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This introductory guide to the Earth First! movement was produced by The *Earth First! Journal* for Earth First! local groups. It outlines the purpose, philosophy, and tasks of the Earth First! movement, as well as information about its foundation, journal, wilderness preservation, local groups, monkeywrenching, and direct action.

First of all, Earth First! is not an organization, but a movement. There are no “members” of Earth First!, only Earth First!ers. It is a belief in biocentrism (Deep Ecology) and a practice of putting Earth first that make one an “Earth First!er.” Because Earth First! is a movement, instead of a specific group, Earth First!ers can be active as Earth First!ers or as members of other environmental groups such as the Sierra Club. Regardless, we promote a philosophy of Deep Ecology, an uncompromising defense of natural diversity, and visionary wilderness proposals.

—*Earth First!*

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