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In this issue of *Earth First! Journal* Craig Beneville encourages *Earth First!*ers to find their inner wild in order to make a change for the planet. In addition, “Lock-on Liz” Ingham gives an update on the blockades against destruction of Australian old-growth tree ferns, and How Kuff tells a brief story on the history of the Forest Service.

Note here that its (*sic*) wildness, not wilderness that is our salvation. Thoreau defined wild as the past-participle of to will; to be wild is to be self-willed. To be wild is to be autonomous. While I appreciate the contributions that conservation biology has made, I think it has sidetracked the environmental movement in a direction that is ultimately harmful. It’s not that conservation biology is bad, *per se*, but that it has diverted our attention from the fundamental issues we need to address if we are to heal our relationship to the planet.

— Craig Beneville

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