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# "Earth First Statement of Principles and Membership Brochure" (memo)

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In this memo to "the leading intellectual and literary lights of EARTH FIRST," Dave Foreman drafts the principles of the new Earth First organization, along with a draft membership brochure.

### EARTH FIRST STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- \* Wilderness has a right to exist for its own sake
- \*All life forms, from virus to the great whales, have an inherent and equal right to existence
- \*[Hu (corrected in pen)]mankind is no greater than any other form of life and has no legitimate claim to dominate Earth

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- \*Humankind, through overpopulation, anthropocentrism, industrialization, excessive energy consumption/resource extraction, state capitalism, father-figure hierarchies, imperialism, pollution, and natural area destruction, threatens the basic life processes of EARTH
- \*All human decisions should consider Earth first, humankind second
- \*The only true test of morality is whether an action, indivudal, social, or political, benefits Earth
- \*Humankind will be happier, healthier, more secure, and more comfortable in a society that recognizes humankind's true biological nature and which is in dynamic harmony with the total biosphere
- \*Political compromise has no place in the defense of Earth
- \*Earth is Goddess and the proper object of human worship
- —Dave Foreman

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