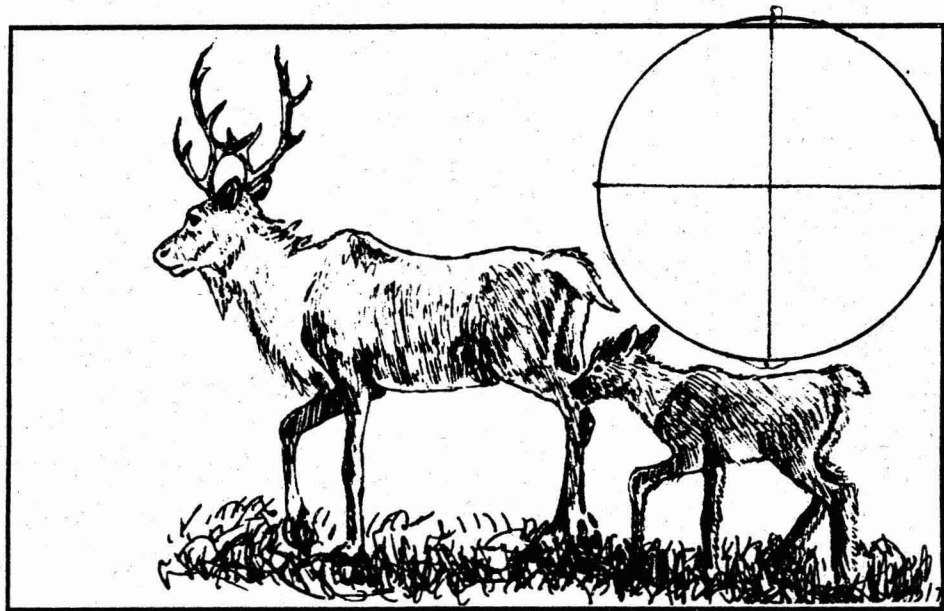
There are only a few firearms that are acceptable for year-round hunting: Winchester 94 and Marlin 336 in .30-30 caliber. This is the most ubiquitous caliber in America and is by far the forensic ballistics' greatest nightmare. They are light, easy to carry, safer than most other rifles, can be loaded with a cartridge already in the chamber and produce little recoil for those folks who are on the small side. The .30-30 caliber is recognized as the jack-of-all-trades among rifles. It is suitable for rabbits all the way up to elk according to numerous hunting experts. Teddy Roosevelt even killed his famous grizzly with one. No one will ever question what you are up to if you carry one of these, regardless of the time of year you are afield. For you Canadians, the common denominator is the .303 British, a surplus weapon of the British Empire imported by the hundreds of thousands. For you large-framed gorillas, use the .30-'06, another forensic nightmare, but unacceptable for off-season hunting. A fair year-round alternative for large individuals is the 12 gauge pump shotgun using buckshot or the dreaded rifled-slug. But there are numerous reasons the .30-30 should be the prime choice for just about all of you: low cost (used from \$90-\$135); the cheapest ammunition; lightest weight; low recoil...improved accuracy; several bullet weights to choose from; and finally a cartridge called "The Accelerator" which fires a .223" bullet through the .308"

A dirty old truck or van with a defective exhaust system is the perfect "road hunting" vehicle. Drink a little beer and don't bathe, shampoo or use deodorant, that way you'll fit right in. The etiquette of hunting comradery dictates that you must stop and say hello to passing hunters and shoot the bull for a few moments. If you see a hunter approach, hit yourself upside the head with a two by four behind the occipital lobe which will render you aphasic for sufficient time to converse at his level. Ask if he's seen anything (stupid question #1), where he's been (#2) and where he thinks the game is (#3). No hunter in his right mind would ever answer these questions, yet every hunter persists in asking them. The dumber you seem, the more intelligent and superior he imagines himself...the axiom of male ego and comedy of the ages. In any event, whatever game you see, shoot near it but not at it...this aversive conditioning will help keep that animal alive. Regular hunters do it all the time but don't know.

Humorous Verse

*I was in no mood to trifle
I took down my trusty rifle
I went out to stalk my prey,
what a haul I made that day!
I tied them to my fender
and I drove them home somehow,
Two Game Wardens,
seven hunters
and a cow.*

It is sad but true that an uncertain percentage of the population, when presented with a gun, naturally becomes megalomaniacal. Some people are innately compelled to shoot every living thing in sight. Others even go a step farther. In 1938 a long and mysterious homicide spree in Georgia suddenly ended when a kind and gentle gardener died of old age. It turned out that for forty-odd years he had been



have many hunters who want to get back to basics. They are tired of assassinating a deer from two hundred yards and have formed the 4H Club . . . the Happy Holistic Hemorrhage Hunters: you know . . . bowhunters. Others have reverted to the black-powder rifles of the 19th and 18th centuries. Then there are the stalwart spirits who hunt with a spear and tomahawk. But by far the most "sportsmanlike" exhibition of hunting was the odd fellow who clung to a tree branch over a game trail until a buck passed beneath him. He jumped onto the buck's back, grabbed the antlers and broke its neck, then cut his throat. Now there's a real man!

It is with a great measure of pain and repentance that I must confess to being a hunter once myself. I have hunted with country folk,

gently); a gauze body-bag; a hunting knife; and lest we forget, a gun . . . your right as an American.

Legally one may hunt all year 'round, because there are numerous unprotected "game" species. Out West you can shoot a coyote, skunk, raccoon, fox, bobcat, badger, woodchuck, crow, gopher, ground or tree squirrel anytime of the year you want. (God only knows how many species I left out!) Only during the autumn big-game season are you required to bear a license and (in most states) wear an orange vest to prevent "hunting accidents" . . . a.k.a. natural attrition.

Of late it has become far more common to find women hunting in larger numbers. Male hunters treat women as equals only during season, because as someone once said, "An armed society is a polite

bore encased in a plastic sabot (which shatters after it exits the barrel) and leaves no rifling marks on the projectile...the ultimate forensic nightmare!

After you acquire your rifle and cleaning kit, purchase a box apiece of factory loaded 125 grain soft point, 150 grain soft point, 170 grain soft point, and "Accelerator" cartridges. Always carry a box of each, since you may explain to those who inquire that you are after a stock-killing coyote, doing some predator calling, chasing a bear, an elk, or deer. No one will question that you know your stuff.

.30-30 SPECIFICATIONS

| BULLET PREY | WEIGHT RANGE |
|--------------|--------------|
| Accelerator | 55 gr. |
| 5-50 lbs. | 250 yds. |
| Soft Point | 125 gr. |
| 35-200 lbs | 150 yds. |
| Soft Point | 150 gr. |
| 150-400 lbs | 125 yds. |
| Soft Point | 170 gr. |
| 300-1000 lbs | 100 yds. |

To become a hunter you need not kill anything if you don't want to, ever! Just be a slob and be certain to miss everything at which you take aim. And most importantly, *all-season hunting should only take place on public lands!* Go to a sporting goods store and purchase a predator-caller for about \$8. Hang it around your neck over your camouflaging, and voila, you are a bona fide varmint hunter, loved and respected by every fine, upstanding welfare-rancher.

If you are determined to kill an undesirable, four-legged species, hide in the bushes near the varmints of your choice and await the ideal opportunity. To avoid needless pain and suffering to any animal I urge you to fire at the varmint's brain, between the eye and ear. A side shot is recommended. In this event the bullet will pass through the skull and travel another mile or so. Usually you should always have a backstop for every shot you make, but doing so will leave the bullet nearby for experts to examine. With what is termed "hydrostatic shock", the brain will be utterly shattered by the extreme velocity of the bullet and cause death instantly. NEVER go up to check on the varmint, just quietly and slowly leave the scene when you're done. The coyotes, cougars and bears will love you for it and be fruitful and multiply.

There are also other vermin you may wish to hunt: the two, three and four-wheeled type. ATV motors are usually constructed of lightweight alloys. A bullet in the engine will be terminal, no doubt about it. Regardless of what you may have heard, car and truck engines are virtually impervious to any caliber. However, radiators and tires are easy prey on a Bigfoot or some other Muscle-Wagon. Monster tires should be assassinated from the side so the bullet will travel through both sidewalls. The hole going in will be .308" and the hole coming out will be about 2.0", rendering the monster irreparable. And don't

Recommend shooting at

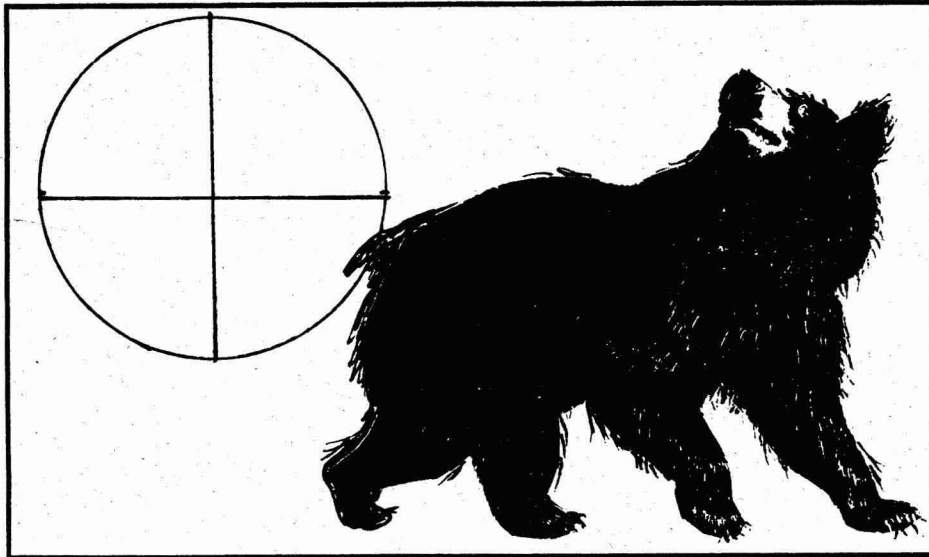
do just one, get all four if you can! And if you see a yellow industrial contraption, fire at the cylinder head to induce mortality. Dipping at windmills is very rewarding.

For your safety and continued well-being you must know a few facts about ballistic forensics. Take a cartridge and have a good look at it. In the center of the bottom rim is a small chrome primer about 3/16" in diameter.

When you fire the gun the hammer forces a firing pin forward into the primer, detonating it. The spark from the primer will ignite the gunpowder in the brass cartridge. The immense pressure drives the bullet (that heavy lead and copper-colored projectiles at the pointed end of the cartridge) down the barrel and out of the gun at great velocity. Now you are left with an empty case to eject.

Its primer will have an exact imprint of your rifle's firing pin. The brass case will have expanded slightly and conformed perfectly to its firing chamber. The base of the case (with the headstamp on it) has then taken on the dimensions of the bolt face. Burnt powder residue will be present in the case, the rifle bore, and on the ground in front of you. The bullet has acquired the rifling pattern of your gun's bore, but usually the bullet distorts so dramatically on impact that little usable evidence remains. Forensics will require a number of correlating clues merely to prove you or anyone else fired the gun at all. They require a good bullet retrieval, the case, the primer-pin print and the firearm itself for comparison. The weak link in the chain is bullet retrieval. A slower moving handgun bullet tends not to pass through its prey, making retrieval simple. But a high-powered projectile, when fired from the side, will always pass through, making retrieval virtually impossible. Naturally then, you should never leave an ejected case behind. Manually place the used shell into the plastic bag that you should always carry with you to collect litter. When you eject the spent cartridge you will acquire a small deposit of nitrates on your hand or glove. This can be proof you fired the gun, but proves little else. You may consider carrying along vise-grips to crush the fired cases completely, making certain to distort the primers. Do this in a safe location as soon as possible after your foray. When you return home, wash your hands with Coleman Fuel or Naptha. This will eliminate all traces of nitrates. There is little need to clean the rifle but once every fifty rounds or twice annually. When you do, only use WD-40, another ballisticsian's nightmare. And remember, nitrates are common on hunting enthusiasts, so don't sweat it too much.

Your assignment then is to proceed intelligently. Begin by reading books on hunting at your library, particularly firearm safety. There are also several monthly magazines you may wish to read...*Field and Stream* and *Hunting* among them. Learn the tricks of successful hunting so you'll be able to hold a bit of conversation with "one of the boys". Visit local gun shops and ask



to look at their assortment and see how they feel to you. There are numerous styles and stock designs available. If you're a sentient being, this will be the hard part. The stores will no doubt be decorated by dead animal heads and will awaken you to the reality of death for sport and vanity. I am the son of a WWII veteran who never wanted to see another gun in his life, real or toy. When I acquired my first rifle I felt my conscience burn, and it seemed as if all eyes were trained on me. Now I know I appeared perfectly normal in that company of slob merely by holding a gun in my hands. When you shop, never pretend to know too much. Remember, your apparent ignorance is the salesman's deluded glory. Let him get you set up, but insist upon .30-30, unless you are willing to take some risk. You may find the rifle you want through classified ads and get a better deal. Used guns are generally reliable if the bore appears smooth, shiny and clean. Once you have made your acquisition, stop by Fish and Game and get all the licensing information and rules and regulations for every conceivable animal your state will allow you to murder. Analyze it and plan your year-round "hunting" schedule.

If you are not acquainted with guns and shooting, find a knowl-

edgeable friend to help you get started. Begin your training either with a pellet gun or a .22 rifle, it will be much cheaper on ammunition. When you feel accomplished, have your friend fire a few rounds through your .30-30 to set the sights. Then you finish off the box to familiarize yourself with the gun. This may seem oversimplified, but the average hunter gets by with a less preparator than this.

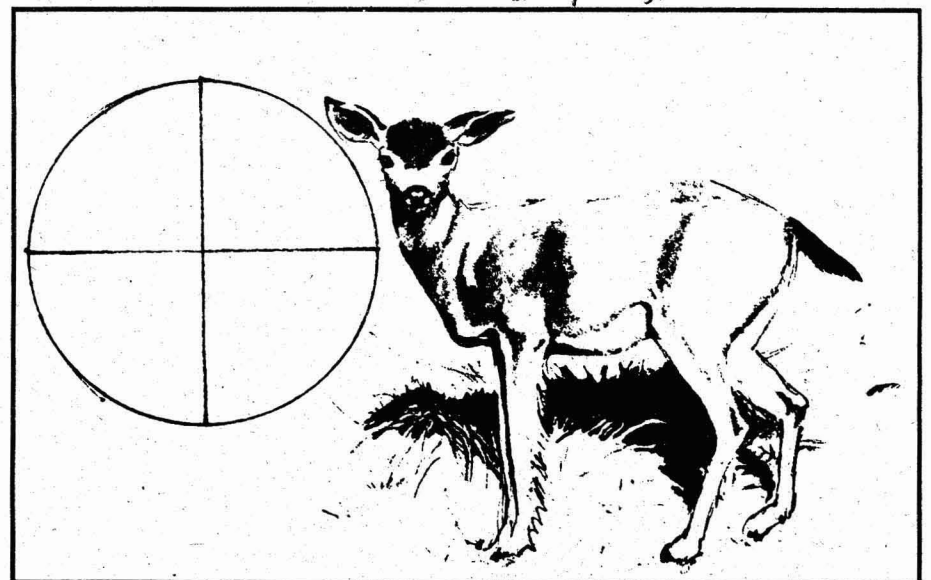
There is another more passive way to save your state by competing with hunters for special licenses. Many species are licensed by lottery. In Montana, for example, this is the case with pronghorn, moose, cougar, mountain goats and Dall sheep. But

the basic Conservation License and apply for a pronghorn permit for \$8. If your name is drawn, sit back and know you have just bought the life of an antelope for a mere \$8. Sierra Club membership seems exorbitant next to this scam! And if you buy a deer permit (\$10) or elk tag (\$12) you are eligible for a lottery drawing to receive a cow or doe permit for only \$2 each. Again, if your name isn't drawn, you get your money back, but if it is, you can go through hunting season knowing you've saved a breeding cow or doe for a paltry \$12 to \$14. However, you must apply for these permits well in advance. Typical deadlines are in June and August. There are only limited numbers of these permits issued, so you may rest assured that if your name is drawn one less life will be lost. It's the best lottery in America!

And there's ten stuffed heads on my trophy room right now... Two Game Wardens, seven hunters and a pure-bred Guernsey Cow! from The Hunting Song circa 1953, by Tom Lehrer

P.S.and for heaven's sake, don't shoot any Game Wardens or hunters!

Hunting is murder



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Mexico EF!

A Bureaucrat in Briefs

Several thousand Mexican subsistence farmers, angered by the government's refusal to curtail illegal timbering operations on their land marched on the Agricultural Secretariat in Mexico City. After snarling traffic for four days, the campesinos assaulted Jesús Cardena Rodriguez, the secretariat's director of forest policy, as he left the building, stripped him to his underwear and paraded him through the street for three hours. The public display won the peasants a pledge of government action.

—SOURCE: WIND CHILL FACTOR CITING TIME MAGAZINE

SF BayArea EF!

Send us your current address! We keep getting dozens of returned mailings, which means many of you aren't receiving your local EF! Action Updates or alerts, and we're paying postage for naught. If you didn't receive a postcard in August about the 'Day of Outrage' against Maxxam, then you're not on our list. Send a postcard with your current address and former address (if you have moved in the past two years) to P.O. Box 83, Canyon, CA 94516. Or call and leave the info on the Bay Area hotline: (415)949-0575.

Shawnee EF!

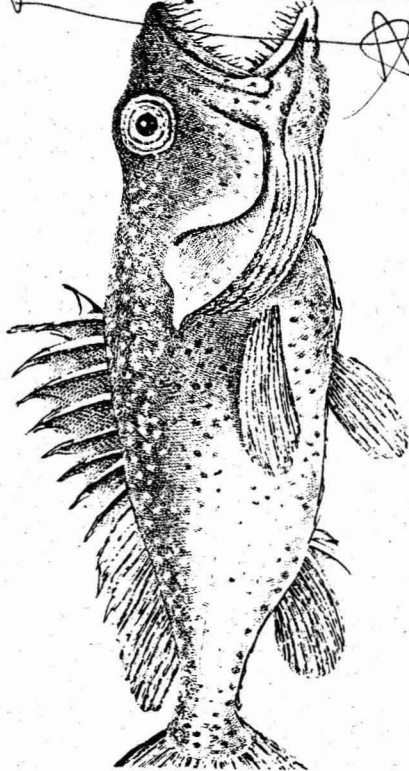
BY DEBRA FRAGALA

Although outrage was high and repeated efforts were made to stop them, the Forest Service and East Perry Lumber Co. have finished cutting the Fairview timber sale of the Shawnee National Forest. As the loggers hauled out the last few big trees that made up one of the last remaining contiguous blocks in the Shawnee, they swore they would soon converge on Cripps Bend, continuing their destruction. A mobile camp was immediately set up at Cripps Bend and two appeals were filed by RACE and the Sierra Club based on New Avian information and the appropriations bill. It is now rumored that the FS may cancel Cripps Bend because it would not be worth the \$11,000 that was paid for the sale because of all the hassle and expense they went through to cut Fairview.

Appeals are also being filed on the Burner Hill timber sale in Alexander County. East Perry paid \$400,000 for this sale, apparently more worth their while. They can move in on Burner Hill any day now so the battle will continue over our native forest in the Shawnee.

Sixteen people who were arrested at Fairview are still awaiting trial on October 28 and are facing various misdemeanors. Of the thirteen people that were arrested while allegedly ambushing six East Perry log trucks had their conspiracy charge dropped and are still facing mob action. The last two that locked on the trucks are still facing unlawful restraint (kidnapping a log truck, a felony) mob action, reckless conduct, and resisting arrest. All 13 go to court on November 14.

On October 23 Brian Understall, timber buyer for East Perry, is being brought before a grand jury for running over protester Chris van Daalen at Fairview.



James Bay

NY Extends Deadline

BY SCOTT THIELE

New York State's deadline to cancel its contracts to buy electricity from Hydro-Quebec has been postponed for another year, until November 30, 1992. The New York Power Authority announced the extension on August 27, saying NYPA and H-Q mutually agreed to it for the following reasons:

1. H-Q has apparently agreed to delay construction of Phase II, damming the Great Whale River, until it has been environmentally reviewed by the committees established under the original agreement with the Cree and Inuit. This comes as a surprise because H-Q wanted each aspect of the project (roads, buildings, dams, etc.) reviewed separately, making it easier to continue the project as a whole. Also, Quebec officials intended to do their own Environmental Impact Statement, so they could approve their own project. Historically, H-Q has ignored laws and twisted the spirit of the agreement, so we should expect them to try the same tactics again.

2. NYPA said New York's energy plans have changed due to higher energy savings expected from conservation programs. NYPA also stated, "Each party will waive any claim for payment of costs, damages and expenses if the other party elects for any reason to reduce the contract capacity or terminate the contract prior to that date."

The extension of the deadline to cancel is unacceptable. We want the contracts cancelled and the James Bay Hydro-electric Project dismantled. The fact that Governor Mario Cuomo is wavering on the contract shows he is hearing our noise. His daughter-in-law, Carrie Kennedy Cuomo, took a film crew to James Bay in late August to explore this issue. She was supposed to speak with him about her findings upon returning, and he reportedly values her opinions.

Although the contract still may be upheld, the extra year will allow more people to learn about the James Bay Hydro Projects and as they do, opposition to them will grow. We can get the contracts cancelled if we just keep fighting.

What you can do:

Write to Mario Cuomo
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Urge Cuomo to stop stalling and cancel the contracts. If you are not a New York resident, remember that Cuomo wants the presidency. Tell him this would greatly sway your voting habits.

Olympic Peninsula EF!

BY THE DANCING NUDIBRANCHS

Here at last is the environmental update from the Olympic Peninsula, where local Earth First! activities have a decidedly underground, low-profile (after dark?) presence.

An Olympic Environmental Coalition (OEC) was FINALLY formed last year to coordinate and strengthen the enviro community on the Peninsula. A comprehensive forest practices/ownership mapping project for the entire peninsula is under way by the Ancient Forest Task Force. The peninsula is currently undergoing a real estate "boom." (Don't things usually fall apart after they go "boom"?)

The Quilcene Ancient Forest Coalition (QUAFCO) has just completed a very successful forest practices class that covered what has gone wrong with so-called forest management practices, and presented some workable solutions. Some USFS staff even attended a few classes.

QUAFCO is also attempting to shed the light on the absurdity of a USFS plan to put an ORV/ATV (read: yahoo rip-up-the-earth, gas-guzzling, noise-making, dust-bowl racetrack) trail in our ranger district, within a spotted owl HCA. There are already four of these abominations in the Olympic National Forest, and over 2600 miles of logging roads, a very few of which have been closed, but none of which have been regraded back to the original slope and replanted, even though the funds exist for this and there are extimber workers available to do this work.

One of the many threats to the health of our home here is a proposed oil pipeline from Low Point, west of Port Angeles to Anacortes. This double pipeline (Alaskan crude eastbound, Canadian fuel oil westbound) would cross two major straits and wind like an ugly scar through 120 miles of irreplaceable forest and coastal lands, along a 60 foot minimum width "right-of-way." This proposal suddenly went from near the end of the line for review by EFSEC, the agency responsible for rubber stamping...I mean, reviewing big energy project, to the front of the line with a promise

for speedy processing of the application.

Virtually all local government agencies and enviro groups are opposed vehemently to this project. It doesn't even have the support of one single refinery, since it would drive up the cost of crude oil tremendously (the only good part to this mess). Trans Mountain says that it would eliminate tanker traffic to Puget Sound, but that is a provable lie, since most tanker traffic, and barge traffic, which is even worse, goes down to Toxicoma (Tacoma), where oil spills occur frequently. What the pipeline will bring is supertankers to the Straits of Juan de Fuca which are presently barred from Puget sound, Anacortes and Bellingham. The straits have already proven that tidal flows will carry oil eastbound, as was disgustingly demonstrated after the hushed-up 250,000 gallons spill around Christmas, 1989, off our southwest coastline. Oil migrated all the way up the Washington coast, entered the Straits, and moved eastbound all the way to Port Townsend, killing birds and fish the whole way. TM "studies" say the oil would move west.

One last piece of madness: our governor Booth Gardner decided that we haven't supplicated ourselves enough before the mega-corporations of Japan, the virtual kings of the planetary ecocide game, so he invited the Mitsubishi Corp. to come over to help themselves. They chose an area that had been set aside as a state park for their next condo/golf course project. Never mind about those bald eagle nests, they'll just make a little fence around the tree, and they won't mind.

At least we have something really great to look forward to: It looks like the illegal, dangerous, fish-killing dams on the Elwha River will be torn down in the near future. Even FERC agrees with the GAO that they are unlicensable and restoration of the fish runs is more important than the meager power generated. So lets have a big gathering by the river, and watch the wrecking ball take out an ugly plug in the planets life system.

PAW Conference

BY ERNIE REED

James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia was the site for the Central Appalachian "Preserve Appalachian Wilderness" Conference, September 13-15. The conference was organized by Virginians for Wilderness and brought local and regional conservation leaders and activists together with national figures in support of the creation of an "international biosphere reserve" in the eastern United States.

It's foundation is based on "applied ecology." It advances a vision for the entire Appalachian Mountain Range, running from Florida north into Eastern Canada. These areas would be connected by natural "corridors" surrounded by buffer zones, allowing for the linking of currently isolated genetic communities and the migration of species. The Appalachian Ridge serves as the "backbone" of this corridor.

The corridors would allow minimum human intrusion and would be large enough to allow the migration of not merely isolated individuals of species but of signifi-

Santa Cruz/ Bay Area EF!

A century ago redwood trees covered Northern California from Santa Cruz to the Oregon border. Today, in northern Santa Cruz and southern San Mateo counties, there remain scattered stands of old growth redwoods, protected in state and county parks. Much of this parkland is actually second growth that will eventually recover old growth characteristics. Even then, the parks still will only be small habitat "islands" of a few hundred or, at most, a few thousand acres, unable to support biodiverse populations. Big Creek Lumber Company wants to log over a thousand acres of residual old growth on the south fork of Butano Creek, between Butano State Park and Pescadero Creek County Park. One of their three timber harvest planning units is right in the flight path of the threatened marbled murrelets. The murrelets, slated for ESA listing, fly from the ocean up the south fork and over a ridge into the old growth of Butano State Park. When the watershed was first logged in the 1950's and '60's, some older trees were left to reseed the area, as many as six to ten trees per acre.

A lawsuit filed by local chapters of Sierra Club, Audubon and Flyfishers may delay or halt cutting on Butano Creek. The state has bond money which could be used to purchase enough of the watershed to ensure a biological corridor between the parklands. However, if the lawsuit fails to win an injunction and the state fails to make an offer to buy the land, direct action will be needed to prevent cutting.

For updates on Butano Creek and to add your name to the emergency response phone tree, should direct action become necessary, call the San Francisco Bay Area hotline (415)949-0575.

cant populations throughout the area. Buffer zones would allow greater human presence, limited by sustainable ecological requirements for all species, determined by the carrying capacity of the region.

PAW has organized a network for activists in the East. The Network will work with other entities such as the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Save America's Forests, and local PAW and EF! groups. A legal network has been set up for legal information and assistance. PAW will also assist in reviewing and writing of appeals to forest plans and Forest Service decisions. The PAW Journal will continue to provide regional information, articles on conservation biology, and information on top priority issues. A comprehensive "book-format" project is also in the works. PAW will soon have tax-exempt status and is initiating a major fundraising campaign.

For more information, contact Buck Young at PAW. POB 52-A Bondville, VT 05340 tel.(802) 297-1022

EFUK!

EF! OCCUPIES MALAYSIAN TOURIST BOARD

Seven Earth First! activists occupied the Malaysian Tourist Board on October 7th as 31 Dayak people faced prosecution for participating in blockades to defend their rainforest homelands. Activists used Kryptonite bike-locks and chains to prevent their immediate removal and scattered sawdust throughout the office. The police, under instruction from the tourist board, declined to charge the activists with Criminal Damage, Conspiracy or Criminal Trespass. The activists spent four hours in the cells and were ordered to appear before Bow Street Magistrates the following morning. They were not bound over.

The occupation which lasted only half-an-hour was specifically in solidarity with the tribal people who face a maximum prison sentence of two years and a \$6000 fine. It was also in response to the Malaysian government's new tourist promotion campaign in England. Under the slogan "Naturally Malaysia" the Malaysian government is attempting to attract tourists to Malaysia to experience the rainforest. Despite the fact that is being so rapidly destroyed.

This more direct style of campaigning is being criticised by mainstream groups in the U.K. whose recent gathering at the U.K. Tropical Forest Forum resulted in an unproductive day of talk and bitchy remarks.

—EF!UK

SEACret Splinter Group

BY CAROLYN MORAN

The SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) Conference was held October 4-6 at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The theme that the conference promoted early on was "grassroots organizing." Over the course of the planning months it turned into something more along the lines of social justice rather than environmental issues with action. As a result two radical off-shoot groups were created simultaneously on both the east and west coasts under the anacronym SEAC-RET (rad Eco-Tribe).

The SEAC hierarchy discouraged actions. SEAC National Headquarters will allow small local groups to do actions but will not sponsor them. A monster budget was spent for conferencing and expenses but no money was given to grassroots level students for actions.

The students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to take actions. One activist from Ancient Forest Rescue sat in a tree on campus to protest the massacre at Sand Bench. **Lone Wolf** Circles took the mike at the student rally on Saturday and was the only speaker to get a standing ovation. He followed that with a deep ecology workshop and a course on Direct Action 101.

Activists continued with the plan to organize a direct action towards the corporations responsible for cutting Sand Bench. They shared a riotous concert to a full Rocky Mountain Peace Center. The party inspired 130 people to show up at Safeway the next morning, for a protest directed at Stone Industries, the largest producer of paper products in the U.S. and the world. Stone Industries is mainly responsible for

the rape of Sand Bench.

The disruption of Safeway consisted of everyone, at once, walking into Safeway and buying one peanut at a time. The trouble really began when macaroni boxes found a new use as musical rattles. A box broke but Dana, considerate and polite as always, promptly paid for it.

Sand Bench is part of the San Juan ecosystem — one of the last remaining semi-intact ecosystems in the Colorado Rockies. 150 year old trees live there and it is a perfect environment for re-introduction of the wolf and grizzly. Ancient Forest Rescue joins Earth First! and the Predator Project in this effort to put the "wild" back into the last Colorado wildlands.

The action at Safeway was followed by a direct action on Monday morning, October 7, at USFS headquarters in Lakewood, Co. where activists and students demanded that the regional forester, Gary Carghill, put an immediate halt to cutting at Sand Bench. No CD was planned; however, 11 activists made the independent decision to refuse to leave. Smoky the Bear was one of the protesters and he told them he quit and that he wouldn't leave the office until they left his ecosystem alone. A 12th protestor was arrested for allegedly expectorating on the agency's front door. All arrestees were released within two hours with citations.

The action ended with many protestor vowing to continue onto the cut site on Tuesday, October 8.

SEACret
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"Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul." Edward Abbey

Hawaii EF!

BY PAUL VON HARTMANN

The melancholy expressed by many who have watched the quality of life in Hawaii being consumed by greed, concrete and cane smoke is on the rise. While it may be "unlikely" that people will act in time to preserve the quiet beauty of this place, there is one key move we can make to stop the runaway, the geothermal development and Hawaii's economic addiction to tourism: ending the state tax subsidies to the sugar industry will do more for these Islands than most people realize.

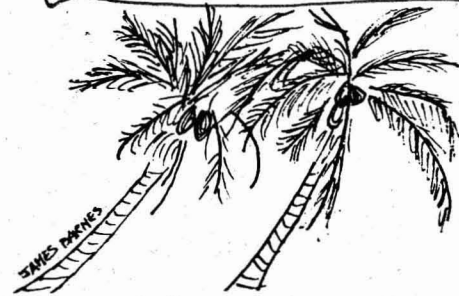
Between 1982 and 1989, taxpayers shelled out \$32,500,000 to keep the cane fields burning. We are paying an 18 cents a pound subsidy to the sugar companies so our kids can swim in pesticides, drink synthetic fertilizers and bathe in petrochemical burning agents. Because Hawaii's rich farmlands and year-round growing season are being squandered on vast expanses of unprofitable sugar, other economically advantageous crops are kept out. A weak agricultural effort keeps Hawaii addicted to tourism, which

created demands for more energy and a longer runway.

If the people who live in and visit Hawaii were to put pressure on government and industry to encourage cultivation of "biomass" crops instead of sugar, profitable, sustainable agriculture could be achieved along with energy independence, within the decade. Biomass is simply plant material which, when organically "digested," can be used to produce methane gas, methanol fuel, hydrogen gas and other renewable, "clean biofuels." Compared to the petroleum and geothermal schemes being shoved down our throats now, biofuels are cheaper and readily available.

If we continue to support the sugar industry, concealing a monolithic tourism/energy behemoth, our mistake will be borne by future generations.

If you would like to join the effort to initiate this fundamental change, contact: PEACE Progressive Economic Alliance Cultivating Energy POB 623 Kula, HI 96790



More Shit fer Brains...

SACRED PLACE / Hallelujahs, not booze, promote eco-consciousness (nothing is best) Don't defile the sacred site of N.H. put in Ripton VT

Dear S.F.B.

I enjoyed the article "Shooting Cows: A Novel Idea," by A. Nony Moose in the Mabon '91 issue.

This type of direct action is desperately needed in many wild areas of the West where the "Hooved Locust" are allowed to spread destruction and cow shit.

I would like to add a few suggestions of my own. Keep security first! or you may end up as the main course of the next Cattlemen's Association barbecue. Further, while a medium caliber pistol will do the job at close range, I would choose a large caliber rifle, say a 30-30 lever action or maybe an AK-47.

For more populated areas of our national forests, a crossbow offers quiet operation and accuracy, plus the psychological effect of an arrow-studded bovine victim, once popular with the Native Americans of the last century. A can of forest green spray paint can be used to add the personal touch of a green fist or "free Leonard Peltier."

Lastly, a brave and enterprising person may wish to "liberate" the carcasses for home use or, if vegetarian, make a midnight donation of the skinned and quartered quadruped to a food bank or homeless shelter. A surge of direct action of this sort is the proper response to the recently defeated proposal to raise AUM fees, which allows the welfare rancher to continue to trample the public and the Earth.

Earth First!
—QUIN THE ESKIMO

Dear Editors,

What originally attracted me to Earth First! was deep ecology and conservation biology united with no compromise direct action and a sense of humor. There seems to be a conscious decision by the editors to exclude the first two. Is it felt that the present generation of EFlers are too shallow to comprehend conservation biology? Are they too spiritually bankrupt to appreciate the insights of deep ecology? Do EFlers believe "religion is the opiate of the masses" and thus exclude it? Do the editors exclude conservation biology and deep ecology because they don't want them in the journal, or because readers don't want them, or because submissions are no longer coming in?

A sense of humor and the ability to laugh at ourselves and society is sorely lacking in the journal. We also need to guard against the "true believer" syndrome or we will be labeled the fundamentalists of the environmental movement. To those readers who found Canyon Frog's "The Compleat Radical Woman Environmentalist" so offensive, I say lighten up. There have to be ways to empower women that are more worth your energy than this nitpicky critiquing.

I also miss seeing book and music reviews. Literature is one of the most powerful tools to change consciousness and society and move one towards action.

How is the plan of revolving editors working? It would be nice if more information on this experiment was given to the readers. Will the collective plan be kept even if it is driving the journal into the ground? Except for reports on direct action we don't know what we are getting from issue to issue. The initial excitement of action reports becomes a constant manic hum of anxiety and stress. We need fresh ideas to educate and inspire. Is this a newspaper or a journal? If the journal is the voice of the movement we should be told if it is getting stronger or weaker. If it is losing readers perhaps some changes should be made. Foreman and Davis, who were roundly criticized for their editorial policies, were more open about the workings of the journal than

are the present editors. They also seemed to be doing something right because all sorts of folks were jumping on the Earth First! bandwagon.

I've seen letter after letter in the journal from disgruntled readers. We used to see letters in the old journal from folks saying how glad they were to have found EFl. Where are they now? This says something about the job you are doing. The movement needs constructive criticism that helps us grow; the editorial collective states it wants to be more receptive to its readers. Let's test them on it.

Why are writers such as George Wuertner and Tom Stoddard no longer in the journal? Why not have regular columns by some of our better writers? I think people in the editorial collective are doing a fairly good job, though, and it's great to see all the new voices speaking.

Lastly, do you really think that printing items such as Bonobo Baby in the Beltane issue and the picture of eight nude men in Lughnsadh help our movement? Is this underground comix or an environmental journal? Whatever happened to monkeywrenching?

Please don't respond to me by publishing my letter and answering with silence.

Abbey lives,
—HAL ROWE

Dear Hal, what's worse:

Conservation biology, Deep Ecology, and Religion: we don't get a lot of good or appropriate submissions. Send in something new and well written, and we'll print it; science and eco-philosophy deserve careful treatment. In Mabon, the last issue, we ran a book review of *The Greening of the Church*, an example of Catholic environmentalism. After all, we cannot print what we don't receive from our readers/contributors.

Humor: Lord how we try. We think we're funny, and put funny things in the journal. We can't do anything about the tone of contributed articles we print, and some of our jokes and cartoons don't make it. Sorry. It's ironic that you criticize us for lack of humor and then complain about a cartoon (Bonobo Baby) and a photograph (Naked men at the Rendezvous). A lot of people found the former hilarious, others found it to be in poor taste. What can I say? Apparently, to those who were there, the men's dancing was one of the funniest things they'd ever seen. Where's your sense of humor now? The naked human body, when not objectified and exploited, is not pornographic or obscene. On the other hand, you tell women to stop whining about being portrayed as invitingly half naked with big breasts etc. in drawings we have printed. I sense a contradiction.

True believers/fundamentalists: you can't get a room full of EFlers to agree on any particular eco-ideology, let alone ascribe to some monolithic and intolerant belief system.

Book reviews: in the last issue we printed four book reviews, including one by George Wuertner about whom you inquired. (Tom Stoddard's infamous oral sex article was published in the Ostara/March 20 issue).

Revolving Editorial Staff: it seems to be working as far as I can tell. We inherited @ 5,000 subscriptions from Tucson, lost a whole bunch immediately, and have climbed back up to around 3,000 now. Our readership is larger (many copies are given away, sold singly etc.), but there's no way to measure that. People write in and tell us they hate us, others tell us they love us. Sometimes they do so in a Shit fer Brains; then you see it in print. Continuity in the publishing process is provided by long-term staffers who rotate in and out. As for continuity in content, I'll say it again: what you get when you read the journal depends on what we get as submissions from readers.

Actions: well, uh, what is EFl about if

not action? It's a shame you find action stories stressful and uninteresting, but those who put their freedom on the line deserve recognition of their struggle, and a bit of glory too.

Constructive criticism: please. We want your input. If you care to submit it in print, everyone gets to hear. Of course, informed criticism is also a big help.

Monkeywrenching: in the last issue we began a feature entitled *Earth Night* which describes, hypothetically and for entertainment purposes only, alleged techniques of this sort.

You asked to be responded to in print, something we don't normally do for DSFB. I hope we've answered your questions.

—JAMES BARNES, for the collective.

Dear SFBs,

I was at the recent Earth First! Rendezvous in Ripton, Vermont. I really enjoyed meeting so many radical and committed environmentalists. My only criticism was the heavy use of alcohol at the Rendezvous. I don't care for Booze and think it is the world's worst drug! I've done my share of experimentation with drugs and the most obnoxious and dangerous drug is definitely alcohol. Booze has killed and injured more people than all the illegal drugs combined! If you feel that you've just got to take the edge off your reality, try grass, or peyote or mushroom. I don't take any drugs anymore, but I think Booze dulls your senses and lowers your consciousness, and makes people act stupid. People should try to raise their consciousness to a higher level without taking anything. John Muir and Henry David Thoreau weren't Boozers and they didn't need to take any drug to have communion with nature. They were on a natural high from being in love with nature. I'm sure it was easier back then to experience nature on such a higher level. But we can all have those sacred experiences, even today. Maybe we should try to get our own personal life together. I know it isn't easy living in this insane society. Our minds can get so confused, distracted and dulled by living so out of touch with nature. Drinking Booze isn't going to help anyone cope better with modern day life. It isn't going to help us realize the connections between things and the unity of all life. It will only weaken us.

How can anyone heal their broken spirit and regain their sacred sense of connection with the Earth if they drink Booze? They just go numb. I really feel people are missing a lot in life when they drink. The beautiful national park, a sacred site in Ripton, Vermont, was a perfect place to have communion with nature. Nature will heal us if we just let her. The greatest thing you could ever learn is to love nature, and let her love you in return. We've got to heal the Earth, but we also should heal ourselves. If you really need to drink Booze, drink it back in the city or suburbia, but don't bring it to such a sacred site. Thanks, Peace.

Earth First! Always! Namaste,
—DAVE CUTLER Forever Green Mountains, Vermont

EFl Journal:

This document grew out of a feeling for a need to state solidarity with the Arizona 5 defendants as the trial ended, a perceived need to recognize and name, in a realistic but not paranoid way the context we are operating in, and a need to reassert the fact that we're still here, fighting for the planet and will remain so, and to call for/reassert unity.

This statement will be circulated within Earth First! circles, and within the larger environmental and progressive movement circles.

Earth First! Statement of Solidarity & Unity

The Arizona Five Conspiracy trial has ended with a plea bargain. The United States Government has dropped most charges, including its grandiose allegations of anti-nuclear conspiracy. This was not a victory for Earth First!, but neither was it a victory for the FBI and the government. They have put people in jail, but they have not crushed the movement.

From the splashy bust complete with heavily armed FBI SWAT team commandos, to the prosecutor's obsession with terrorism and revolution and the media's innuendos of nuclear meltdown, this trial was a set up. The US government portrayed people associated with Earth First! as sinister and violent. It sought to erode the support and good will Earth First! has earned from taking action in defense of the Earth. It has tried to marginalize us within the environmental movement and in the public eye.

With the help of the FBI and an accommodating press, the government has been molding a political climate which allows planetary poisoners and despoilers to continue their destruction unfettered.

Prison sentences, but not for the Real Criminals

The judge sentenced four of the Arizona defendants to prison. He put Mark Davis away for six years. Contrast these sentences with the slap on the wrist given to felons who are leaders of corporate America. On July 3, 1991, for example, the entire Board of Directors of International Paper Company in their plea bargain, pled guilty to five felony counts stemming from its factory in Jay, Maine, having violated federal environmental laws. The COMPANY was fined. But the Directors who steer the corporate giant paid no fines, got no jail time or on probation. In fact, they retain their Director positions with International Paper and continue to run this heavily polluting multibillion dollar company. And that's not all. Three weeks after the plea bargain bail out, President Bush appointed International Paper's CEO, John Georges to the President's Commission on Environmental Quality.

Repression as History

So the same United States Government that winks at the destruction caused by International Paper and other major polluters and destroyers acts as prosecution, judge and punisher of citizens trying to prevent destruction and poisoning of the planet. This is the government which is itself a great poisoner and destroyer. It is the government that has a history of infiltrating and disrupting citizen movements for social change here and abroad.

We do not have to go back too many years to recall the FBI's assaults on the Black Panther Party, Viet Nam War protesters, the American Indian Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador; or the FBI's and the Oakland Police's attempt in 1990 to frame EFl organizers Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney after assassins tried to kill them.

Our Ethical Duty

Each of us chooses how to respond to the wrongs which are going on around us. Earth First!ers engage in civil disobedience and actions confronting the destructive forces because we believe we have an ethical duty to do so. We hope for increasing public support. But unlike corporate executives, we do not expect to escape the consequences of our actions.

The Arizona Five defendants, committed activists every one, have endured a great deal of harassment and hardship these past months. They followed their consciences and made their

decisions to negotiate and accept this plea bargain. As fellow activists, we respect their decisions.

But despite the Government's infiltration, entrapment, use of snitches and provocateurs;

Despite the blatant harassment by the FBI of EFlers in Montana, including raids, threats and a grand jury investigation yielding no arrests;

Despite the bombing and attempted frame-up of two California EFl activists;

Despite the violent campaigns against EFl activists and other environmentalists, carried out by hate groups like the Sahara Club and the Stompers;

Despite the unreliable and sensationalistic coverage of Earth First! by the mainstream media;

Earth First!'s dedication to the preservation of biological diversity on this planet is unwavering. We are living in a time of unprecedented mass extinction of species. This is no time to back off or slow down.

So we will continue to take action in defense of the wild.

We will continue to put the Earth first.

Alive and Wild

Despite the disruption, Earth First! is alive and well. Earth First! is alive and wild. We are on the front lines, fighting for James Bay and the caribou, organizing for Mount Graham and the red squirrel, defending the Redwoods and the marbled murrelet, old growth and spotted owl, raising hell for the Rainforests and the Penan. We are in the Shawnee National Forest, in the Everglades, in northern Wisconsin.

We are everywhere.

We will persevere and we will intensify our efforts. We will take the offensive against corporate and government tactics, as Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney are doing with their lawsuit against the FBI and the Oakland Police. As environmentalists, we must stand up for the planet. As citizen protesters, we must also defend and preserve our — and the Sierra Club's, and the Audubon Society's, and everyone's — ability and right to do so. We must allow the common goals we share to unite us and not let the differences in tactics divide us.

We know, from our own experience that the government and corporations will keep trying to isolate us; that they will keep trying to throw us into jail. We know they will exploit disagreements within Earth First! and among different environmental organizations to erode our unity and effectiveness. We know they will use violence and threats of violence.

But we will not be intimidated.

In *Common Sense*, Tom Paine wrote: "Beneath the shade of our own vines are we attacked; in our own houses, and on our own lands, is the violence committed against us."

More than two hundred years later, Paine's words take on a new meaning. And so we must keep demanding what we know must be done. We will be careful, and we will be smart. And we must unite as we organize, educate, agitate, and yes, monkeywrench, to defend this Earth.

- KAREN PICKETT, Canyon, CA
- LYNN JACOBS, Tucson, AZ
- JUDI BARI, Willits, CA
- RICHARD GROSSMAN, Provincetown, MA
- MIKE ROSELLE, Washington DC
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- KAREN WOOD, Eugene, OR
- BOB KASPAR, Madison, WI
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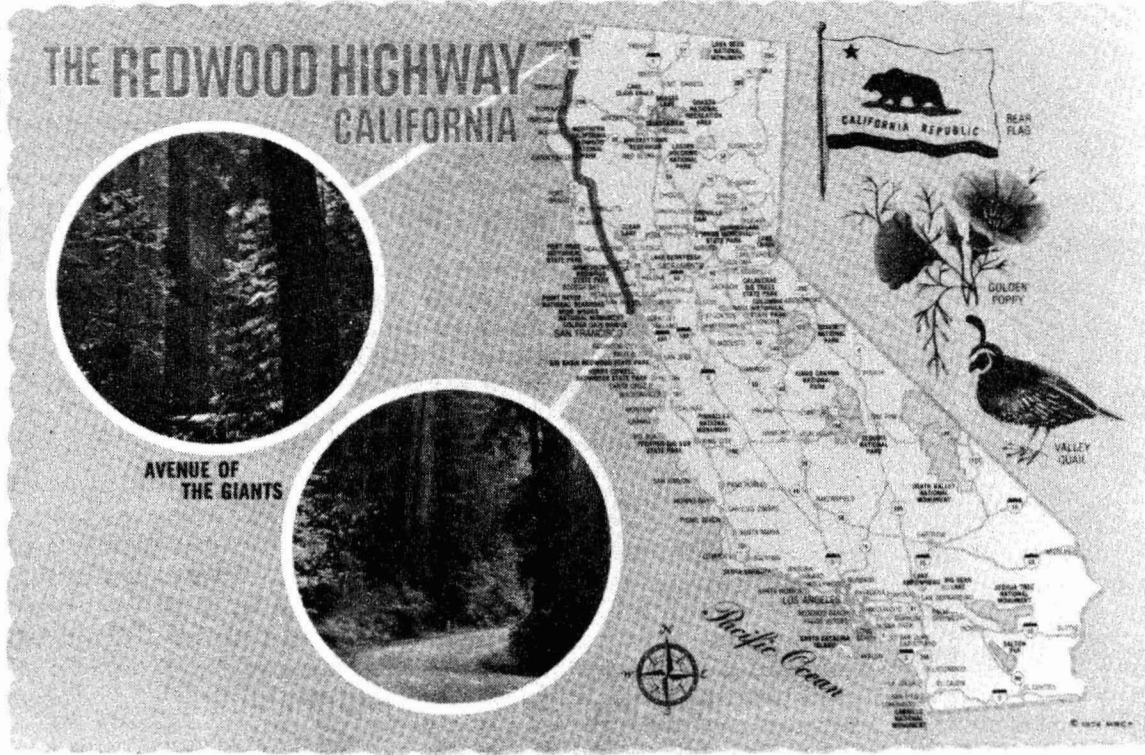


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EF!!!

Here's a map (fig.1) so you start charting your course for Redwood Summer #3. It's going to be positive. Please post this map up on the wall somewhere so that the subliminal suggestion will infiltrate the subversive subconscious. HEY NOW — You all are doing a great job with the newspaper!!! Kill the fucking cows!!! Right on! SPIKE for the trees! Yeah! But the thing to be emphasized is that these acts are *positive*. Make sure that the focus of the paper is *for* rather than *against*, and we will succeed!!!! Here is a contribution: *POEM* written while hanging loose at the Statue of Liberty 12/21/90 — The CIA
Is gonna have their way
Until the day

When all the people say,
We're not gonna pay
For your Armageddon play,
And we can't delay

HOKA HEY!!!
BY TOM JOAD, ON THE ROAD
ANCIENT SPIRIT HELPERS SHINE
THEIR LIGHT OF WISDOM ON YER
WERK. LOVE VIBRATIONS TO YOU
ALL.
—TJ

MATE SPIKE

—KELPIE WILLSIN, Cave Junction, OR
Please circulate this statement within your own network circles as you see fit. For a copy, with additional signers, or to comment, write EFl, PO Box 83, Canyon, Calif. 94516 (Include copying and postage costs if you can)

I thought about those brave women sitting in the redwoods facing angry loggers. I remembered all those past campaigns, like the Sinkyone, the Cathedral Forest, '87 and '88 in the Kalmiopsis. Dave who? No photos from those places either.

Through his petty vindictiveness, verbal and written attacks on activists in the field, and profiteering off the backs of many brave and idealistic folks out in the wild places often risking their lives, Foreman's sole concern has been himself. Now I write this hardly underestimating the effect that looking up a barrel of a .357 at sunrise with a host of uninvited police officers hovering over your bed can have on ones mental balance, particularly since this happened to me not so long ago. This terrorism and Foreman's subsequent journey through the FBI's sick version of justice in America triggered what was a growing frustration with his inability to control the direction of the movement to suit his personal needs, into a frantic attempt to remake himself into a "new conservationist", one more likely to receive mercy at the hands of his captors. In the process he did his best to divide, denigrate and undermine the movement and fellow activists.

Surely the FBI must have been jumping with glee at this unexpected dividend. For the FBI, Earth First!, like the American Indian Movement (AIM), would be chopped up and cast to the winds of history. But such is not to be. Shaking off the wounds, we rise again.

Mother Earth is strong and we believe in Her strength, not theirs.

That's where the FBI got it wrong. It was something they couldn't understand. We have no leaders, but we do have leadership. That leadership shows itself everyday in local groups, in the circle, yes even at the computer terminal, because leadership is in all of us and shows through us in a thousand different ways. Leadership by quiet example, out doing the work, be it standing in front of the bulldozers or offering words of solace and support for our brothers and sisters. Cooking up dinner for some hungry activists or cutting down a ski lift on a sacred mountain, doing the work. We can do without leaders urging action through bombastic rhetoric that they would never do, leaders who deny fellow activists and history, leaders who judge but never organize, leaders who think they can steal what can't be owned.

One lesson to be learned from the trial of the Arizona 5 is that leadership is in the movement, it comes from listening to our fellows' council, listening to the Earth and acting, not from one deluded person playing leader.

The way it is,
—STEVE MARSDEN

Dear SFB,

Now that the Arizona 5/FBI trial has ended, hopefully the tribe will move on stronger and more united than ever, but also wiser in the ways of government-corporate manipulation. No one should doubt that the movement presents a fundamental challenge to the status quo, and as such we will continue to be the target of the thought police of this country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both before and since the Arizona bust, many of the classic trademarks of FBI operations against movements of resistance have been used against Earth First! That was what this trial was really about, the attempt to crush an idea and the willingness by people to act on it. "No compromise in defense of Mother Earth, Earth First!" is an idea the corporate state can not tolerate.

The techniques the FBI has used against us vary, such as the planting of false stories in the media, using agent-provocateurs, paying off informers, using propaganda to whip up local hysteria and incite violence against activists, using the court system and jailings, and outright intimidation to break people down. All these tactics serve their purpose of turning us inward through preoccupation with false divisions and distrust, making us less unified, less effective. To this end the FBI's best weapon against us these past years has been our self-proclaimed and media endorsed leader, Dave Foreman.

Last year while working in the Sylvandale office during Redwood Summer, it was with some amusement I received a call from a newspaper reporter asking for a photo of Dave Foreman in the redwoods. After a brief pause to laugh, I said we had no photo and Dave hadn't been in these parts for quite a while. Weeks later, however, Foreman ceased to be so funny. Returning from Murrelet Grove where we had just gotten treesitters up after working all night trying to slow Pacific Lumber's redwood forest slaughter, I was greeted by a press release from these exploiters. In it the quotes savaged activists trying to protect the last of the ancient redwood forests, accused us of not being concerned about wilderness and red-baited us in a style typical of the 1950's. These quotes were not from CEO Charles Hurwitz, but from Dave Foreman.

Dear Shit fer Brains,
To Ol' Bear, Richard M. Bowers, and to the few of the remaining true radicals, rednecks and old-style fighters!

The journal staff censors the radical wild articles and treats us, these who indeed put humanism, western-pseudo-democracy and non-violence second, and Earth First!, in an ashamed way. Anyway, so it's here briefly.

The concept of the last eleven years of Earth First! is shit. Today, we all have to constate that the up-to-now adopted strategy didn't brake or stop the global industrial destruction. It goes on and they just don't care about some 10 to 50,000 worldwide spread local activists.

It's high time for an improved concept. It's time for PROFESSIONALS! I started to set up a private international wilderness liberation army. The aim is to gather a core of five to 30 founding members, highly motivated, not to say fanatic. Me, for example. I am fanatic—I'd rather die or go life-long-term in Jail than to support environmentalist movements obviously senile, cowardly, and smug. We all will keep being guilty only because of our german or american citizenship if we don't continue to find the most successful measure to destroy and stop our industries or states.

If mafia, drug syndicates, and other organized crime are so tremendous successful in obtaining their aim-money-, so why shouldn't that be possible for a smart group of really radical environmentalists? I am convinced that it is possible.

So, contact me, if you could imagine to dedicate your whole life to your conviction, and we will build up, small by small, a powerful private army in the beginning only fund-raising, training ourselves and remaining politically abstinent to enable the growth. Then, beyond a basic capital of several millions, we chose a base in a poor and corrupt third world country, buy some aircrafts, hire some mercenaries and start with the first raids. Always looking for more, non-risky money-sources, more power, more people. In the end,

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BULLETINS AND BLURBS



"Time and trouble will tame an advanced young woman, but an advanced old woman is uncontrollable by any earthly force." — Dorothy L. Sayers

Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Mountain matriarchs, mesa mavens, canyon crones — like old growth forests and still, silent pools — are women who have evolved over time. We intend to safeguard the wild lands of America by:

- supporting wilderness proposals
- educating the public about wilderness values and threats
- protecting the land until Congress does.

Wilderness women have diverse talents - some are artists, some are athletes, some are simply wanderers...if you are a **Great Old Broad***, please join us in this effort. In return, you will be informed about wilderness related activities and about things you can do to help. "We've gone through divorce, death and delivery; we know that things take time."

* This group was formed because we know that everyone is, will be, or would like to be a Great Old Broad. Any woman can join, if she is 45 years of age or older or will declare so in public. Men can join as long as they lie about their gender and say they are at least 45 years old. Men are invited to join the auxiliary "if they can decorate the gym, clean up afterwards or bring a jello mold". We also have associate, nonvoting memberships for those who want to affiliate but cannot yet join. GOB, POB 368, Cedar City, UT 84721

Save Japanese Trout

The rare Satsukimasu trout once ranged throughout the rivers of the Pacific coast of Japan. Now almost all of them have died out due to the destruction of their river habitat by the construction of dams along many of the largest rivers on the Japanese Archipelago.

The Satsukimasu trout is now limited primarily to the Nagara River ... one of the last two dam-free rivers in the whole Japanese Archipelago (which has over 30,000 rivers overall). The Japanese Environmental Agency officially designated the Satsukimasu as endangered in December, 1990.

The Japanese government of Mr. Toshiki Kaifu now plans O.K. construction of a dam that would kill off the last of the Satsukimasu ... for no apparent reason save vague promises of flood control. Help stop this ecological disaster and foster the new environmentalism that is growing within Japan.

Write letters to: **Mr. Toshiki Kaifu**, The Prime Minister of Japan, Prime Minister's Residence 2-3-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100 JAPAN

For more information write: **The Freshwater Fish Protection Association of Japan** 2-2-38 Dojime, Kita-ku Osaka City 530, JAPAN Phone: 81-6-341-7320 FAX: 81-6-341-3117

SOURCE — MICHAEL RUCKER, CENTER FOR MARINE CONSERVATION

Nuclear Licensing Alert

The nuclear lobby is at it again, trying to revive a moribund industry by running to Congress and asking for more favors, more subsidies, more assaults on democracy and the environment. The nuclear companies, the Bush administration, and their allies in congress ignore all of the real reasons why no order for a nuclear plant since 1974 has been fulfilled—high costs, an inherently dangerous technology, radioactive wastes, mismanagement. Instead, they blame us, the American people, and seek to cut us out of the process of licensing new nuclear power plants

We need your help to defeat bills in the US Senate and House that would essentially eliminate the right of citizens and their state and local governments to participate in the licensing process until after a reactor is built.

S.1220, the "National Energy Security Act," sponsored by Senators J. Bennett Johnston (D-LA) and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY), contains a one-step licensing provision that would amend the Atomic Energy Act to deny the right to a public hearing on safety and environmental issues before a reactor is allowed to operate. S.1220, a huge package very similar to George Bush's National Energy Strategy, is a special-interest Christmas tree for the nuclear, coal, auto and utility industries.

S.1220 was passed by the industry-oriented senate Energy Committee in May, but many senators have problems with the bill and, spurred by virtually every national environmental organization, opposition to the Johnston/Wallop bill is mounting.

Over in the House of Representatives, the Energy and Commerce Committee is considering a package of energy proposals, including a one-step licensing provision virtually identical to the one in the Senate bill. HR.1184, authored by Rep. Bob Clement (D-TN), will be offered by Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX).

Not surprisingly, a study by a journalist found that Johnston leads the Senate in campaign contributions from the nuclear industry, with Barton leading the House.

In 1989, the Energy and Commerce Committee defeated a one-step licensing amendment by a 22-20 vote because grassroots pressure forced two of the members to change their votes to protect public participation. Your letters can make the difference again!

S.1220 and HR.1184 would reverse a unanimous 1990 decision by a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. That decision held that, before a nuclear power plant may begin to operate, members of the public must have an opportunity to scrutinize health and safety issues that were not previously considered or resolved in an earlier proceeding.

Send letters to your senators and representatives, and copies to Bill Magavern, USPIRG, 215 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20003.

SOURCE— US PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

PAW Drilling Alert

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED — we need help stopping oil and coal extraction from taking place on the Allegheny National Forest in PA and the Monongahela in WV. We have already filed suit against the USFS on the Allegheny with the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society. We need local support. The Monongahela desperately needs help to file the appeal. Instructions available. Contact me at PAW or leave a response in the Econet en.forestplan conference.

FER THE CRITTERS — BUCK

Bush Redefines Wetlands

The Bush Administration recently proposed to "redefine" what a wetland is—so that millions of acres of wetlands will be defined out of existence.

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other agencies use a guide, called the 1989 Wetlands Delineation manual, to identify and determine the boundaries of wetlands. The current manual requires that three criteria must be met for an area to be designated a wetland: it must have hydrophytic (water-loving) plants; it must have hydric soils; and it must be wet at or below the surface for some period of time. In the past, revisions to this guide have been suggested by a committee of technical experts from the agencies that use it. During this round of revisions, however, decisions about the delineation manual were made by the upper echelons of the Bush Administration. As a result, most of the changes proposed by the White House to this technical document were motivated not by sound wetlands science, but by political pressure from business interests within the Administration acting in collusion with oil, gas, homebuilding and farm lobbyists who wish to deregulate millions of acres of easy-to-develop wetlands.

Citizens around the country concerned with wetlands protection must object strenuously to these changes and put our wetlands program back on sound scientific footing.

It has been estimated that if the proposed changes to the Manual are implemented, from 10% to as much as 30% of all lands currently delineated as wetlands would be excluded from protection under the Clean Water Act, the only federal law which regulates wetlands destruction.

The New Manual

It requires an area to be wet or saturated for 21 days—three times longer than the present definition. This will make it more difficult to protect seasonal wetlands or wet areas suffering from drought.

It changes the definition of "growing season" to meet an agricultural, rather than biological definition. Such changes will particularly impact western and southern states, where wetland plants can begin growing from four to six weeks before the start of the agricultural growing season and thus would not help qualify an area as a wetland.

It requires saturation at the surface for an area to meet wetlands hydrology requirements, whereas the 1989 Manual allowed an area to be wet "at or near the surface." The new "at the surface" requirement is a scientifically useless indicator of wetlands habitat values, as wetlands plants need saturation only in the root zone, not at the surface.

What You Can Do: Write a letter to the EPA, Gregory Peck Chief, Wetlands and Aquatic Resources Regulatory Branch Mail Code A-104F Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street SW Washington, DC 20460 Send a copy of your letter to your senators and representative. Tell them not to support pending legislation that is dangerous to wetlands (HR 1330 and S 1463). Send a copy of your letter to President Bush.

The comment period has been extended until December 15—take advantage of this!
SOURCE—NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

New Great Basin EF! Groups

Two new EF! groups have just formed in the arid interior of the West. A group of Wild Utahns may be found as WUEF! (woof!), POB 510442, Salt Lake City, UT 84151. And Nevada finally has started its "very own and very first EF! branch," Great Basin EF! Contact Jonas Prida, POB 48, Yerington, NV 89447 (702) 463-2954. Both groups are seeking like-minded folks. Get it together, Basinites!

Ever more Shit fer Brains

there will be an artificial, earth-obeying state, its existence guaranteed by deterrence, that organises and controls the (forced) voluntary auto-destruction of the national industries, the accelerated self-reduction of the population in all countries and the (forced) voluntary expansion of national parks and nature reserves.

Towards a released earth!
—HAIMO SCHULZ MEINEN, NATUR-BEFREIUNGSSARMEE (The new savages) Aalen, Germany

Staff,

I talked to your staff person on 10/4/91 concerning your article on page 10, "Shooting Cows, A Novel Idea." Apparently your organization believes that violence with weapons and slaugh-

ter of animals is appropriate to winning the environmental cause. I must, after many years of support, withdraw it, now and forever. Please remove my name and address as a contact person. Also remove my name and current mailing address from your publication, I don't want it anymore. You can consider the balance of money a final contribution, and considering your answer on the phone, put it towards a bail fund, since I believe your attitude will end up with long imprisonment.

I can only say that such reckless, stupid and insane articles that would promote violence of this nature will, in the end, destroy one of the best environmental movements to ever come down the road. It is a shame you alienated almost all true animal rights people

and that your attitude of "expandable life forms" fits in with the mentality of the concentration camp and the gulag.

Thank you,
—GARY VENDETTI

Dear Shit fer Brains,

I was talking to a logger friend who is presently working for MacMillan Bloedel, the company most responsible for ravaging British Columbia's old growth. We got onto the topic of tree farms (i.e. lack of space in placement of trees, monoculture replanting, etc.), and the fact is well known among them, that the quality of 1st growth wood is not comparable to superior tight-grained old growth.

He suggested that "radical environmentalist guys could ring trees"; in

other words, using hatchets around the base in order to remove the first few rings closest to the exterior of every few trees. Eventually, the trees would fall and thus allow sunlight to penetrate the forest, generating essential growth in an otherwise "dead zone." In addition to the added sunlight, the falling tree would create a new nutrient and biomass base at the forest floor, helping to regenerate life thanks to the newly liberated sunlight.

As an added bonus, the affected forest would become a less profitable venture for the company, as well as being a less comfortable area in which to cut (from the logger's standpoint). This could thus help prevent the companies from ever going in the first place.
—From BC, Canada

BOOK REVIEWS

A Story That Stands Like a Dam: Glen Canyon and the Struggle for the Soul of the West

by Russel Martin. Henry Holt, 1991. 354pp., paperback. \$12.95

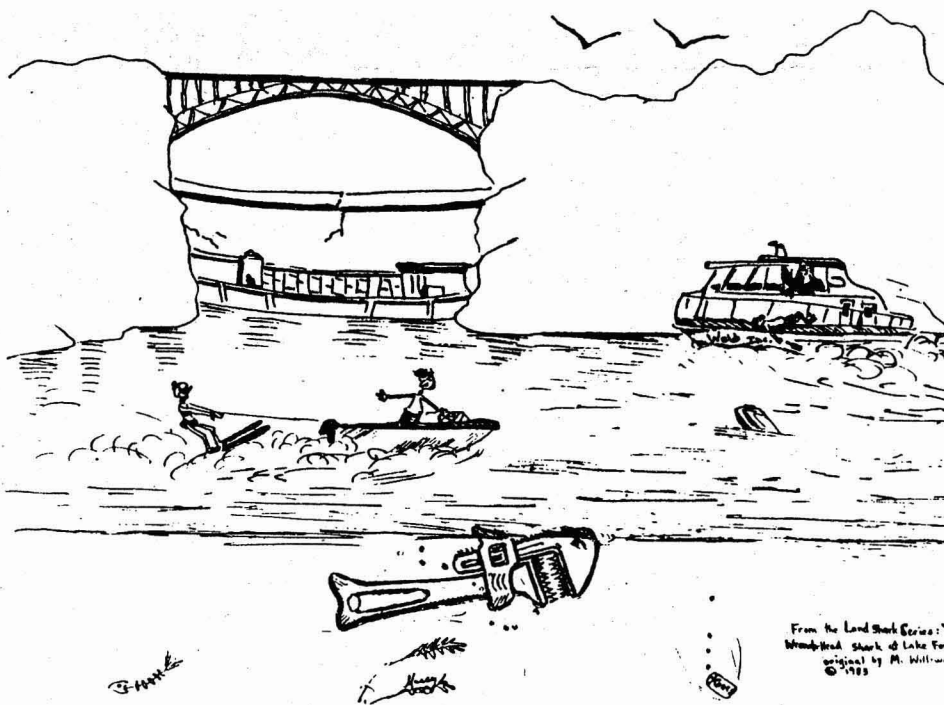
REVIEWED BY MICHAEL ROBINSON

There is only one lie in this alternately serpentine and cascading flow of words: the title. Russell Martin's newly-reissued 1989 history of the murder of Glen Canyon, though monumental, does not stand like a dam; it flows like a river: rapidly, sonorously, like a Canyon wren whose ever-deeper toned notes shift imperceptibly into the muffled roar of distant rapids, then into the choking cacophony of a Caterpillar engine's frightful labor. The subtitle of the book, however, is honest. For through the personalities of the dozens of human characters, as well as through the personality of Glen Canyon herself, Martin illustrates that the second major dam on the Colorado took on a symbolic resonance for both pro and anti-river forces that dwarfed the import of Hoover Dam—the first great blow at the River, over thirty years older.

For symbolism, this epic tragedy sported human ironies rivalling the mysteries of the great Rio Colorado herself. In 1962, six years after dam construction started and a year before the Bureau of Reclamation closed the gates and the river started to die, a Hollywood movie crew chose Glen Canyon as the site for filming "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Not the story of the dam building, this movie was about Jesus, and the director decided that "the canyonlands country somehow felt more like the ancient Holy Land must have felt than did the contemporary countries in what once was ancient Palestine." Three thousand residents of newly-constructed Page, Arizona joined in the

filming and production of the movie that portrayed the Colorado as the River Jordan, the river in which Jesus was baptised. And yet, an adolescent religiosity gripped this multitude in their task of building the dam that would "reclaim" the site that so resembled the Holy Land.

But the greatest lesson we can learn from the destruction of the largest wilderness then alive in the lower forty-eight is the sovereignty of substance over symbolism. The organized environmental groups of the nation strenuously lobbied for damming Glen Canyon as an alternative to dam in Dinosaur National Monument. For the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society and the Isaac Walton league, the principle of protecting designated Park Service land took priority over protecting an area never before widely acclaimed. They got what they wanted, a dam in Glen canyon and none in the National Monument. The belated realization of the import of this tragedy changed David Brower's life, changed the agenda and style of the environmental movement, and ultimately led to today's adamant resolve not to lose another "place nobody knew." Martin's story stands with Marc Reisner's *Cadillac Desert* as a necessity in understanding why most of our desert has been lost. And who knows, if we taste through this book the bitter blood of the once-great Red River, maybe we can save what is left, maybe we can stop the final scheduled blow at the upstream San Juan River and its La Plata ("the silver") and Animas ("life") tributaries.



From the Land Shark Series #2, Woodblock print of Lake Paul, original by M. Hillman © 1988

Skywater

by Melinda Worth Popham.

Copyright 1990, published by Ballantine Books, 243 pages.

REVIEWED BY KAREN DEBRAAL

My dad, a high-school English teacher, frequently hands me a box of books he's read and I've learned to respect his off-hand comments on which books are good. "You'll like this one, it's incredible—good story on coyotes," he tersely remarked upon pulling *Skywater* by Melinda Worth Popham out of the box. After reading it, I'd say that is a fine summation.

The novel follows the lives of a pack of coyotes and an old couple, all of them living way out in the Sonoran desert. Popham weaves in the horrifying methods of coyote eradication, pressures on wildlife caused by water poisoned from copper mine tailings, and the effects on wildlife of roads and military proving grounds. The methods of coyote eradication described have been or are currently in use. The interactions and behavior of the coyotes are based on fact and gleaned from various individuals and books. Popham also makes use of factual information concerning wildlife and military testing procedures followed at Yuma Proving Grounds. In the vein of *Watership Down* by Richard Adams, the novel is seen mainly from the vantage point of the coyotes, detailing their lives and struggles. Chapters and sections are also seen through the eyes of the eccentric old couple, whose lives are deeply connected to that of the coyotes living by them. Popham writes directly, clearly, with humor and deep compassion.

The storyline is an epic adventure with experiences bordering on the mystical. It begins with the old couple, Hallie and Albert Durham, dumping a sack of turds in their well, which has been fouled by abandoned copper mine tailings. They are giving a message to their wild animal friends that the water isn't fit to drink. Brand X, their favorite coyote (they name all the animals after commercial products) and the protagonist of the story, watches and realizes that he must now deal with scant water courses. He decides to seek *Skywater*, a place where all coyotes long to be, where the water is as vast as the sky. It is an ancestral, spiritual place. As he howls his intentions, the six other coyotes in the area hear and decide to go with him.

Their journey takes them through harrowing obstacles such

as the Yuma Military Proving Grounds, encounters with slob trappers and federal animal control officers. Only three of them reach the ocean, the *Skywater* of their dreams. They find it undrinkable, the place of spirits. One of the little pack swims to an island he sees in *Skywater*, his disillusionment giving birth to a new quest. Brand X and Chieko decide to go back home as Brand X sees a dead fish and is reminded of a fossil fish imbedded in the rock of his den. Once home, they find the stone fish moved. Albert tells them he moved it to use as a tombstone for Hallie's grave, as she always wanted to see the ocean but never did. He says it is a souvenir for her. Brand X licks it, tasting the salt of Albert's tears and he thinks of *Skywater*, spiritwater.

I thoroughly enjoyed this story. It goes beyond allegory into reality: the coyotes and the old couple face daunting and often terrifying obstacles in their journeys. It made me cry with the rage borne of injustice and abysmal sadness. What begins as a quest ends with a question and I was inspired by the way the various characters dealt with this. An interesting aspect of the story is the role that Coyote plays in the human psyche, from the Native American to that of Old Europe. Coyote is more than just a trickster... Coyote goes deep, arousing feelings of mystery and awe. Popham's coyotes are grounded in reality but they are no less inspiring for it. This is a story for anyone who can identify with difficult journeys, coyote or otherwise, and the insight that can be gained from them. It is entertaining, educational, and could even motivate the uninitiated into protecting wildlife and wilderness. And as a firmly avowed bunny-hugger from hell, who loves nothing better than a great animal story, I say check it out!



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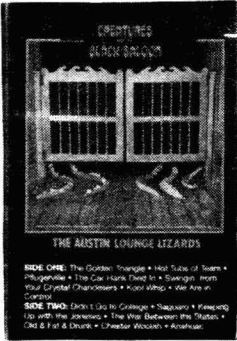


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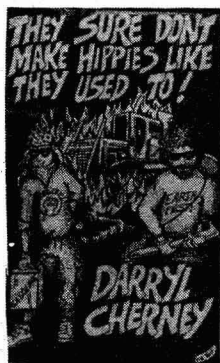
Austin Lounge Lizards "Highway Cafe of the Damned"
The Lizards drop to new depths with their second tape featuring the title song; Cornhusker Refugee; Industrial Strength Tranquilizer; Wendell The Uncola Man; Acid Rain; I'll Just Have One Beer; Dallas, Texas; The Ballad of Ronald Reagan; When Drunks Go Bad; Jalapeno Maria; Get A Haircut, Dad; The Chester Nimitz Oriental Garden Waltz. \$9.

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Darryl Cherney "I Had To Be Born This Century"

Darryl is a singin' fool and organizing dynamo who has taken the North California Coast by storm and earned the eternal enmity of Charlie Hurwitz and MAXXAM. His first smash album includes: Earth First!; Where Are We Gonna Work When The Trees Are Gone?; Chernobyl Blues; My Stereo Comes From Japan; It's CAMP; Eel River Flood Of '86; Give 'Em Hell, Sally Bell; Big Mountain Will Not Fall; Dave Foreman Called On The Ice Age This Year; Mosquito Party; and more! Liner notes with words included. \$9.



Darryl Cherney "They Sure Don't Make Hippies Like They Used To!"

At long last, Darryl took time out from his many blockade and demonstration gigs to record some of his latest radical tunes. Besides the title song, this has: Xerox The Money; Board of Forestry Song; Potter Valley Mill; Earth First! Maid; You Can't Clearcut Your Way To Heaven; Free The Dead; We're All Dead Ducks; Ballad of Don Hodel; Knocking on Extinction's Door; Ballad of the Lonesome Tree Spiker; Stop the War; Running For My Life; Where's Bosco?; Spike A Tree For Jesus; This Monkeywrench of Mine. Includes lyric sheet (complete with chord notations) and a classic burning 'dozer cover. \$9.

Darryl Cherney "Timber"

Darryl's latest, with Judi Bari and George Shook, features old favorites like Earth First!, Where Are We Gonna Work When The Trees Are Gone?, Which Side Are You On? and You Can't Clearcut Your Way To Heaven and new songs like Earth Night Action, Arizona Power Lines, Who Bombed Judi Bari?, L-P and more. Liner notes with words included. \$10



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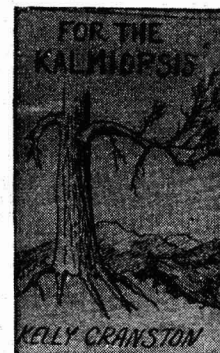
A poetic journey into the artist's magical world, set to the music of man and the music of nature. A return to awareness and sensitivity, to our wild and true selves, alive and free. Gary Snyder says, "Full Circle is a surprising experience; archaic, fresh, future; wild, refined, all at once. Which should be no surprise—that's how the real world is—my respects to Lone Wolf Circles." 27 poems for \$10.

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Live recordings of the Deep Ecology Medicine Show featuring Wolf's primal poetry backed by a variety of musicians. Well engineered, this tape captures the spirit of a road show and makes you want to go out and do something. \$10.

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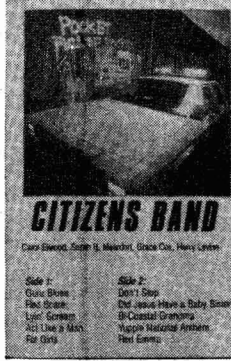
Kelly Cranston "For the Kalmiopsis"
Wilderness activist Kelly Cranston escaped from the hinterlands of New Mexico with a love of the land, a wicked sense of humor and a keen eye for Amurrican culture. After honing his music beside countless campfires, he finally put some on tape. Besides the title song, this includes Dragonfly, Country Song, Public Lands, The Greenhouse Effect (The American Response), Northern Pines, Free the Wolf, All of Stone, You Bet!, and Wisdom of Growing Older. \$9.



BUY!

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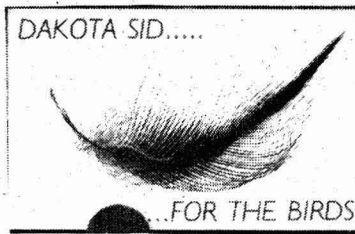
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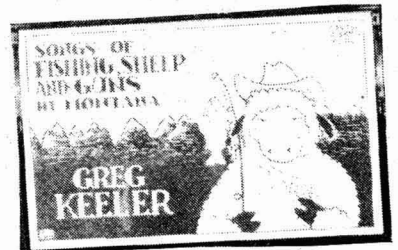
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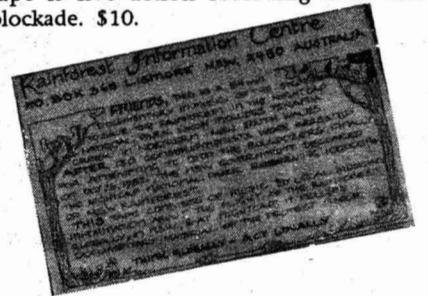
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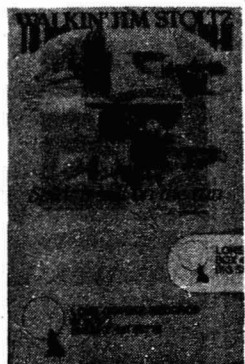
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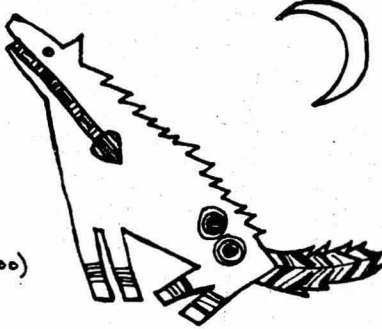
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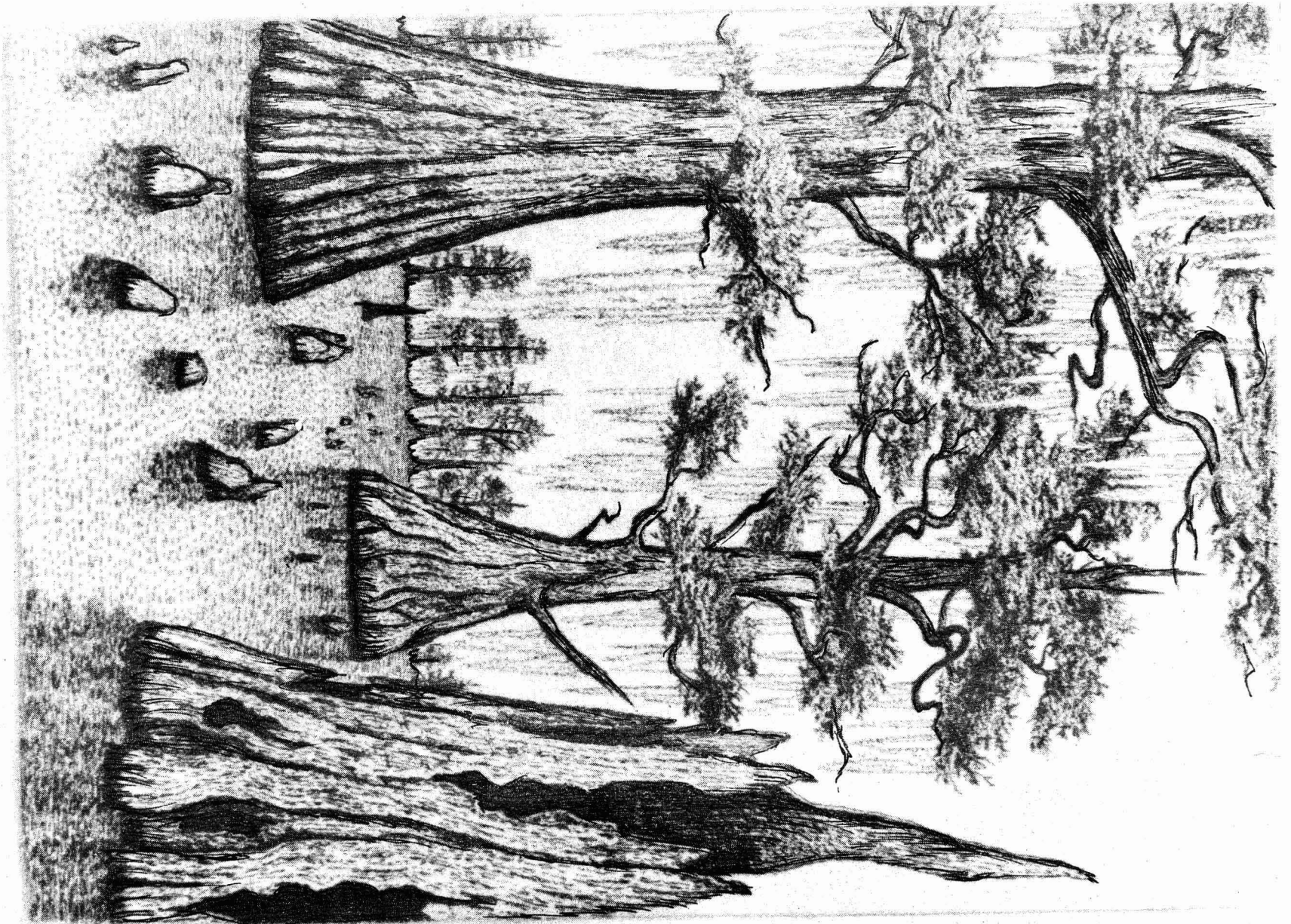
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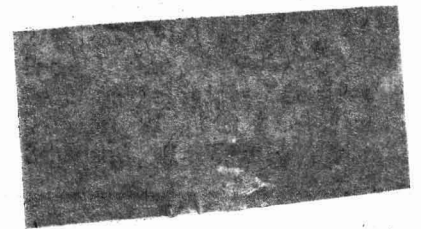
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