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In this issue of *Earth First!*, Howie Wolke debates the negative consequences of roadbuilding on public lands. Captain Paul Watson gives an update about the butchering of whales on Iceland, Laura Gold sorts out the concept of Wilderness, and the Earth First!ers of the LA area call for a boycott of the Los Angeles Zoo.

I admire many mainstream wilderness/public land activists. We need them. They must continue to lobby, organize, amass statistics, and provide the factual basis for our genuinely righteous cause. But the two decades since Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* and launched the modern environmental movement into high gear have proven that, at least when it comes to the public lands, working within the system is not enough. The Forest Service has been destroying roughly 1.5 million acres of wild country each year and has been generally impoverishing a once sublime landscape in ways which we can't even begin to understand.

— Howie Wolke

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