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California Rally

EF! California-Wide Meeting and Protest Rally

To be held 20 miles from the Geographic Center of California

The EF! California-Wide meeting and SAFE (Sierra Association for Environment) protest rally will take place on Saturday, August 28, 1982, in the Dinkey Creek, California vicinity. Earth First!ers from all over California and the west will join SAFE in protesting the logging of the McKinley Grove of giant sequoias and the damning of Dinkey Creek. Rally activities will take place at the McKinley Grove of redwoods and at Dinkey Creek. The California-wide EF! meeting will convene at Dinkey Creek.

For those of you who missed the last issue of this newsletter, the U.S. Forest Service has slated McKinley Grove, a unique virgin stand of giant redwoods, for a timber sale. Efforts on the part of SAFE to try to halt this travesty through the Forest Service appeals system have failed. The Forest Service has never really addressed the concerns expressed by SAFE.

Our protest at the grove will be a peaceful meditative presence. We want the Forest Circus to know that we will not tolerate the rape of McKinley Grove.

The damning of Dinkey Creek, also discussed in the last issue of this newsletter, is being planned by money-greedy water hustlers. SAFE has been opposing this project actively since 1978. Dinkey Creek is the west fork of the north fork of the Kings River. The damning of this river would add only a drop in the bucket to agricultural water storage. The project's main purpose as a power plant would have very limited success and will most certainly cost more in energy to build, recreation opportunities lost, habitat destroyed, and plain old dollars than it would generate.

The protest rally at Dinkey Creek will be a statement of our opposition to the damning of Dinkey Creek. Speakers, singing, swimming, and symbolic actions will be the main components of the rally. The California-wide EF! meeting will follow the protest. A typical EF! party will follow the meeting.

For those arriving the night before the rallies, there will be an opportunity to sleep in the bosom of the redwoods. For those who wish to stay through Sunday, there will be a pilgrimage to Hetch Hetchy. The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, August 27

Early arrivals bring sleeping bags and retire at dark to McKinley Grove to sleep in the bosom of the redwoods, close to the heart of Mother Earth. (No tents, no fires!) A SAFE member will meet you and direct you

from 6 PM until dark. This will be a quiet and meditative activity. (How many of you can say that you have slept at the foot of a giant sequoia?)

Saturday, August 28

10:00 AM—Assemble at McKinley Grove for a "Meditative Observance." Poetry, music, ceremony, and silence will highlight this event.

1:00 PM—Gather at McKinley Grove Road bridge over Dinkey Creek for a rally to protest the damning of Dinkey Creek. Dave Foreman, Johnny Sagebrush, and others will be there.

2:30 PM—Rally will move to the damsite for swimming in the best pothole in the river.

5:00 PM—The first California-wide EF! meeting at SAFE member's cabin near Dinkey Creek. Directions to this to be announced at the rally.

7:00 PM—Typical EF! party at the same place as the EF! meeting. Bring your own.

Sunday, August 29

2:00 PM—Assemble at Hetch Hetchy Dam, Yosemite National Park for a ceremony protesting the existence of old dams as well as the new. (This is the damn that John Muir and the Sierra Club tried to stop in the early part of the century). Hope to see you at the Hetch Hetchy pilgrimage even if you cannot make it to Dinkey Creek.

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RRR Tells Getty Where to GO

by Bart Koehler and
Pete Dustrud

After several days of heavy rain up on Little Granite Creek, the skies broke clear. It was a good sign for July 3rd. The colorful flags (Don't Tread on Me, 48-Star American Flags) on Spur's truck/stage, the wildflowers and beautiful Gros Ventre Range set the scene for the Rally. By noon, hundreds of people had arrived. The official estimate for the rally was 500 people—Many came from Teton County, the rest from all over the country.

The Show

Howie Wolke, a back-country guide from Jackson Hole and a founder of Earth First! kicked things off as emcee for the Rally. Calling for a "new offensive in the defense of the American West" he stated, "Don't be fooled that rallies don't count, that marches don't count, that arrests don't count. Stop being on the defensive, stop apologizing and stop compromising."

Cecilia Ostrow, singer/songwriter from Eugene, Oregon then lofted her pure voice across the meadows. Cecilia's music blended so well with the forest that the crowd could truly listen to the song of the mountains. She sang several times later during the rally—bringing a sense of calm and wonder to the audience.

Poet Artful Goodtimes recited a number of stirring poems including "A Prayer for the Great Family," by Gary Snyder. The powerful poet told how "words are a kind of legal dynamite." He read his poem, "Earth First," and led chants of "Earth First!" that carried across the mountain valley like rolling thunder.

Two prominent conservation figures in Wyoming offered lively performances during the rally. Bruce Hamilton, Northern Plains representative of the Sierra Club spoke of disastrous plans to sell timber in the eastern Gros Ventre Range and taunted Getty Oil for having its own radical fringe group, "Oil First!"



Jack Pugh, a State Representative from Green River smilingly urged the crowd to "undress your politicians and get down to the bare facts."

Pinedale, Wyoming poet (also horse-packer, guide, silversmith, and construction worker) Zac Reisner held the crowd with tales of moose and elk, rivers and trees, closing with the phrase "The stars are in us, and we are in them."

Cecil Garland, Utah rancher and legendary conservationist (and an inspiration to all that have met him), quietly took the stage, stating, "I'm here on behalf of the Utah Wolf Grower's Association." His speech (often interspersed by cheers and laughter) proclaimed, "Never expect intelligent leadership and guidance from authority. Never bow to authority." He ended his speech by saying he has been impressed by Earth First's "utter humility before the ecosystem" and was proud to join forces with Earth First!, "I raise my fist, also," he concluded.

It was then time for a lively musical break and a special surprise for the crowd. Johnny Sagebrush jumped on stage and urged the crowd to "stand up and give a big wonderful Wyoming welcome to our favorite son—Mr. James Jehosephat Watt!"

After Johnny played a medley of "Watt Went A'Courtin'" and

"He'll Be Tearing Down the Mountains," the crowd went wild, as Jimmy Watt gleefully took the stage.

Watt exclaimed that he was thrilled to help with the rape of the Gros Ventre. Waving to the crowd he yelled, "Trust me, trust me." He then leaped into the crowd to shake hands and kiss babies, but he didn't get very far. A rogue grizzly bear sprang from the woods, lassoed Watt and threw him to the ground. No one came to the rescue as Watt was mauled and hauled away.

It was time for Ed Abbey. The soft-spoken, reluctant media star had been hunted by press people all afternoon, yet once he stood on the stage, his message was clear: "God Bless America, let's save some of it now, all of it later."

Abbey told the audience, "I'm here today in support of the E.R.A. I mean Equal Rights Amendment, or equal rights for rocks, and for trees and grass and clouds and flowing streams and bull elk and grizzly and women—yes, ladies I also support the E.R.A. for women..."

After a number of cheers he stated, "What we need in this so-called democracy is a little bit of democracy, rule by the people. The best cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy..."

Looking to the mountains, he said, "Our work begins right here. In the good old U.S. of A. In the American West. In Wyoming and Little Granite Creek. Oppose, resist and if necessary, subvert."

With a twinkle in his eye, Abbey stated, "Of course, I never advocate illegal action of any kind, except at night, and only, only when accompanied by your parents. So fight back. The revolution begins in our own heads and hearts..."

The rains came next, but it never dampened the spirit of the rally. Rain gear appeared, a canopy was quickly constructed, and Johnny Sagebrush sang a very damp version of "Summertime." Next, Johnny and his special back-up band "The Wild Goose Band" prepared the crowd for Dave Foreman by playing a foot-stomping, mud dancin' original tune "Thinking Like A Mountain."

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Editorial

by Dave Foreman

It seems that EARTH FIRST! is suffering (more properly, benefitting) from growing pains. In a disagreement over publicizing monkeywrenching, Pete Dustrud has resigned as editor of this publication and from EF!. In a sense, we are sorry to see Pete go. He has contributed to the evolution of this paper and has put in long hours for EF!. He has been a friend to many of us. In another sense, it is proper that Pete leaves. From the beginning, EF! has refused to condemn monkeywrenchers. While we don't advocate illegal acts in defense of Mother Earth, we admire those who have the guts to fight.

I encourage you to read Pete's resignation piece. It is important. I also encourage you to read the letters from Gary Snyder and Hank Fonda. But—let's try to look at this issue calmly and in proper perspective. I can't help but feel that a molehill is being transformed into a mountain. I know of no one in EF! who advocates violence against people or even serious industrial sabotage or who wants EF! to officially engage in even minor Monkeywrenching. Most of this controversy is a non-issue.

Gary Snyder is 100% correct in urging EF! to foreswear violence and armed posturing. He is probably correct in calling my past editorial on the subject "sloppy" since my position has been much exaggerated beyond what I meant. I apologize for that. (I do, however, find Gary's ethical comments about machines a hard pill to swallow.) I'm not in favor of violence but I see nothing wrong with individual defensive actions as espoused by Hank Fonda (who is also a practitioner of Zen).

We are not terrorists—not even the "soft-core" variety. We are not an environmental SLA, IRA, or Red Brigade. But we are militant. We are radical. Our symbol is a clenched fist. Not a peace sign. EARTH FIRST! will engage in peaceful civil disobedience (blockades, occupations) to stop Getty Oil in the Gros Ventre, the DOE in Canyonlands, and the Forest Service in the Siskiyous. We will go to jail if necessary. We will not officially spike trees or roads but we will report on the activities of those who do. They are heroes.

EARTH FIRST! may not be able to encompass the entire left-wing of the environmental movement. We will not compromise to try to do so. We will not allow ourselves to be softened by fear or liberalism.

We are what we are. We have been such since our beginning in March of 1980 in San Luis, Sonora. We will try to be open and non-hierarchical. We will try to be as anarchistic as possible. But we do have a philosophy, an approach to political action. That is what is important.

As B. Traven wrote, "This is the real world, muchachos, and you are in it."



This Publication

—Dave Foreman, Editor

I'd like to apologize for any failings in layout and content in this issue of EARTH FIRST! as well as its late arrival in your mailbox. The issue was already late when our previous editor, Pete Dustrud, left in mid-stream.

If you sit still too long, you stagnate. If you don't move, you become a bureaucracy. So, as the new editor, I'd like to say there will be some changes. First, this publication will no longer be called a newsletter. Its name is simply EARTH FIRST!.

This paper will not be a one-person show. Bart Koehler is Associate Editor, Art Gooldtimes poetry editor, and the Jackson WY group of EF! is in charge of mailing. We want to encourage many more contributions of news, local reports, opinions, regular columns, cartoons, art work, and photographs. We'd like help in layout. We particularly would like a person to be in charge of our mailing list.

Beginning with the September 21st issue, this paper will be better organized and less cluttered. Regular features will be in regular places. There will always be a description of EF! and subscription blank in the back.

Besides the mechanics of the paper, we need to confront the philosophy of it. We claim EF! to be a non-organization, a group without hierarchy, a movement. But within this anarchistic ideal we have a publication, maintain a mailing list, and organize events. We have positions and political stands. How does all this square? And, how do you make hard decisions in such a situation? How do you deal with the legal requirements? I am particularly interested in how the publication, EF!, ties in with the movement, EF!

Because EF! is not legally a formal organization, this paper is a private business to meet the requirements of the law. And that may be the solution to our questions. Let EARTH FIRST! be a movement, a non-organization. But within that movement is the publication EARTH FIRST!, an independent entity serving the movement as a communication medium. Subscribing to it does not necessarily make you a "member" of EF!. Nor does one have to subscribe to it to be an EF'er. Despite this differentiation, work on the paper is volunteer and all subscription money (including "profits") goes to fund the issues work of the movement.

We'd like to hear your opinion on this. We'd like to have your help in putting this paper out.



Dear Readers, You now have a New Editor

July 29, 1982

For the past nine months, it has been my pleasure to serve you as the editor of the Earth First! Newsletter. I was excited to get involved with Earth First!, and I was delighted to be appointed editor of this publication. For once, I felt my interests and skills were being put to something worthwhile. It was a lot of work that I didn't mind doing because I was thrilled to be doing something I thought mattered. But the thrill is gone. The new editor(s) of this newsletter has allowed me this space to explain why:

Up until a few days before I would have taken this issue of the EF! Newsletter to press, I had been under the impression that part of my responsibility as editor was that of exercising final approval (or denial) of what goes into print. During the course of the previous five issues, I sent to press a wide array of articles, letters and other items, and though I have not agreed with all opinions and points of view expressed in those pieces, I nonetheless have gone ahead and published them.

One aspect of this newsletter which has always presented problems for me, however, has been the eco-tactics or Ned Ludd column. On several occasions, I expressed my concerns to the EF! Circle over the legal and ethical implications of presenting a column devoted to printing such tactics. During that time, the few "eco-tactic" submissions I did receive progressed from relatively harmless and humorous pranks to ones which I feel border on outright violence. In addition, most of the few reader responses on this subject seemed to reinforce my concerns.

In light of this, I became increasingly uncomfortable with the notion that such a column was productive at all. I now feel an eco-tactics column, such as Ned Ludd, is silly at best, suicidal at worst.

This feeling was especially pronounced when I was confronted with a metal punji stake, or "road-spiking" tactic. Since it has been Dave Foreman who has been most concerned with the Dear Ned Ludd column, I called to tell him that I didn't want to publish the road-spiking tactic, whereupon I found out just how much editorial discretion I had: none. The feeling that my role concerning the newsletter was being reduced from that of "editor" to that of "graphic artist-in-residence" suddenly became very obvious.

I then dropped out of the thirteen-member Earth First! Circle and told them I would also resign as editor if they did not support my right to reject material I didn't see fit to print.

I went back to get on with the already overdue production of this issue, but just prior to press-time, several members of the Circle arrived in town and they

decided, after having read the galley-proofs, that all of the critical letters-to-the-editor, combined with my long editorial, produced too much of a "negative" image of Earth First!

So, after all the work I put into what would have been this issue, considerable pressure came to bear upon me, and I reluctantly consented to hand over the production of the newsletter to Dave Foreman and the other Circle members who were present. Some of the stories and photos in this issue might be mine, but I now have no further involvement with the Earth First! Newsletter, nor do I call myself an Earth Firstler.

Once I pick up the pieces from this experience, I will be attempting to start up a new publication which I am calling "Free Earth: A Journal of the Environmental Movement." (I have grown very fond of this kind of work.) If any of you would be interested in contributing to Free Earth, or would like a free copy when it comes out, or if you would just like to write to me, here's my address from now on:

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Please note that whether you see this message printed in the EF! Newsletter, or read it in the form of a direct letter, this will be my last opportunity to correspond with you: I will be handing over the subscriber index to the new editor(s) as soon as this message is in the mails to you.

Pete Dustrud

Letters

Dear Dave,

Thanks for the invitation to join in the July 4th Wyoming Earth First! rally. I heard about it at many points in February and March when I was traveling and visiting with people in Wyoming and Montana. I'd really like to come. We are finishing up a construction project here (community-built Zendo) and are working right up through that weekend. So I can't make it.

I've been meaning to write you, both to praise and to criticize. The reasons for praise are obvious—Earth First! and its little paper have brought a great breath of fresh air and commitment to the environmental movement. I've been a subscriber from the first issue. As fine as it is to see the sense of humour and the spirit of playfulness of Earth First! though, the underlying seriousness you all present is even more inspiring and more important. So what I must address is the issue of seriousness: If one is truly serious about the potentiality of virtual biological holocaust, one is deadly deliberate and impeccable in one's choice of strategies.

Mere theatrics are not enough, and too much of the "monkey-wrench gang" stance is simply theatrics. Thus, in your editorial,

the half-hearted defense of possible violence in the environmental movement was not serious, but sloppy, and obviously not well-thought-out. Let's just deal with strategy first and leave morality till later:

The adversary: industrial capitalist civilization, has infinite resources for violence on its side. It has long known the technique of talking law and order while sneakily irritating, provoking and ultimately drawing a frustrated violent reaction out of whatever small minority is needling it, and then using that bit of violent reaction as an excuse for massive retaliation. Thus, Wounded Knees I and II. If you'll recollect the Black Panthers, all they really did with guns was posture. They showed guns off but did not, to my memory, actually assassinate or execute anyone. But with the excuse that gun-toting gave them, the FBI was able to shamelessly have Fred Hampton gunned down in his bed. I'm sure Earth First! is already well-infiltrated and that a provocateur from within your ranks will soon be urging some bit of sabotage which will be precisely the excuse the government needs to begin to crack down. Again, Knowledge helps us keep from repeating history: The freedom of the information act materials on infiltration of campus radical groups in the late 60's and 70's is still coming out; more published the other day in the UC Berkeley newspaper. The "movement" was riddled with provocateurs who successfully drove it into unproductive if not downright nasty path. And if anyone thinks that violence against machinery is somehow ok (as long as people don't get hurt) though there may be some argument in that direction, it would be utterly foolish to think that industry and government will take it as a joke. In fact, private property is more sanctified than human life in our culture, and the real reason that **The Monkeywrench Gang** was not bought up and made into a movie is that the destruction of machinery is far more shocking and subversive to the powers that be than any amount of murder and rape would be on film. Also, any quick survey of guerrilla hit-and-run attacks on materials and equipment shows that inevitably people get killed sooner or later and the ante is horribly upped. Earth First! has real work to do: We are not a bunch of bonzo street theater ex-hippies, as much fun as it might be. If violence ever were any only-possible-choice, it would have to be undertaken with true warriors' consciousness, that is to say, the deliberate and thoughtful attitude of one who has investigated and exhausted all other possible avenues, and then turns towards violence with full, sad, precise comprehension of the cause-and-effect chains such an act would generate. There have been cultures where men were trained in true warrior consciousness; this is not one of them. Any talk that condones violence without understanding the warrior's path is premature indeed.

And morally, I am as distressed by the act of blowing up a bulldozer almost as much as I'd be by the death of a human. You wonder why? All materials, all organisms, all machines, all parts and all wholes are worthy of respect. As the ecologist Sterling Bunnell says, bulldozers are funny latter-day elephants, which if used in right time and place would do for the plant communities what elephants used to do around the globe—namely step climax succession back a few phases to increase bio-

mass, by opening the canopy. It's trite to say it perhaps, but we must start turning industrial capitalist civilization around by first noting the traces of it that we carry within us, turning those around as well.

So, in a spirit of brotherhood and friendship, I wish you well, urge you to reconsider your statement on violence, and I'll be behind you all the way but for that one point. Have a great time in July, and you guys swing by here when you are in California and we'll talk by the firepit.

—Gary Snyder, Nevada City, CA

Violence

Those of us who revere life and are enraged by the destruction of our Earth, our American heritage and natural treasure, have been restrained by our scruples. We have correctly rejected violence in our struggle to prevent the destruction of Earthmother's capacity to sustain her children. But we have not prevented the death-machine from consuming eco-systems with increasing rapidity, and the present trends portend disaster. We have been, and are being, defeated in the struggle to preserve the land and its life. Are we who defend the Earth in any way responsible for these losses?

We have allowed the ravagers and exploiters to define violence, and we have accepted their limitations on the scope of our struggle. They destroy our land and lives with their machines and chemical-warfare agents, and they tell us that is "legal." If we resist their lifeless machines, and the evil poisons that corrupt even the bodies of those yet unborn, then we are told that is "violence." Why do we accept such absurdity?

Our bodies are consumed by the cancers of their greed; they ravage our land in the manner of a vengeful conqueror; it is not violence to resist such an assault. It is a well-established legal principle that no crime is committed when property is necessarily destroyed in the defense of (human) life. The narrow anthropocentricity of that legal doctrine must be broadened. Elevations of the people's consciousness are normally manifested in acts of conscience before the power structure accepts the validity of their expanded vision of justice.

The philosophy of justice recognizes at least three categories of "wrongful action:" Acts that are evil in their very nature; those which are wrong because the power-elite says they are wrong; and default of contracts or agreements. We are concerned only with the first category: We want to know if it is wrong in essence to preserve life by disorganizing the material (lifeless) systems that have been organized to ravage the Earth. Simply to state the question clearly is to recognize the absurdity of any legal sanction against those who protect life from the exploiter's machines and poisons. Of course we have the moral right to act against lifeless "property" to preserve the Earth. Such acts of conscience are not violence; they are our

duty, if we are true stewards of this Earth.

The exploiters' overwhelming political and "legal" success forces us to direct action. An active resistance is needed, but tactics of resistance should NOT expose the activist to the repressive forces. An overt resistance would only allow the Reagan-Helms Amerikan-Gothic Junta to arrest our most active people, reducing or destroying their effectiveness, while frightening others into submission.

All action must be non-violent to life; the spiritual force of non-violence together with vigorous and prudent action, will enable us to defend this land. Action should relate to a unifying strategy: To inflict unacceptable economic damage on the anti-social corporations and individuals who are destroying our land and lives. "Where a man's treasure is, there also is his heart," especially an exploiter!

We call on all patriotic Americans to resist this assault by the thieves and facsimile fascists who wrap themselves in our flag! We who defend Earth are the patriot soldiers of our time, but we do not seek the overthrow of the government; we will simply resist their loathsome deeds.

Hands Off Our Mother!

Hank Fonda
Andrews, NC

Dear Editor,

Once a week, on my day off, I walk up Little Granite Creek to pull survey stakes and every week they're already gone. There are more pink ribbons floating down the creek and hanging in the bushes than there are Indian Paintbrushes. I wish whoever's beating me to the stakes would leave some for me and pack out your ribbons. They're telltale evidence, but three more surveys and the trail will look like the aftermath of a homecoming parade.

Death to Getty Oil
Jackson, WY

Dear EF!,

I attended the RRR '82. It was the most impressive play of human spiritual and intellectual potential I have ever experienced. We are a strong group with an important purpose. We'll do well. See you at the Blockade in the Gros Ventre. I'll bring my friends.

—Laurel, Oregon

Dear EF!,

I would like to thank Chim Blea for her strong stance in favor of vasectomies and tubal ligations.

I have another reason for voluntary sterilization. If you are certain you'll never reproduce, you owe it to your sexual partner(s) to burn the reproductive "bridges" behind yourself.

My recent vasectomy meant the death of a 7 year relationship. I simply could not let a woman I loved go on thinking she could talk me into having a child someday.

Chim Blea was right; each additional child means another stand of timber cut, and another oil rig in wilderness.

Have your tubal ligations and vasectomies now!

—C.E., Jackson, WY

Dear EF!

As one, 26 yrs. old, unmarried and childless, who recently had a tubal ligation, I would like to expand on Chim Blea's "Question of Babies".

My decision to be sterilized has been in the making for 8 years. I've consulted many friends, physicians, even a few authority figures, and the same arguments against that incision decision have arisen time and again over the years. I'd like to mention them, shoot 'em straight to hell, and add further encouragement for sterilization of all you sexually active readers.

The most common are: 1) "If folks with values like yours don't have kids, who will be the EF!-ers (Sierra Clubbers, etc.) of the future?" An adopted child, I say, or the child of your best friend. I know adopted children who wouldn't touch a Coors beer if you paid them—values can be passed on separately from genes.

2) "It's very difficult to adopt kids—you might not be able to." Change the adoption procedure, I say! We're radicals. We (many of us) also have experience with administrative/legal procedures for bringing a change. Herein lies another chance for us to set this world straight, should the adoption procedure be crooked. Begin consulting your local adoption agency today.

3) "You may find a mate who really wants to have children with you. It could cause problems in your relationship." For me, the consciousness that inspires sterilization is a basic, bottom-line value that must be shared with whomever I share my life. If he doesn't understand and agree with my incision decision, then he's lacking some of the stuff that constitutes my mate. This could apply to you, too, if you choose it to.

4) "The physical risk is too great." This is a tough one to comment on, as I believe our bodies (such as the Earth's body to whom we are connected) should be treated with care. If you are absolutely and unquestionably able to use some birth control effectively, I admit I recommend that over sterilization. But who is? And, most important, I recommend not having children for the reasons Chim Blea stated. I chose to have confidence enough in the medical profession to risk and sacrifice myself somewhat through the sterilization procedure rather than to force some as yet unconceived person to live a life of sacrifice in a nuclear, asphalt, greed-stricken world becoming more so.

By the way, it cost me too damn much to have this surgery—another bourgeois process we must work to change. But, I'm optimistic we can.

The other afternoon I was bathing in a creek with my friend's 5-year-old daughter. She noticed my scar (which for all you vanity-conscious EF!ers will surely heal and be quite imperceptible) and asked what it was for. I told her I thought there were too many people on the Earth, that too much human and other suffering takes place and that by not making more she could have a better future, as could the antelope like those who trotted across the valley before us and disappeared into the sagebrush. I believe she understood. And I know I feel very, very good.

Sincerely yours, LR, NE Oregon



BEFORE

I'll tell you how my heart aches every time I think about how the great valley of California must have looked before . . . before white man came. They say there were grizzly bears and herds of antelope and elk. The grass stood almost as tall as a man on horseback. The sloughs spread out over the land and the water teamed with life. I wish I could have seen it. Now houses and swimming pools spread out over the valley. Orderly rows of chemical laden and "genetically purified" crops have taken the place of the wild grasses.

And how did the mountains look before? Enormous sugar pines stood side by side forever in the deep forest. The meadows grew green and beautiful with grass and wildflowers. The animals found the meadows cool and inviting. Now they are chewed and eroded. The deer shy away from the meadows which have been trampled by the cattle. The suites of species have changed. Different grasses have been introduced. Trees encroach on the meadows thanks to the lowering of the water table brought on by the stream channelizing and erosion caused by overgrazing cattle. How I would have loved to have seen what it looked like before.

They say Hetch Hetchy Valley rivaled Yosemite Valley. Could it be? My grandfather saw it before it was inundated by the reservoir. He tells me what it looked like. But oh how I wish I could see it myself—before.

I wonder what Coolidge Meadow looked like before it was transformed into PG & E's Wishon Reservoir. They say it was a beautiful valley set among huge granite batholiths. The river meandered through. And now, reopening and extending a wound, they have blasted a tunnel over twenty feet wide through the granite. They just ripped a hole right through the very guts of the mountain. In my dreams I imagine the earth sending a seething mass of magma up to fill the wound. The Helms Project would be no more.

I saw the last virgin stand of giant sugar pines. They went in and logged them all recently. I can't describe how big and marvelous these trees were. Their trunks were eight feet in diameter. They are no more. But at least I saw them. Is that any consolation? The whole forest used to be that way. How I wish I could have seen it!

And what about McKinley Grove? It is a virgin grove of giant sequoias, a forest primeval. And they are planning to log it. Even it is not the same as it was before white man came. People kept out fire which was an important part of the grove's environment. Yet the grove is virtually untouched as compared to the world we live in today. And they are going to log it. How could they? At least I have seen it. But what about those who follow me? I feel such pain.

Then there is Dinkey Creek. My beloved river. They intend to damn it. I feel as if the weight of the damned dam is on my shoulders. All of it. And my heart is breaking. Must we kill the river to survive? Hell no! They must kill the river to make more money. Profits. I look into the deep pools in the granite. The river is so special. It is so beautiful. Dear Dinkey Creek, I want you to know that I am doing everything in my power to save your life. I want your waters to run and live—not stagnate and die.

When I am at Dinkey Creek I can feel a special magic in the air. It is as if all the experiences that ever happened there are still in the air. The spirits of those who have been there stay. I know they are there; I have heard their voices. My voice is among them. The feeling of all their collected experiences wells up inside me and intoxicates me with great joy. But knowing the planned fate of Dinkey Creek makes those spirits cry out to me and in me. The voices of laughing children, the pleasure of a crackling campfire, the bark of a coyote, the song of a brightly colored western tanager, the sound of an Indian woman pounding acorns on bedrock, the full moon filtering through the trees and reflecting on the river, the sound of the wind in the trees, the happy contentment of thousands who have been here—all I see and feel so vividly in my mind, in my heart. If the river is killed, where will these spirits go? I fear they will drown in the dead stagnant water. The pain is at my very center.

For Dinkey Creek, now is the before. And to the voices of the past, I pledge that tomorrow will not be the after.

Forest Nymph

Dear Friends,

Gary Snyder sent me your flyer. Sign me up for EARTH FIRST! Here's \$20 to cover air mail for however long it can. You can list me as a regional contact.

Love of Nature!

John Seed

Rainforest Information Centre
New South Wales, Australia

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are encouraged. Lengthy letters may be edited for space requirements. Be sure to indicate if you wish your name and location to appear. Send to PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301.



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BLM Wilderness and RARE II Coordinators Needed

At a meeting of EF! activists July 4 at the RRR in Wyoming, it was agreed that EARTH FIRST! should become more involved in the Bureau of Land Management's wilderness review and in state RARE II wilderness bills. EARTH FIRST!ers in each state should develop their wilderness proposals for BLM and national forest lands that are larger and more comprehensive than those advocated by moderate conservation groups (Sierra Club, Oregon Wilderness Coalition, etc.). A first step in this process is identifying an EF!er to coordinate the project in each state. If you would like to be the EF! Wilderness Coordinator in your state, contact EF! PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301. We will publish the list of coordinators in the next issue of the newsletter.

Do you wish you had seen the cracking of the Glen Canyon Dam?

See the EARTH FIRST! Calendar.

Cecilia Ostraw



The rains diminished as Dave Foreman took the stage. Dave was in rare form. Whirling around the stage, stomping his feet, waving his arms, jumping high and clicking his heels, he bellowed out his message like a bull elk in the rut. The "Preacher" told a story of head-to-head combat between two Titans—Howie Wolke and James Watt.

In closing his speech, Dave proclaimed, "If we lose at Little Granite Creek they can put holes in any wilderness in the country." He vowed that preservation forces would win because, "We've got the guts, the moxie and the righteousness."

The Blockade

By now the crowd was ready for action. Foreman invited everyone to form a symbolic human blockade across Getty's proposed access road. He jumped off the stage and led hundreds to the roadway. Men, women and children of all ages, from all over the country stood together across the road, some holding letters that spelled "GETTY GO HOME," others with fists raised, all chanting "Getty Go Home" or "Earth First."

Then, Johnny Sagebrush led them in a rousing rendition of "Give Me That Earth First Religion."

One newspaper account stated that it looked like hundreds of people who hadn't seen the inside of a church in years, had truly been hit with religious fever.

The blockade quietly came to an end after 15 minutes. The message had been sent "loud and clear" to Getty and the media. Pure and simple, it was—"Getty Go Home."

The rally wound down as Bob Greenspan sang a desert love song; and Johnny Sagebrush and the Wild Goose Band played the "Getty Oil Blues" and "Gonna Stop the Getty Road" in a hailstorm. (The Lithium Brothers appeared that night around the campfire.)

On Sunday, July 4th, nearly one hundred EARTH FIRST!ers from all over the United States gathered in a circle on the ground to discuss EARTH FIRST! The discussion was far-flung and built personal connections and a feeling of solidarity among folks from Oregon to New York state. Consensus was reached that EF! should become involved in developing larger, more comprehensive wilderness proposals and giving no-compromise testimony at hearings; and engage in non-violent direct action such as blockades to stop Earth-raping projects. The discussion finally broke up and all rose and held hands together in a circle for five minutes of silence, ended by all raising hands and giving a final, loud cheer before heading over to hot dogs, potato salad and corn on the cob (and beer).

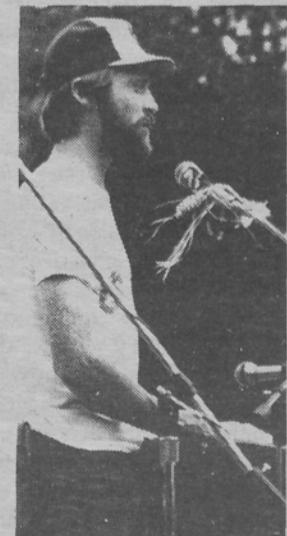
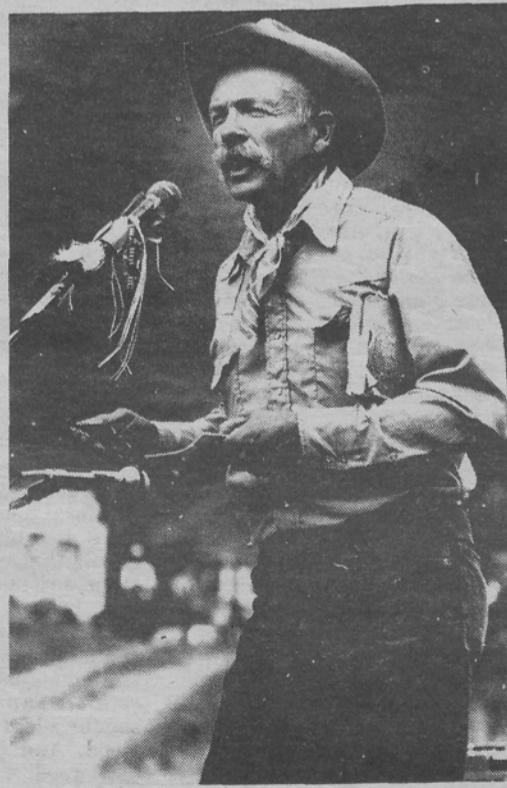
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Art Goodtimes



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When, where, and why was
Bridget Bishop hung?
See the EARTH FIRST!
calendar.

Cecil
Garland

It is impossible to thank all the great folks who made the 1982 RRR a success, but Nagasaki Johnson of Jackson should be singled out for special thanks for coordinating the stage, food, posters, and local publicity.

See you at the next EF! gathering!

**California-Wide EF! Meeting
and Protest Rally
How to Get There**

Go to Fresno, California. Fresno is served by train, plane, bus and freeway.

Going north on Highway 99—Get off on Clovis Avenue exit (before Fresno proper). Proceed north on Clovis to and through Clovis (about 12 miles). In the town of Clovis turn right onto Highway 168 (also known as Third Street). Follow Highway 168 about 40 miles to Shaver Lake. Turn right on Dinkey Creek Road. Go about 13 miles to Dinkey Creek. Turn right onto McKinley Grove Road. Go about six miles. You will see giant trees and a sign that says McKinley Grove. You are now in McKinley Grove.

Going south on Highway 99—Get off on Herndon Avenue exit. Go about 13 miles east through north Fresno and Clovis. Turn left onto Highway 168 (also known as Tollhouse Road at this point). Drive about 40 miles to Shaver Lake. Turn right onto Dinkey Creek Road. Go about 13 miles to Dinkey Creek. Turn right onto McKinley Grove Road. Go about six miles. You will see giant trees and a sign that says McKinley Grove. You are in McKinley Grove.

For further instructions or if you are looking for a ride from a bus station or airport, call 1-209-229-0272. Please let us know well in advance if you will be needing a ride from Fresno so that we have time to find you one. No guarantees. If you can offer a ride from Fresno, please let us know. Write to SAFE, 3771 Circle Drive West, Fresno, CA 93704.

**Hetch Hetchy Pilgrimage in
Yosemite
How to Get There**

Bay area and northern California residents take Highway 120 to Yosemite. (Turn off Highway 99 between Modesto and Stockton).

Southern California residents take Highway 41 to Yosemite. (Turn off Highway 99 at Fresno).

For those attending the Dinkey Creek and McKinley Grove functions on the previous day: Retrace route back to Highway 168 toward Fresno and Clovis. One mile before entering Clovis turn right (west) on Herndon Avenue. (There is a stop sign.) Drive approximately five miles to Highway 41. Turn right (north) and drive to Yosemite (about 2½ hours once you reach Hwy 41).

Get the Yosemite Park map at the Yosemite entrance (there is an entrance fee) and find your way to Hetch Hetchy in the northwest portion of the park. The turn off for Hetch Hetchy is near the Oakland Recreation Camp on Hwy 120.

Where to Stay

The Dinkey Creek Campground is within walking distance of the rally site at the McKinley Grove Road bridge over Dinkey Creek. Gigantea Campground is just past McKinley Grove on the McKinley Grove Road. Camping is permitted outside of campgrounds in the National Forest providing there are no restrictions due to extreme fire danger.

At Dinkey Creek there is a small store. At Shaver Lake, 13 miles west of Dinkey Creek, there are other stores as well as restaurants and taverns. Shaver Lake also has campgrounds as well as motels.

**MOVING?
SEND US YOUR
ADDRESS!**

WASTING AWAY AGAIN

If the Department of Energy and their clients, the giant nuke utility companies, have it their way, southeastern Utah will soon be the most dangerous spot on earth (next to the White House, of course).

The intensity of the debate has been overshadowed by the DOE's own gross negligence in following the guidelines of established environmental law; now, as before, the DOE is opposed to doing an EIS on the entire project, while they sink the big shaft next year.

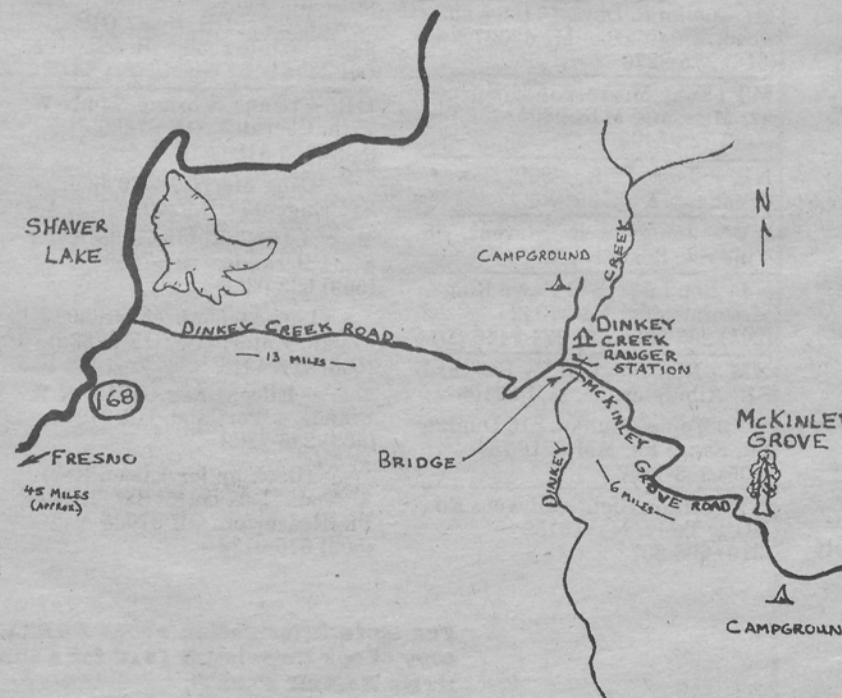
On July 9, the BLM issued a skimpy environmental assessment ('environmental' meaning *human environment*) on the second to the last phase of siting a dump in Davis Canyon, the series of ten test boreholes, the EA was issued by James Watt's own BLM. The BLM was assisted in this so-called study by such notables as Bechtel Group, Inc.

Finding no threat of "significant impact upon the human environment" the BLM (in the EA) gave DOE the go-ahead to drill boreholes all over Davis Canyon and adjacent areas (all of which are close to Canyonlands Nat'l Park).

As the July 19th "go-ahead" date approached, there was markedly increased discussion among the resistance (the phone at the newsletter office here was ringing off the hook).

What to See

Dinkey Creek and McKinley Grove are located in the Kings River Ranger District, Sierra International Forest of California. The Sierra National Forest lies between Yosemite National Park and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The Minarets and John Muir Wildernesses make up the north and east sides of the Sierra. There is fine backpacking country just 30 minutes drive from Dinkey Creek.



Rally!

BC Blast!

Early in the morning of June 7, members of an underground group named Direct Action placed about 100 kg. of dynamite around four giant substation reactors some 35 miles north of Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, B.C.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., the dynamite went off, turning the substation into shrapnel, at a loss (to the company) of about \$6 million.

The blast was the latest in a long series of protests and demonstrations against British Columbia Hydro.

Hydro is owned by a bigger company—Crown Corporation—with assets of more than \$7 billion, and their projects, like damming rivers and flooding valleys, are usually met by controversy and opposition.

As reported in BC's *Maclean's*, Direct Action sent a two-page press release to the media following the blasts. The release had the address of Hydro as the return address, and read, in part: "We are opposed to any further development and to any expansion of the power grid which will facilitate such development. We reject both the ecological destruction and the human oppression inherent in the industrial societies of the corporate machine in the West and the Communist machine in the East."

In August, 1980, seven people defied a court injunction in front of bulldozers, stopping Hydro from clearing ground for the line. One of those seven who participated in the civil disobedience, Iris Griffith, said of the blast, "I was shocked. I can't see any of the environmentalists who were active against Cheekye—Duns-muir doing this."

Meanwhile, Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been searching their computers for dynamite thefts, but acknowledge that they will have a difficult time apprehending suspects because "terrorists and common criminals don't usually mingle."

Canyonlands Nuke Dump

On Sept. 12, 1982, EARTH FIRST! will participate in a celebration of the 10th anniversary of Canyonlands National Park and a protest against the DOE's proposed high level nuke dump next to the Park.

Depending on the outcome of Governor Matheson's refusal to issue any required state permits to the DOE and the length of litigation required for the lawsuit filed by the Utah Wilderness Association and other environmental groups, the DOE could be there with survey crews, bulldozers and road graders ready to punch ten new test bore holes all over Davis and Lavendar Canyons; among the Anasazi ruins bordering the designated boundary of Canyonlands. Civil disobedience is planned. Reports just in from Moab indicate survey stakes have been removed three times so far, with no end in sight.

A loose coalition of anti-dump groups are participating in the event: Salt Bed Alliance, UWA Utahns against the Dump, Grand County Concerned Citizens, The Ray-Dars, Six Shooter Peak Alliance, the NO-GLOWS, Radon Daughters, the You Two 35s, and EF! A complete itinerary isn't available as we go to press but Ken Sleight, Johnny Sagebrush and Dave Foreman will be there. Our man in the park, Bob Phillips, will be sending out a more complete listing in the near future. Contact Bob for further info and up-to-date happenings or Spurs in SLC. (See contact page for #'s).

On July 20th, in anticipation of this, five conservation groups (including the Sierra Club and Audubon Society) filed suit against the BLM for breaking environmental law.

This appeal, and the governor's orders, are expected to block DOE activity for at least a month, maybe longer.

Meanwhile, as all the forces of corporate nuclear America, including the American War Machine, get ready for a new tack in their offensive against the red rock canyons, we can only watch, wait and devise our own strategies.

—Pete Dustrud

EF'ers from Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona are particularly urged to attend this important protest. A SW regional EF! meeting is planned as part of the event. Contact your local EF! contact for carpool information.

—Spurs Jackson

The real story of the Luddites.
See the EARTH FIRST! Calendar.



This is just one song of thirty-two in the enlarged 2nd edition of Johnny Sagebrush's *Little Green Songbook*. For the whole ball of wax complete with an essay on Neanderthals by Dave Foreman and a passel of hero photos of Johnny Sagebrush and his horse, Paint, just send \$2.50 plus 50¢ shipping to EF!, PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301. (All Little Green Songbooks autographed by Johnny.)

Amazing Waste

(To the proposed nuclear waste dump)

(Words by B.N. Koehler:

Tune — "Amazing Grace")

Chorus:

G C G
Amazing waste will kill us all

D From sea to shining sea

G Give back this death to the Pentagon

D And set our people free

Stand alone on that piece of ground

The Island in the Sky

Look south across to the Gibson Dome

It makes me start to cry

Chorus

Speak strong, sing sweet, and hold your ground

As long as you can stand

Just look around, you're not alone

When you save the Canyonlands

Chorus

EARTH FIRST! TRIPS

DESOLATION CANYON
with Seldom Seen Smith & Crew
September 1-5, 1982
Price: \$300 per person

We have the dates confirmed, the waterproof bags almost packed, and are eagerly awaiting our upcoming Earth First! Desolation and Gray Canyons fundraiser float trip with veteran river rat Ken Sleight, Green River, Utah. Ken Sleight Expeditions has generously donated all proceeds to Earth First!

For five days we'll float through Desolation and Gray Canyons on the Green River, taking enough time to explore side canyons, Indian ruins and rock art, abandoned pioneer homesteads and the rapids get bigger and better each day.

This trip will be limited to three rafts with a maximum of four to five people per boat. (You're welcome to bring your own kayak, canoe, sportyak, inner tube or hot air balloon.) Fall is a particularly nice time to run Deso, warm, but hopefully past the rainy season and this year is an excellent funoff season. For you folks that haven't done any white water rafting yet or those of you hankering to get back on the river—do it now—run it before the last free-flowing sections of the Green and Grand rivers are damned by the insidious geeks that seek to subjugate the last remain-



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ing bits of our wilderness on land and in the water. The Green River is the true headwaters of the mighty Colorado and Deso and Gray Canyons with their towering 1000 foot cliffs and isolated grandeur, is an enjoyable way to get a taste of it and help EF! at the same time.

And for you folks that missed the Maze trip this is a second chance to partake of the unparalleled cuisine offered by RAY'S TAVERN, GREEN RIVER UTAH; to wit, cheeseburgers, beer, pork chops, beer, steaks, beer, and well, beer. Ray's is the traditional watering hole for every boater to slake their thirst after a Deso trip; dripping jeans and b.o. permitted. Just look for the "BOATERS WELCOME" sign.

Ken Sleight Dave Foreman and Johnny Sagebrush will be the boatmen for the trip (unless any of you boatwomen out there would like to volunteer for the trip, Utah license req. "Capt. Nemo" may come along as sherpa).

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW. Send to: DESO TRIP, c/o Capt. Nemo, P.O. Box 26211, SLC, UT 801-364-3425.

DESO FLOAT TRIP Sept. 1-5, 1982, \$300 per person (Beer, food, boats, beer, lifejackets, etc. provided).

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Jackson, Wyoming

After the mud puddles dried, and the last of the people left, the Third Annual Round River Rendezvous was history. But things are just getting started here in Jackson, Wyoming. A crowd of 500 can have quite an effect on a town of 5,000 especially if they're EF'ers. I would like to say that most locals were favorably impressed, and quite a bit of enthusiasm was generated as a result.

Many local residents were not able to attend because the 4th of July is generally the busiest weekend of the summer.

We will be working on a benefit concert tentatively scheduled for early August to raise money for an Emergency Gros Ventre Defense Fund. Local organizing for the possibility of a blockade has already begun. Those interested should contact the local EF! Headquarters at Box 2617, Jackson, WY 83001.

At present, we haven't exhausted legal avenues—and (as usual) everything is still up in the air. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Round River Rendezvous possible.

Long Live the Wilderness!
Nagasaki Johnson

Daring Daylight Raid by Nagasaki Johnson

Jackson, WY

In a daring daylight raid, vandals removed over 2½ miles of survey stakes and threw valuable equipment into Little Granite Creek in the Gros Ventre Mountains of northwest Wyoming where Getty Oil Company plans to build a road and put an oil rig into a pristine wilderness. Getty officials estimated the damages at \$5000.00. Officials have no suspects as yet but EARTH FIRST!ers Dave Foreman and Bart Koehler were questioned by Teton County Sheriff's Deputy Gene Ferrin. Denying any involvement, Foreman said, "We were there the day this supposedly happened but we didn't see any stakes. This is a frame. Let 'em prove it!" Koehler said, "The only thing we're guilty of is hiking up the trail. Apparently Getty thinks the Forest is their private property."

Both Foreman and Koehler refused to submit to polygraph tests. The defense attorney for the two advised them not to take the tests, adding later, "There isn't a jury in the county that will convict the boys." Opposition to the proposed well remains strong and Getty has tightened up security.

Little Granite Stakes Pulled—Again

Jackson Hole News, July 8, 1982—Vandals have again sabotaged Getty Oil Co.'s attempt to survey the road leading to the Little Granite Creek wildcat wells.

On Wednesday, July 7, Shel Codman, foreman of the crew designing the road into the controversial well, reported to the Teton County sheriff's office that approximately 100 stakes had been pulled out along approximately 1¼ miles of the proposed six-mile access road, located some 14 miles southeast of Jackson.

Since the surveyors had not been in the area since last Thursday, the estimated time of the incident ranges widely.

This is the second time that stakes have been removed in the area. Codman reported the last incident on June 20, when he found that survey stakes had been removed along 2.5 miles of the roadway.

"We have no witnesses and no suspects," said Mike Dulaney, Teton County deputy sheriff investigating the cases. Since the first pillaging, the sheriff's department has stepped up surveillance in the area, Dulaney said.

Bear Suits

The appearance of the EF! grizzly at the RRR to attack Jim Watt was so successful that we decided to have our own bear costume—better yet, costumes—for future actions. Imagine the impact of a dozen people all in bear suits blocking Little Granite Creek from Getty Oil. Think that would give the issue national media attention?

So, we're asking for volunteers to make bear (or mountain lion, elk, buffalo, etc.) costumes. Can you sew? Can you do paper mache' for the heads? Would you like to contribute money to buy the materials? Would you like to coordinate the project? Contact Dave Foreman in Ely.

son of road show revisited

As reported in the Lithia Edition of EARTH FIRST! Newsletter, Johnny Sagebrush and Dave Foreman are planning on bringing the EARTH FIRST! message in song, film, tall tales, and speechifying to all sections of these United States this fall, winter, and spring. We are now trying to develop a tentative schedule for different regions of the country. A detailed memo on the Road Show will soon be sent to all EF! local contacts and groups. If you would be interested in scheduling an appearance by Johnny and Dave at your college or in your community, write: EARTH FIRST! Road Show, P.O. Box 235, Ely, NV 89301 for more information. (The inspiring film "Cracking of Glen Canyon Dam" will be part of the Road Show presentation.)

Monkeywrench gang cal.

Publisher seeks radical environmental and wilderness dates for calendar. Especially Ecotage, Ecodefense, Monkeywrenching and Nuke and other disaster dates. Also looking for quotes pertaining to defending wilderness and environment, civil disobedience, ecotage, etc. Submissions must cite source or include news clipping. Free copy of calendar to all contributors. Fee can be arranged for 10 or more submissions.

1984 Monkey Wrench Gang Calendar
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EARTH FIRST! Activists List

At the Round River Rendezvous in Wyoming's Little Granite Creek, we collected a list of people who would be willing to engage in non-violent civil disobedience (blockade, occupation) to stop Getty Oil's road building in the Gros Ventre Mountains. We would like to expand that list to include EARTH FIRST!ers around the country who are willing to engage in such action to protect the wilderness against the industrial machine. If you might be available for such non-violent action, write EF! PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301 with your name, address, and phone number. Tell us if you are available on short notice and if you might be interested in such action anywhere or only in your local area (please specify). This list will be kept highly confidential and carefully protected. Participants will be contacted directly when their help is needed. We are also arranging training for such actions with a highly experienced Rocky Flats activist.

ATTENTION BUSINESS FOLKS

The EARTH FIRST! Newspaper is read by over 5,000 environmental extremists, wilderness fanatics, and undercover cops—all of whom like beer, sex, good food and wilderness. Advertise here and reach these demented souls! It's a good way to donate \$\$ to EF! and it's pretty doggone cheap. 10¢ a word for classified ads. Display rates sent on request.



About EARTH FIRST!

"What?!" you say. "Another wilderness/environmental group? There are more environmental outfits than plague fleas on a New Mexico prairie dog! I already belong to the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth, Audubon... Why another one? Why EARTH FIRST!?"

Because we're different.

- To begin with, we do not believe that it is enough to preserve our remaining wilderness. It is time to recreate vast areas of wilderness in all of America's ecosystems; identify key areas, close roads, remove developments, and reintroduce extirpated wildlife.
- It is not enough to oppose the construction of new dams. It is time to free our shackled rivers and tear down Hetch Hetchy, Glen Canyon, New Melones, Tellico and other dams.
- During the Carter Presidency, the co-option of the environmental movement was made complete. A major example of this was the moderate position of environmental groups on RARE II and their failure to sue the Forest Service over the grossly illegal RARE II EIS. EARTH FIRST! does not compromise. We set forth the pure, hard-line position of those who believe the Earth comes first. We are emotional, passionate, and angry. We also have a sense of humor.
- While other environmental groups are members of the American political establishment and essentially accept the anthropocentric worldview of Western Civilization, we say that the ideas and manifestations of Western Civilization are anti-Earth, anti-woman and anti-liberty. We are working to develop a new biocentric paradigm: Deep Ecology.
- Lobbying, lawsuits and research papers are fine. But they are not enough. EARTH FIRST! also uses confrontation, direct action and civil disobedience to fight for wild places. And while we do not engage in monkeywrenching or advocate it, we present a forum for the exchange of ideas on creative opposition to the juggernaut of "progress."
- To avoid co-option, we feel it is necessary to avoid the corporate organizational structure so readily embraced by other environmental groups. EARTH FIRST! is a movement, not an organization. Our structure is anarchistic. We have no highly-paid "professional" staff.
- Quite simply, EARTH FIRST! believes in wilderness for its own sake.

When and where was the greatest temperature change in one day?
See the EARTH FIRST! calendar.

Resubscribe!

We have certainly been lax in letting you know when your one-year subscription is up and your money is due again. That is about to change. Beginning with the next issue we will insert a reminder to let you know if it's time to resubscribe. Many of you will fall into that category. Beat the rush. Fill out the blank below now (and send us money). If we don't get some subscription money flowing in this next month, several of us will have to pay for the paper out of our pockets. Please help.

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SNAKE OIL & TRINKETS

Some have asked if EARTH FIRST! is getting too commercial with its sales of T-shirts, bumper stickers, etc. However, we feel that the hawking of not-so-tawdry goods is the most painless way to support the issues work of EF! (it beats strongarming you all for donations, doesn't it?). Moreover, the sale of snake oil and trinkets is handled on a volunteer basis by a small group of people and operated as a separate business with all the "profits" going directly to EF!. Quite simply, your purchase of our stuff

is the best way to financially support EF!'s no-compromise action and one of the best ways to spread the word about EF! (wear your T-shirts hiking). In the past, our merchandising has been on a rather chaotic basis but with the set-up of our Ely office the handling of it will be on a more business-like basis.

The sale of EF! merchandise by local EF! groups is a great way for you to raise money for your local activities. Write us in Ely for details on profit-sharing, fronting the stuff to you, etc.

T-SHIRTS

EARTH FIRST! T-shirt—EARTH FIRST! lettering with fist in circle. Green 100% heavyweight cotton in men's sizes (S, M, L, XL) \$7.50. NOW AVAILABLE: Women's French Cut green with EF! design (S, M L) \$8.

"Cracking of Glen Canyon Damn" T-shirt by artist Jim Stiles \$7.50 in blue. (Specify if you want all-cotton.) Available in men's sizes S, M, L, XL. Add \$1 shipping for all T-shirts (50¢ for each additional shirt over one).

EARTH FIRST! BUMPER-STICKERS

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