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Disillusioned with the moderate conservation movement, David Foreman, Mike Roselle, Howie Wolke, Bart Koehler, and Ron Kezar founded the radical wilderness preservation organization *Earth First!* (*EF!*) in 1980. In this inaugural issue of its journal, the group announces its principles, platform, and organizational structure. *EF!* describes itself as “pure, hard-line, radical,” and advocates supplementing lobbying practices with more direct tactics such as “demonstrations” and “confrontations.” In addition to supporting traditional conservation, *EF!* calls for the *re-creation* of wilderness through the construction of a national system of ecological preserves in which dams, roads, and other traces of human activity will be removed.

It’s time to be tough, [...] It’s time to fight for the Earth first.

— Earth First!

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