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This undated [1990?] issue of *Earth First!* outlines the motivations and philosophy of the Earth First! movement. It includes a "Direct action 101" primer by Ed Abbey and a guide for forming Earth First! groups.

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—*Earth First!*

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