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This issue of *Earth First! Journal* features a story about the Cascadian women who blocked the main entrance of the Hull-Oakes old-growth mill, which had been illegally releasing wastewater into Oliver Creek (Willamette River) for years. In addition, Hazel discusses sexism and power dynamics within the Earth First! movement, and Jana Thomas places focus on the rain forest of the North American West Coast.

The power-over way of relating, and other manifestations of patriarchal conditioning, can sneak into all of us, both men and women. Other examples of the “power-over” dynamic range from interrupting someone to outright violence, such as rape or clearcutting. The spectrum in between includes not listening, always “taking charge,” hoarding or not sharing knowledge, utilizing dominating or controlling leadership techniques or an unwillingness to create and work within a process which facilitates an egalitarian community and empowers all those involved.

— Hazel

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