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In this issue of *Earth First!*, Chant Thomas writes about the “Return to Bald Mountain” and the “second battle of the North Kalmiopsis,” while Roger Featherstone gives an update on the fight against uranium mining at the Grand Canyon. In his editorial, Dave Foreman explains why internal criticism remains an important goal of the magazine.

Perhaps the most controversial thing *Earth First!* has done has been to provide a forum for the internal criticism of the environmental movement. We’ve been called divisive; others have asked why we need to attack other environmentalists when there are so many wilderness despoilers and polluters to rail against. I believe that any movement immune from criticism, especially from internal evaluation and analysis, will become uncreative, stodgy, bureaucratic, and undemocratic.

— Dave Foreman

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