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Another Cahto Victory

In a rare display of intelligence, the BLM decided last month to withdraw their timber harvest plans for the Cahto wilderness area until they can complete an environmental review. The reason for this sudden change of events, or course, was that a judge was about to rule on the Ancient Forest Defense Fund's lawsuit, and BLM figured they were going to lose. The suit was originally filed back in a year, but since the lawsuit is still active, BLM has to give 30 days notice before they can log. So it looks like the trees, the voles and the spotted owls are safe for now.

BLM has provided entertainment for the Laytonville area throughout this

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Waferboard: LP's Final Solution

"I don't like to leave anything on the ground. We don't log to a 10-inch top, we don't log to an 8-inch top or a 6-inch top. We log to infinity. It's ours, it's out there, and we want it all."

—LP Pres. Harry Merlo, 2/1/89

There's something ominous going on with Louisiana Pacific's logging practices. Besides clearcutting, their latest slam is the new skagging mill they just opened in Calpella. The huge Calpella log deck, which as been empty since they closed and dismantled the Ukiah mill a couple years ago, is quickly filling up with stuff you never see on a logdeck — 6-inch pecker poles, hardwood branches,

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Sanctuary Forest Alert!

Sanctuary Forest, the last stand of old growth on the Upper Mainle River at the Mendocino/Humboldt border, is again being threatened with clearcutting. Last fall this area was valiantly defended by blockaders who faced loggers attempting to fell trees on them, a truck running their picket line and injuring a protester, and cops clubbing the heads of high school students. All this while a lawyer frantically drove down from Eureka with a court order to stop the logging.

Now, less that a year later, the rapacious Eel River Sawmills has resubmitted virtually the same timber harvest plan on the same grove. Of course CDF and the BLM will be taking their sweet time processing the paperwork. But given the history of this grove, we need to be ready to defend it again on a moment's notice. If you would like to be notified of Sanctuary Forest actions, please sign up on the enclosed form and mail it back to us as soon a possible. For more info call (707) 247-3320.

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This four-page newsletter describes the ongoing battles between Earth First! and the logging industry, as well as the variety of tactics they employed against the destruction Sanctuary Forest and the Albion River watershed.

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> Opposition to Maxxam's forest extermination program is taking place on all levels. Smoke bombs recently went off at the company's Marin sales office, and a Maxxam forester received a creme pie in the face when he tried to address a forestry forum in San Francisco.
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> —Earth First! Ukiah

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