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WILDERNESS WAR IN OREGON

BLOCKADERS ASSAULTED BY BULLDOZER FOREMAN RUN DOWN BY TRUCK

"If you don't get out of the way, I'm going to kill you!" screamed Plumley Construction Company bulldozer operator Fred Brown to five Earth First!ers blocking his path at the end of the remote road in the Siskiyou National Forest near Grants Pass, Oregon. But the five, Diana Warren, Molly Campbell, William Smith, Peter Swanson and Doug Norlen, stood firm. Brown charged them time and again with the rear of his machine. Finally, he turned the big rig around and buried them with dirt from the blade. The fight for the North Kalmiopsis was, in Mike Roselle's words, "getting gnarly." (See associated stories for details on each blockade.)

The blockade to save 150,000 acres of remarkably diverse primeval forest had begun two weeks earlier on April 25 when Mike Roselle, Steve Marsden, Pedro Tama and Kevin Everhart had shut down operations on the Bald Mountain Road construction project for 3¹/₂ hours until Josephine County Sheriff's deputies arrived to arrest them. They were charged with disorderly conduct and spent the night in jail. The next day they were arraigned, give deferred sentencing and placed on probation for a year with the requirement that they not return to the construction area. They requested instead to do time but the judge ordered them out.

Nine days later, a group of seven Oregonians (Ric Bailey, Claudia Beausoliel, Roman Cooper, Mary Beth Nearing, Jim Goodwin, Ron Zook and Eric Nicholson) blockaded construction at the same site -- but with a twist. They handcuffed and chained themselves to the bulldozer when the police arrived to achieve a 4½ hour shutdown. They were released from jail that day on their own recognizance. Kevin Everhart also was arrested for having been in the area. After spending another night in jail, he bailed out. The judge later dropped charges against him. The Grants Pass Courier then footured on interview with

The Grants Pass Courier then featured an interview with bulldozer jockey Les Moore continued on pg. 4



William Smith (hidden), Molly Campbell, Diana Warren, Peter Swanson and Doug Norlen pushed by bulldozers during Kalmiopsis Wilderness Blockade

Photo by Frank Siles



EARTH FIRST! PIRATE SHIP LAUNCHED ON LAKE FOUL MAY 19. See Page 12, for story. —Photo by Dan Milles

BLOCKADE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

#1 by Mike Rosselle

Work on the Bald Mountain Road came to a halt at 10:15 a.m., the 25th of April. Four people stood in front of the D-8 caterpillar that was pioneering the road down Silver Creek. They demanded an end to the senseless rape of the forest. In the thirty years Les Moore had operated the screaming machinery of destruction, no one had ever stood in his way. He cursed and shouted, demanding that they move.

ding that they move. "Shut 'er down, we're not moving!" was the reply from the four, who now held a banner displaying the Earth First! emblem.

The operator dropped the blade. He dismounted the giant machine, still cursing. The protesters, not wanting to provoke an incident with the driver, stood in silence. The time for arguments, at least for the moment, was over. Les Moore was angry. Having exhausted every obscenity in his vocabulary, and realizing that threats alone would not move the determined group, he climbed back into his bulldozer. He backed down the road scar about fifty feet. He dropped the blade and advanced slowly, scraping a layer of fresh earth into a pile that grew as he approached the human blockade. He came to a stop as the rocks and dirt piled up at the feet of the blockaders, whose arms were linked together. They looked him straight in the eye. They showed no sign of moving. Les Moore raised the blade of the docer as high as it would go

Les Moore raised the blade of the dozer as high as it would go. He skillfully maneuvered the cat from side to side, dislodging large rocks from the high side of the road cut. The rocks rolled off the berm towards their feet. But it was to no avail. A large wall of disturbed soil now stood between protesters and machine.

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Around the Campfire



Wayne in The Sons of Katie

Elder, full of integrity like Gary Cooper in High Noon, and as

wiley as James Garner in Maverick. That is what raised Phil above the rest of the con-

servation champions in Con-

gress. He was more than totally

committed to the preservation

of natural diversity. He was

more than a genius at legislative strategy. He was

Toughness is a quality we too often ignore in this Brave New

Age of peace, love, and karma.

Nice guys do often finish last.

Sometimes you need a tough

-Dave Foreman

guy. That was Phil Burton.

HIL BURTON-

tough.

met the high and the

mighty when I worked in Washington, DC, as a lobbyist for The Wilderness Society. I

won't hide the fact that I was disappointed. They were or-

dinary men and women. I was

not stunned by their brilliance.

I wasn't charmed. They did not

awe me with their moral

character. Of course there were

some who were impressive-but

even these were not awesome. I

found no classic heroes, no

Then I met Phil Burton. In

the midst of this sleazy age of

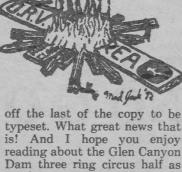
the anti-hero, I found an honest-

demigods.

Whew! It's been a busy spring. Until I got home May 23 to put out this issue, I'd spent a total of 3 weeks in Ely since Christmas. Nagasaki and Sagebrush have done hard riding, too. Not to mention Spurs and Wildcat Annie and . . . With all of this busyness, Earth First! has been growing. Our sub-scription list in California has doubled due to the Road Show and other activity. We have proven that we have the depth to pull off a major event like the Glen Canyon Dam Funeral while maintaining a sustained action like the Bald Mountain Road Blockade.

And, most importantly, with the Oregon blockade we have demonstrated that Earth First! is more than empty rhetoric. On limited resources, but enthusiastic person power, our organizers are doing a magnificent job. It has certainly been an inspiration to me. I've been impressed by the strength and ability of old friends and new friends alike in the Kalmiopsis. The Earth First! movement has arrived and is no longer just a few people.

This issue of Earth First! well represents that broad base of people and issues. We're chock full of news this time - headlining, of course, the Kalmiopsis Blockade with reports from the front and lots of photographs of the action. The G-O Road decision broke just as I was sending



much as we enjoyed doing it. Our Australian correspondent, John Seed, reports on the battle against the Franklin River Dam and sends us action photo-graphs of that great victory.

There is lots more, but I am pleased to tell you that - yes, Virginia - there is an Earth First! Wilderness Preserve System map and it is in this issue along with write-ups on all the Preserves. Keep in mind that this is a rough draft and we'd like your comments. The Preserve System is our most improtant long term project and we need help to refine the proposal.

One final note: let me urge you to come to the Round River Rendezvous this 4th of July weekend. You won't be sorry. It will be momentous.

-DF

TIM TREITIU Chiefton Area MEMORIA @1932 Dedicating the WATT Memorial

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Hi Dave,

World Heritage legislation passed both houses of parliament today and we now wait to see if the High Court grants a temporary injunction to stop the work on the Franklin River Dam while the long State/Federal legal battle proceeds. If they don't grant the injunction we'll take to the streets of Canberra early June.

A new & powerful develop-ment here is that a group of women have formed to remove foreign military bases from Australia. They are planning a series of actions leading up to the blockade of Pine Gap (near Alice Springs, center of Aus-tralia) November 11 this year. Quite a few NAG ladies involved and the whole thing is strong.

Pine Gap being a US military base, it occurred to me that maybe some EF! ladies might be into some support action over there. If anyone's interested, they can write to Carol Fergusson, Tuntable Falls, Nimbin NSW 2480, Australia

> Peace John Seed

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Contributions are welcomed and should be typed or carefully printed, double-spaced, and sent with an SASE. All contributions should be sent to POB 235, Ely. Nevada 89301 except for poetry which should go to Art Good-times, POB 1008, Telluride, CO 84135.

Dave Foreman, Editor

Wildcat Annie. Merchandise Coordinator Bill Devall, Associate Editor Art Goodtimes, Poetry Editor John Seed,

Australian Correspondent Staff: Mike Roselle, Marcy Willow, Diane Fouts, Spurs. Jackson, Mad Jack, Marc Brown Jackson Hole EF!, Mailing

Dear EF!

I've been pissed off for years at the industrial development of the forests of Arkansas by the paper companies. They're clearcutting the state and planting their pulp farms everywhere. It's genocide for the hardwoods. As I said, I'm pissed and from what I read in OUTSIDE, I would like to help and Forth First! and support Earth First! -Little Rock, Arkansas

Comrades

I want to join up. I heard about you from NEWSWEEK and I got your address from Ed Abbey. Please send me my membership card, bumpersticker, newsletter, secret decoder ring or whatever.

Viva la Terra! -Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Ed.:

Please tell Reed F. Noss that Please tell Reed F. Noss that another easterner (well, midwesterner) has sought, mostly in vain, for wilderness this side of the Mississippi. I like his proposal for a deciduous forest ecosystem preserve. Perhaps Howie Wolke's Youth Demolition Corps (YDC) can be instrumen-tal in "re-establishing the in "re-establishing the tal wilderness character of the pro-posed preserve." If this eastern deciduous forest preserve proves successful, would Reed help me re-convert this ocean of agribusiness of east central Illinois to the former sea of tall grass prairie? With visions of big bluestem, -Valerie, Urbana, IL

Dear Valerie

Look at our Wilderness Preserve System proposal in this issue. Perhaps you could help us rough out a preserve for the tall grass prairie/deciduous forest transition zone in Illinois. -DF

Zack

(Ed note: Ditto for us!)

preciate you very much.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Annie

Letters to the editor are encouraged. Lengthy letters

may be edited for space re-

quirements. Be sure to indicate

if you wish your name and location to appear. Send to PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301.

I want to take this time to

give you a big thanks and ap-

preciation for your behind-the-scenes support of Earth First!

and basically keeping the act

together. Your work is a cor-

nerstone to the success of

Earth First! and I suggest an

Annie Appreciation Day at

least once a month. With dinner

and flowers at Ely's finest

restaurant with all EF! staff in

attendance. Enclosed is an alpine sunflower to brighten

your day and let you know I ap-

DEAR NED LUDD

Ned Ludd's Tool Box Part 2: Radio Equipment While not actually a tool of

sabotage, radios are perhaps the best tools a gang could have to avoid getting caught. They allow you to place a lookout miles away on a mountain top or along an access road. This changes warning time from moments to minutes and allows a clean get-away. If radio fre-quency and power output are properly chosen, the chance of being overheard is practically nil, and if, in addition, you use codes that sould like innocuous language, anyone who happens to listen may not become suspicious. A warning though—the use of any radio equipment for illegal purposes or to aid anything illegal is a violation of FCC regulations and is therefore a federal offense. This should be taken into account, especially when the monkey-wrench act itself is relatively minor in the eyes of the law.

What I recommend as a basic piece of radio equipment is a

Earth First! Action in Wisconsin

We are going to need some Earth First! action here soon in Wisconsin. Exxon is nearly ready to mine for copper/zinc (possibly uranium) in a remote area of northeastern Wisconsin near the Nicolet National Forest and the Sokoagan and Pottawatomie Indian Tribes. As usual, the legal and political channels are breaking down and it is time for direct action! Over 400,000 acres of Wisconsin north woods are under siege by 25 multi-national corporations. It's about time to send those suckers home (if they have a home)!

We also must make a visible statement about the annual national and state forest herbicide spray plans. They are getting ready to douse us again and we've got to stop them again! Any Wisconsin Earth First!ers who have action ideas, please get in touch with me.

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Holcombe, WI 54745 (715) 595-6289

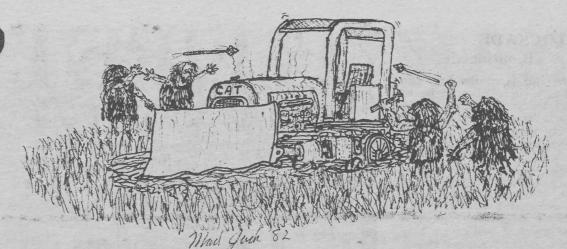
Earth First! Action in Ohio Earth First! in Ohio is beginning to organize and is calling for the recreation of a deciduous forest wilderness along the Ohio River, immediate curtail-ment of SO_2 (acid rain) emis-sions in the Ohio Valley, consolidation and rehabilitation of the Wayne National Forest instead of selling it off, expansion of the Ohio state nature reserve system, a biocentric ethic on all issues, and willingness to engage in non-violent direct action to oppose destruction of natural ecosystems. To help develop a strong Earth First! presence in Ohio, contact Reed Noss (Columbus area) 140 N West St., Westerville, OH 43081 (614) 891-4815; or Rik Thuesen, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 (513) 767-7331. It is further rumored that Kalmiopsis Blockade organizer and Wyoming hunt-ing guide Kevin Everhart will be returning to Ohio this fall to begin classes at Antioch.

full power (5 watt) citizens band (CB) hand-held transceiver ("walkie-talkie") with multichannel capability (preferably all 40 channels), an internal 12 volt battery supply, and a highlow power switch.

Five watt transmitters have an effective range of from one to a dozen miles or more depending on local terrain, weather, and electrical interference. Greater power is rarely necessary and even this amount of power could be easily overheard by the wrong people in many areas. Thus the highlow power switch. Its use will save batteries and minimize the chance of being overheard.

I recommend CBs because they are relatively cheap, easy to get, and common enough to be only minimally suspicious. Also, because they work in the low frequency AM mode, their signal bends easily and is thus more suitable for rugged terrain than higher frequency FM.

A 12 volt power requirement for the radio allows the unit to be plugged directly into a vehicle electrical system for mobile



use. For portable use, the power supply is usually either 8 standard AA size alkaline or 10 AA nickel-cadmium batteries in series. Alkaline batteries have about twice the electrical capacity of nicads and cost about half as much, but they cannot be recharged (I've read that some kinds of alkaline batteries can be recharged, but I've never seen them). Nicads can be recharged hundreds of times, offsetting their initial cost of about 3 dollars apiece.

Nickel-cadmium batteries are especially convenient when they can be charged from a vehicle's electrical system. A special charger for this purpose can be built for less than 10 dollars from parts obtainable from any Radio Shack or other electronics store. By using a transistorized voltage doubler circuit it solves the problem of the vehicle battery being the same voltage as the radio battery pack. Complete plans can be found in the 1982 edition of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, and assembly requires little knowledge of electronics.

Regardless of whether they are charged on a standard home battery charger or on a vehicular battery charger, nicad batteries should be fully discharged before recharging each time. If they are only partly discharged before recharging, they tend to develop a "memory" at that point and may not provide service beyond that point in the future.

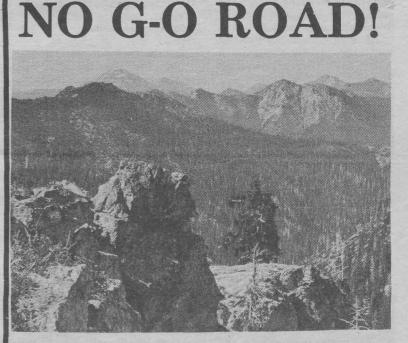
The cost for two radios with nicads and charger as described above should run about 200 dollars and should be readily obtainable in any medium sized town. That is cheaper than legal fees and fines. If Abbzug, Hayduke, Sarvis, and Seldom Seen had used radios, they probably would have never gotten caught.

-Robin Hood

WISCONSIN Earth First! Meeting Saturday July 30 2:00 p.m. Call Meri at 414-673-6372 for information

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In an historic, thorough and sweeping decision, US District Judge Stanley Weigel killed the Gasquet-Orleans (G-O) Road through the sacred high country wilderness of the Siskiyou Mountains in Northern California on May 25. Judge Weigel ruled on a suit brought by Indian groups and the Sierra Club against Forest Service plans to road and log the Chimney Rock/Blue Creek country of the Six Rivers National Forest.

The decision stated that the First Amendment religious rights of the Yurok, Karok and Tolowa peoples outweighed the dubious benefits claimed for the road by the Forest Service. In a stunning setback for Forest Service wilderness destruction plans, Judge Weigel also said that the Six Rivers National Forest's Blue Creek Management Plan violated the Wilderness Act, National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Water Quality Control Act and Indian fishing and water rights on the Hoopa Reservation.

Weigel permanently prohibited the Forest Service from development activities in 27 square miles of the Siskiyou High Country and ordered the Freddies to produce a new environmental impact statement and hold new public hearings if they hope to re-route the road or undertake logging in the lower elevations of Blue Creek.

"This is a major setback to the Freddies' mad dash to liquidate the old growth forest of the Pacific coast," said Mike Roselle, Earth First! organizer for the Bald Mountain Road Blockade. "It gives us a second wind in fighting their plans to destroy the Kalmiopsis country here in Oregon. We're hoping to see lots of Californians who were planning to blockade the NO G-O Road with us coming up here to help with the Bald Mountain Road Blockade."

Dave Foreman said, "This is one of the most important court decisions involving wilderness we will ever see. Hopefully it will make the point that wilderness is sacred space and not just recreation land. Our thanks go to the Native Peoples of the Northcoast, the Sierra Club, and other groups involved in the suit."

BLOCKADE (Continued)

who had faced the first two groups. He told how he feared violence at the hands of the blockaders. His wife said that every morning when he left for work she worried that she would be a widow come nightfall.

That Friday, May 6, most of the previous blockaders appeared at an Earth First! Road Show in Eugene and captivated the crowd of well over a hundred. A six hour non-violent preparation on Sunday in Eugene drew some twenty people and five of these were ready to act on May 10. They were the ones attacked by Fred Brown and his bulldozer.

Their story was relayed to EF! organizers waiting in Grants Pass. Dave Foreman and Mike Roselle immediately paid a call to Siskiyou Forest Supervisor Bill Covey demanding that Plumley Construction have its contract revoked for the violence and that a moratorium be placed on construction of the Bald Mountain Road. Covey stonewalled Foreman and Roselle, claiming that no violence had occurred. Later the Josephine County Sheriff's Department also told them that no violence had happened and intimated that the blockaders were lying. KOBI TV from Medford in-

KOBI TV from Medford interviewed the five about the incident after they were released from jail that afternoon.

On Thursday, May 12, Dave Willis of Ashland and Dave Foreman set up a road block on the access road 10 miles from the construction area to stop the Plumley workers on their way to work. With the help of their support team, they pulled a downed tree into the road in front of them because, as Foreman said, "I don't want to be a hood ornament on a Plumley truck."

At 6:00 A.M. a sheriff's deputy arrived and asked the men to move. They refused. The deputy then winched the log out of the way and parked 50 feet in front of them. Willis, missing both hands and feet from frostbite, was in his wheelchair. At 6:15, the Plumley sixpac pickup carrying 5 workers arrived and drove around the deputy's vehicle. They tried to pass Willis on the inside of the road cut but Foreman stepped over and blocked their path. They then drove to the outside of the road bend where Foreman had previously stood. He stepped back in place.

For a moment the blockaders faced off the truck. Then it shot forward, hitting Foreman in the chest and knocking him back five feet. Again truck and man faced off. The truck pushed against Foreman. He pushed back. Les Moore, the driver of the truck, accelerated and pushed Foreman back. With the truck firmly pressed against him, Foreman had to backpedal to keep from being run down. As the truck went faster and faster, he could not get out of the way. He finally lost his balance and went down before the truck. He held onto the bumper for a few seconds and the truck finally stopped. The distance was later measured at 103 yards.

The five construction workers piled out of the truck and sur-



rounded Foreman who was lying half under the front of it. "You dirty communist bastard," yelled Les Moore, "Why don't you go back to Russia where you came from?" "But, Les," Foreman replied, "I'm a registered Republican."

"I'm a registered Republican." Before any further incident could occur, the deputy dashed up, handcuffed Foreman and drug him away, under arrest for disorderly conduct. The construction workers then heaped their abuse on the media people present, warning them not to take further photographs "or else."

On the way down to Grants Pass, the deputy and his prisoner passed Sergeant Frank Taus of the Sheriff's Department. He told Foreman there would be no assault charges filed against any Plumley workers and then winked. Foreman was bailed out of jail that afternoon. Before going to a doctor, he told KOBI TV on the Courthouse steps that Les Moore's wife should worry less about being a widow and more about being the wife of a murderer.

The Sheriff's Department told the news media that there had been no assault, that Foreman had stepped in front of a moving vehicle and had been knocked down. They claimed the truck had im-mediately stopped. There was just one thing wrong with their story. A UPI reporter had witnessed the entire incident and two TV stations had filmed it. The Forest Service and Sheriff's Department were caught in their coverup when the television news aired that evening. The question remaining was: had the authorities encouraged the construction workers to intimidate the blockaders?

Due to the negative publicity from both assaults, the Plumley Construction Company on Friday the 13th ordered its employees to refrain from further violence. Accepting that in good faith, the blockaders decided not to press assault charges unless further incidents of violence took place.

Arraignment also took place on the 13th. Foreman pled not guilty and was released on his own recognizance until his trial with the bizarre and likelyinvalid order that he not set foot on Forest Service lands. The judge was not moved by his protestations that there were 180 million acres of National Forest lands in the United States. William Smith "You dirty communist bastard! Why don't you go back to Russia?"

"But, Les, I'm a registered Republican."

pled no contest but made a statement as to how he felt he was justified in trying to stop the wilderness-destructive project. Judge O'Neil lectured him that he should think of the poor construction worker who was just trying to make a living. Then, to everyone's surprise he gave Smith a \$150 fine (no one else in the similar incidents had been fined). Norlen, Swanson, Campbell and Warren also pled not guilty and were ordered not to enter National Forest land in Josephine County, Oregon, until their trial.

Undaunted, Earth First! and the Kalmiopsis Action Alliance were planning additional and larger blockades in the near future. "We aren't finished by a damn sight," vowed Kevin Everhart.

(For background information on the Kalmiopsis issue, see the March 21 and May 1 editions of Earth First!.)

Kalmiopsis Blockade Honor Role

The following are those treehuggers in Earth First! and the Kalmiopsis Action Alliance who have blockaded the Bald Mountain Road as of press time.

Kevin Everhart, Jackson, WY Steve Marsden, Grants Pass, OR Mike Roselle, Jackson, WY Pedro Tama, Takilma, OR Ric Bailey, Joseph, OR Claudia Beausoliel, Williams, OR Romain Cooper, Cave Junction, OR Jim Goodwin, Eugene, OR Mary Beth Nearing, Eugene, OR Eric Nicholson, Williams, OR Ron Zook, Cave Junction, OR Molly Campbell, Eugene, OR Doug Norlen, Eugene, OR William Smith, Eugene, OR Peter Swanson, Eugene, OR Diana Warren, Eugene, OR Dave Foreman, Ely, NV Dave Willis, Ashland, O Jim Ferrara, Couelo, CA Ginny Frundt, Couelo, CA Lou Gold, Cave Junction, OR Bill Goodell, Arcata, CA Al Gwin, Eugene, OR Mark McIvie, Williams, OR Paulette Pratchner, Grants Pass, OR

Dave Rusk, Eugene, OR Shelly Thompson, Arcata, OR

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The Kalmiopsis Blockade is the first stage of a major Earth First! campaign to protect intact forest ecosystems and reform the United States Forest Service. Your help is needed NOW to make the blockade a success. You can help in the following ways.

© Take Part in the Blockade. Organize a group of four or more people in your area to travel to the blockade together and take part in the action as an affinity group. Non-violent training can be arranged for your group either locally or in the Grants Pass area. Your group can participate at any time, for any length of time. If you are an individual, you can be placed in an affinity group on site. People are needed both for actual blockading (possible arrest) or for support (unlikely arrest).

©Come to the Round River Rendezvous. The RRR will be held on the July 2 - 4 weekend in the Siskiyou National Forest near Grants Pass, Oregon, and will focus on Old Growth Forest. It will be the focal event for the entire campaign and will feature a rally on July 3 with Gary Snyder, Dave Foreman, Johnny Sagebrush, Cecelia Ostrow, Jonathan Richman, David & Windsong, and other speakers and musicians. BYOB.

©Send Money. We have gone into debt to maintain the blockade. We need your contribution now to maintain full-time coordinators in the field, cover postage, phone, gas and other expenses. Send your check to Earth First! POB 235 Ely, NV 89301 payable to Earth First!. Indicate that it is for the Blockade Fund.

© Come to the Hearing. Sen. Mark Hatfield will hold hearings on the Oregon Wilderness Bill in Bend and Salem in July. Participate in the Earth First! demonstrations demanding protection for the North Kalmiopsis now!

©Write Letters. Write Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood (US Senate, Washington, DC 20510) urging them to support addition of the 235,000 acre Kalmiopsis Roadless Area to the existing Kalmiopsis Wilderness as part of the Oregon Wilderness Bill. If you live outside of Oregon, send copies of your letters to Hatfield and Packwood to your state's senators (same address).

FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THIS, CALL:

EARTH FIRST! OREGON 503-592-4269 or in Eugene 503-342-7040 or 686-4356 or your local EF! Contact. Or call Earth First! in Ely, NV 702-289-8636.

SUE THE BASTARDS

Just before press time, Earth First! decided to file suit against the United States Forest Service in an effort to stop the Bald Mountain Road project in the North Kalmiopsis Roadless Area. The lawsuit will be based on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the California vs. Block case in which the court ruled that the RARE II final Environmental Impact Statement was inadequate and therefore no development should take place in RARE II areas selected as nonwilderness by the Forest Service. Other National Forests are abiding by the court's deci-sion but the Siskiyou National Forest has insouciantly ignored the decision and is quickly moving ahead to road and cut the North Kalmiopsis. This will be the first RARE II lawsuit brought by a conservation group.

EARTH FIRST! OFFICE

Earth First! now has an office and regularly staffed telephone in Takilma, Oregon, to coordinate the Bald Mountain Road Blockade and the July 2 - 4 Round River Rendezvous. Takilma is south of Grants Pass. Call 503-592-4269 and talk to Mike, Kevin, Ric, Gloria, Steve, Pedro, Mary Beth, or whoever answers the phone. Alternate numbers for information in the area are Steve Marsden 503-846-6092; and in Eugene, Marcy 503-342-7040 or the Survival Center 503-686-4356.

LATE BULLETIN:

9 people were arrested blockading the Bald Mt. Road on May 31. 10 more were going in June 7.



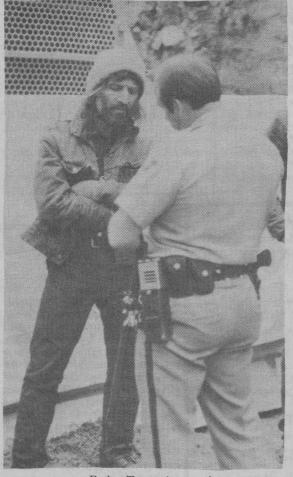


"Shut 'er down! We ain't moving!" - April 25

OREGON WILDERNESS BILL

Those EF!ers who are familiar with Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield's position on wilderness may think attendance at his wilderness hearings this July in Salem and Bend (dates yet undecided) is an act of futility. But EF! participation at the hearings could be fun as well as effective. All EFIers are encouraged to make a vocal and demonstrative appearance at the hearings. Bring signs, Silent Agitators, and support the EFIers who will testify for some Real wilderness in Oregon. The EF! position will stress the preservation of all remaining old growth forests in Oregon; the

designation of all remaining roadless areas as wilderness; the establishment of wilderness; recovery zones to rehabilitate previously logged and roaded areas. Those scrawny amoebashaped patches of "defacto" wilderness which 'scantily dot the public lands of Oregon merely constitute a base with which to begin a rejuvenation of true wilderness in this bioregion. All EF!ers who are tired of seeing the same old compromised wilderness proposals should attend. Those wishing to testify for EF! proposals should contact Ric Bailey at (503) 592-4269.



Pedro Tama Arrested



Steve Marsden, Pedro Tama, Kevin Everhart and Mike Roselle with captured bulldozer.



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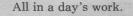
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QUALITY INK PRINTS ON COTTON/POLYESTER

I was on the far left of our group with Peter, Diana and Molly in the middle and William on the far right. As he backed up and forced us backwards I tripped and fell. I was just able to leap out of the path of the tracks which left gashes in my boots. Peter decided to go for a ride and hung onto the dozer as it backed up. Then, as before, the cat stopped and went forward again.

Two young surveyors on motorcycles were just down the road and were thoroughly enjoying the show. Then, they realized it was serious and quickly left. They probably did not want to get involved. The dozer then shifted into reverse and began its third attack. The third run was equally intense. The driver screamed, "You mother fuckers are gonna die!' and sped backwards just as before. It was then that I started having reservations. He, again, went forward and we grab the top of the dozer blade and ride atop the wave of dirt. The others were not so lucky. The dozer plowed us for about ten feet. He then backed up.

I stood up, looked around and suddenly realized someone was missing. I looked down and was jolted by the sight of Diana's head, face down, protruding from the massive dirt pile. We frantically tried to dig her out. Molly was also buried to the waist and was trying to escape. Both of Peter's legs were buried to the thigh. Meanwhile, the dozer continued to work the corner where we lay, coming only a few feet from us. We yelled and screamed for him to stop. Finally, the dozer driver seemed to realize all he had done and stopped. He turned his dozer around and drove down the road. We dug ourselves out, regrouped and were soon busted by the sheriff's deputies when they arrived.



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My plea is another step in challenging existing ideas, philosophies, and values of not only Josephine County but of our society at large.

Molly Campbell

Our blockade taught me that there are greater forces than us working on this. When the dozer was coming on the final run that plowed us under, my fear was taken away and I was given a feeling of peaceful acceptance of whatever was coming. I felt a unity with the earth and the spirits that I can't describe, and I knew that that

I don't believe any of us are particularly brave, but we were given strength at that moment by something outside ourselves. Call it God if you like, but whatever it is, there's something on our side that's bigger than any bulldozer. If we can act out of love for Mother Earth, rather than hatred for the enemy, and with the humility that comes from knowing that we're a small part of something greater than ourselves,

our power is unlimited. We can stop this road.

On the practical side, it's vital that before an action everybody in the group knows clearly how deep their partners' commitment is. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and if the operator senses any fear or hesitation on our part, the chances of attack are that much greater. And if they break one blockade, it's that much tougher for the next.

Peter Swanson

Solidarity in an affinity group is essential. All par-ticipants, both those doing the civil disobedience and the supporters should be as responsible for one another as family, rather than becoming an "affinity group" two hours before the action. This will facilitate necessary cohesiveness before, during and after the action. Affinity naturally includes each member's knowledge of the extent to which each other member is willing to accept bodily injury. Thereby, risks are taken with full awareness of their consequences and benefits. Useless risks and mere heroics are minimized by a clear group. It is only with a tight, personal, affinity group that other factors, which vary radically from action to action, may be dealt with satisfactorily. Only a well grounded group can know how to deal with a stiuation that does not fit the planned tactics. Tight groups have supporters who know where to be, whether it be giving support during the actual action or support afterwards when the isolation and intimidation of the Law may become intense. Support people must have designated roles to play whether it be medical, news reporting, advisory, the actual being there for the group, and so on, or any combination of roles.

Most importantly we felt in our hearts that nonviolence works and it is the only way an ideological battle can be won in the long run.

> Peace, Doug Norlen William Smith Diana Warren

time I wasn't going to move.

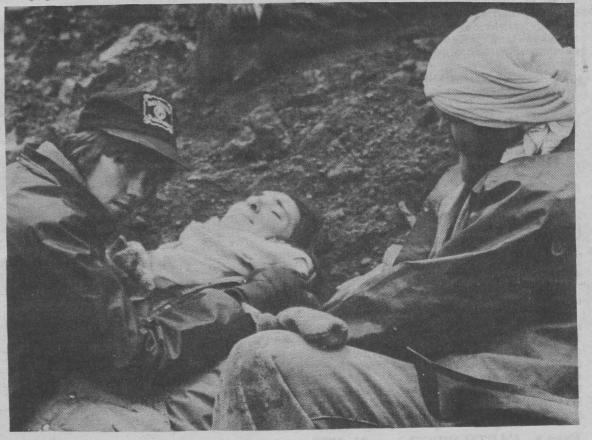
again, regrouped. I was screaming that he was a madman and we should get out of there. Peter was yelling to hold tight and not let him win. We reached a split-second consensus and held tight. The dozer came back for a fourth & fifth run. Miraculously, none of us were hurt.

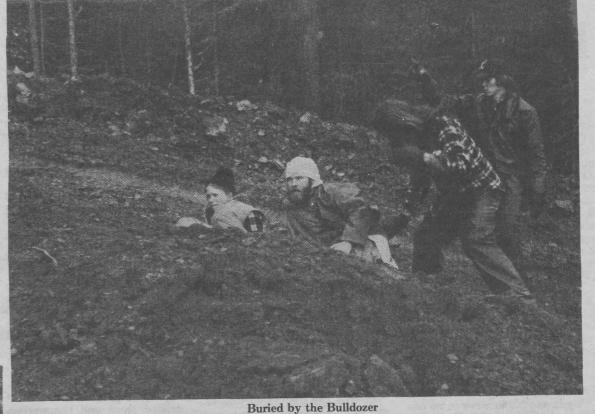
Throughout this ordeal, Frank, a freelance photographer, was taking pictures of it all. The cat driver realized this and went after him. The dozer drove at Frank and forced him off the road embankment. Frank then climbed back up and ran over to the parked earthmover. The dozer drove up to him and trapped him against the earthmover. The blade was only inches from his neck. Frank somehow managed to escape.

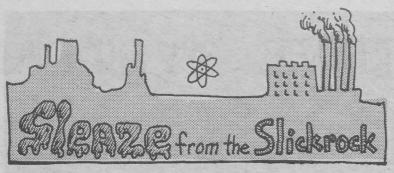
The five of us then walked toward the outside of the bend in the road. The dozer turned toward us, went in gear and came at us once again, but straight on this time. The madman lowered his blade and began scraping up dirt and rubble towards us. When he finally reached us, the pile of dirt which was about waist-high struck us head on. I was able to

#3 Statements

I no longer have doubts about my commitment to action NOW for the wilderness. It must be done. If we wait and go through the "proper channels" one more time, there will be no forests left. I knew this before I took part in the action but the strength of my beliefs and convictions grew after facing the angered bulldozer driver. I know that my commitment is stronger than any sentence imposed by the court system. That brings me to the second area of my new learning. My first inside view of the deputies' and judges' daily life was much as I expected but eye-opening nonetheless. Paperwork, paperwork and more paperwork. No wonder they do not understand where we are coming from. To the police in the station, we were only a form in triplicate, to be approved and then filed. Though I would not necessarily and because of that I will pro-bably see more of how the U.S. Forest Service, the county police and the judiciary system are "in bed together".







"Any envir'nmentalist pukes in here?" Marvin Hotard

The Head of Joaquim Speaks I am the head of Joaquim. I live in the slickrock desert of Southeastern Utah and watch the many imbeciles who have no heads attempt to destroy this sacred place. Let me tell you but a few of the stories...

I was perched in the Westerner Grill only yesterday watching my friend eat lard, (I do not eat-it just comes out my neck) when Moabite Marvin Hotard, average I.Q. known to exceed certain specimens of Entrada sandstone says to no one in particular, "any envir'nmentalist pukes in here?" I mention this incident, so as to set the tone for all that is to follow. Southeast Utah, land of red rock splendor and dreamlike skies, home of Marvin Hotard...let us pray.

Nuke Dump

"We'll just shove em down the drill hole" County Commissioner

First, let us cast our gaze towards the continuing drama of the proposed nuke dump at Davis Canyon, 4000 feet from the "official" boundary of Canyonlands National Park. This proposal is so ludricous, so absolutely absurd, that I have to constantly remind myself that it isn't some savage nightmare fantasy that I read about in a Hunter S. Thompson novel. At the most recent DOE "public forum" in Monticello, Utah, such local luminaries as Ray "Elmer Fudd" Tibbetts (ex-Grand Co. commissioner), Harold "Blowfly" Gaither and Calvin "Bishop Love" Black (the kingfish of San Juan Co.) expounded on the great economic opportunities to be afforded by the construction of the dump and their "Vision" nightmare) (read for Southeastern Utah, the developmental kingdom they call Seutah.

It was the usual drivel espoused by these greedheads. Cal Black, chairman of the San Juan County Commission, continues to claim to be speaking for the "working man" (as op-posed to us degenerate "professional environmentalists"). If he were truly the benevolent gentleman he claims to be, he would distribute among the poor of his county, the half a million dollars he reportedly keeps locked up in Blanding's First Security Bank. There are a lot of other questions we'd like to ask our buddy Calvin, out we II save them for another time

A highlight of the festivities came when our own Bob Phillips suggested that the cost of constructing a detention facility (to hold the thousands that will descent upon the site to form a human blockade to keep the DOE out) be added to the environmental assessment. A grumbling San Juan County commissioner commented later, "We'll just shove 'em down the drill hole."

An interesting point was brought up regarding the "super-safe", waterproof, unbreakable cannisters that are to contain the nuclear garbage. "If they're so safe, why are you burying them 2000 feet underground?" The DOE responded with their usual blank, zombie look, which is what they do best.

Paving Canyonlands: Cal Black's Dream

"A dead end road is a waste of money." Calvin Black

The NPS has decided to sell another part of its quickly deteriorating soul to the local Chamber of Commerce, when it begins paving 26 miles of dirt road in the Island in the Sky district of Canyonlands N.P. Construction is expected to start in late summer of 1983. When completed, the Island will conform to windshield tourists' standards already established in most Nat'l Parking Lots. But, as Sam Taylor, publisher of the Moab Times-Independent said gleefully, "it should increase visitation 100%!" All that money, all those tourists; why it's bound to bring a dollar sign to the eye of even the most brain-damaged greedhead.

But, we've only just begun, as the late Karen Carpenter would have put it. In fact, our good buddy Bishop Love thinks paving a "dead end road" is a "waste of money." All roads should be designated scenic loops so sayeth orge Love from the kingdom of Seutah. To even think of having to look at the same scenery twice disturbs 'ol Cal to the very tentacles of his being.

Here, in a nutshell, is Cal Black's dream, at least highway construction-wise, for SEUtah. 1. Construct his very own "Kigalia Scenic Highway." After extending the Needles road to the confluence overlook, extend it south out of the park, though Beef Basin, across Elk Ridge and between the Bear's Ears to Natural Bridges Nat Mon. This makes a scenic loop. 2. Construct a new highway over the Book Cliffs and through the Ute Indian Reservation from Vernal to Thompson.

3. Replace historic (but narrow) Dewey Bridge - it's too narrow for Winnebagos & ore trucks; with a wider, more modern bridge. It'll bring in more money, er...visitors.

4. Construct a road from the Island, near Mineral Bottom, bridge across the Green River, through the Maze, west of Elaterite Butte, all the way to Hite, Utah. Note this is another scenic loop.

5. Etc., etc., etc.

It would appear this man was born with a serious birth defect, i.e. his head up his asshole. Watt in Arches

"We know which environmental group did this." James Watt

And speaking of assholes. Speaking of an evil, warped scum that leaves a trail of green infected slime wherever he slithers, the BEAST came to Moab. The Pasty white shellfish men call 666, the "sick-retary" of In-"tear"-ior, James G. Watt, the most reviled semi-human since Adolf Hitler, came to town.

After hob-nobbing with local politicos (who begged and pleaded for his consideration in the above mentioned ass-fault projects) the beast took a tour of Arches N.P. He was greeted by a multitude of salutes spraypainted on several park signs and across the very pavement that Watt so clearly loves. Judging from the content of the painted words, they appeared to have been written by someone who opposes the beast's environmental philosophy.

With television cameras rolling, Watt pointed to the vandalized signs and the warped mentality of his opponents. "We know which environmental group did this, though we don't need to mention any names!" said 666. Needless to say, like the powerline sabotage of two years ago, we get the blame for everything. James Watt on Nuke Dumps

"Wherever we put it, it's gonna be next to something." James Watt

And while on the subject of warped mentalities, the beast suggested that if drilling was needed in Canyonlands N.P. in conjuction with the proposed nuclear dump, he would permit it. Asked if he was concerned about the dump's proximity to the park, Watt shrugged, "Wherever we put it, it's gonna be next to something." James Watt earns \$33.62 per hour.

I can't go on-I could but I can't, I'm becoming ill. It's time to put my head back in the formaldahyde jar or those goddam little maggots will start sucking out my eyeballs. I need my preservatives. After all, I've been dead for 133 years. —the head of Joaquim

"If the DOE needs to drill test holes inside Canyonlands National Park, I'll let them." James Watt

Earth First! Geekball of the month Award

John Ferrel, Utah International who wants to mine the Alton coal fields alongside Bryce Canyon National Park says that "visitors would spend more time at Yovimpa Point and enjoy it more if they didn't have all that uninterrupted scenery to look at. They need a little more action, and the coal mine is just the thing. I think it would add to the interest. And I personally don't think it would detract from the attractiveness of that particular scenic point." Mr. Ferrel has been awarded

Mr. Ferrel has been awarded an honorary life time membership in Earth Last. His trophy with a bulldozer will be sent to him in the mail.

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MUTTERINGS FROM MAMA

by Mama Rue

Summer Solstice

At Summer Solstice, the midsummer sabbat (sabbath or holy celebration) celebrates the time when the Sun God is at the peak of his powers. But the celebration also contains a touch of sadness, because it is the time when his power begins to wane as the days gradually grow shorter. The Oak King, symbol of the waxing year, is defeated by the Holly King, symbol of the waning year, who will in turn be defeated by the Oak King at winter solstice. The waning of the sun will be commemorated in August at Lughnasad, the last holy day of the year. In the old calendar, which marked time with naturally recurring events of the sun, moon, and earth, the new year begins November 1st, Samhain. During the year, to celebrate the natural holidays, I've re-

During the year, to celebrate the natural holidays, I've recounted a number of myths about various conceptions of the Sun God, and there are many, many more that could be told. But for this particular high holiday of the Sun, I'd like to reinterpret an old prayer as many American Indians or others who relate religion to a balance of nature might read it.

's	Our Father who art in heaven,	Father Sun,
ll- n- ed s.	Hallowed be thy name.	We stand in worship and awe of your mighty power and energy.
n- ve iy to ge	Thy kingdom come,	When all humankind has learned to nourish themselves from your limitless energy,
10	Thy will be done,	Then will we live as the Great Spirit intended.
ea es of st	On earth as it is in heaven.	Unless, through the Great Spirit's anger at our childish arrogance and failure to ac- cept our responsibilities, the earth is turned into a ball of nuclear fire.
n it id id d	Give us this day our daily bread;	Warm and fertilize our Mother Earth so that she may be fecund and rich with the life we kill to feed our lives;
na es I 's ne	And forgive us our debts,	We know we have wasted her resources and failed to meet our obligations as her caretakers; forgive us,
d- rt ed	As we also have forgiven our debtors;	As we must forgive our fathers and grandfathers who were also irresponsible;
,	And lead us not into tempta- tion,	And keep us aware of the balance of nature so that we do not greedily take too much and deprive our children,
st [a- ."	But deliver us from evil.	Save us from the conse- quences of our many hostile and greedy acts.
le	For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. (Matthew 6:9-15).	For only you, Father Sun, have the energy which will keep the Earth and all her children cycling through the wheel of life for countless generations.
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k d t't d a l i t I d		Foreman Shot Down in Flames In case you haven't heard, the Sierra Club seems determin- ed to retain its stuffy moderate image. Earth First!er Dave Foreman came in ninth in a field of ten in this spring's race for 5 open slots on the Sierra Club National Board of Direc- tors. Foreman did receive
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voting for him to subscribe to

Earth First!. In one bright spot

of the election, Dave Brower

was elected to the Board of

Directors.

WILDERNESS PRESERVE SYSTEM

The central idea of Earth First! is that humans have no divine right to subdue the Earth, that we are merely one of several million forms of life on this planet. We reject even the notion of benevolent stewardship as that implies dominance. Instead we believe, as did Aldo Leopold, that we should be plain citizens of the land community.

The practical application of this philosophy is that large sections of Earth should be declared off-limits to industrial human civilization, as preserves for the free-flow of natural processes. These are not the puny and truncated wild areas anthropocentrically protected in national parks and wilder-ness areas. It is not enough to preserve the roadless, undeveloped country remaining. We must re-create wilderness in large regions: move out the cars and civilized people, dismantle the roads and dams, reclaim the plowed land and clearcuts, reintroduce extirpated species.

Significant areas of the Earth should be zoned for such preserves now: much of Australia, the North American Arctic, the Amazon, Tierra del Fuego/Patagonia/Southern Andes, New Guinea, Borneo, Greenland, Antarctica, Baja and the Sierra Madre in Mexico, the Galapagos Islands, the Falklands and South Georgia, the Sahara, the Congo Basin, Siberia, the Tien Shan/Gobi/Sinkiang region of Central Asia, as well as large realms of the oceans. While gasoline, asphalt, and concrete would be banned, indigenous peoples living a traditional pre-European-contact lifestyle could remain.

Even in the over-developed countries, much can be done to restore ecological diversity and balance. A large percentage of the United States should be returned to its natural condition. We should have large wilderness preserves for all our biological communities. We foresee this being done with minimal economic loss or disruption of communication and transportation.

In the draft plan presented here for a Wilderness Preserve System in the Lower 48 United States, we have used the Bailey-Kuchler ecosystem map as well as our personal knowledge and information from others to identify examples of all ecological communities that have the best potential for recovery to at least a quasi-wilderness condition. Although re-creation of meaningful wilderness will, in some areas, require the relocation of several thousand people or the removal of major installations, we have striven in this draft proposal to exclude significant population centers, agricultural and industrial zones, important highways, railroads, and powerlines. Nonetheless, our first priority has been protection of intact ecosystems.

The general guidelines for these preserves include:

* No permanent human habitation except, in some cases, indigenous peoples living traditional (pre-1500 AD) lifestyles

* No use of mechanized equipment or vehicles

- No roads No logging, mining, water diversion. industrial activity, agriculture, or grazing of domestic livestock
- No use of artificial chemical substances
- No control of wildfire (except during a transition period if needed to return to a natural fire regime)
- * Reintroduction of extirpated species * Removal of exotic species
- where possible
- * Dismantling, removal, or destruction of dams, roads, powerlines, buildings, structures, toxic substances, etc. where feasible, or allowing them to deteriorate otherwise (over time)
- No overflights by aircraft Elimination of outside adverse influences such as acid
- rain Priority given to preservation of the ecosystem and native species over the safety and convenience of the human visitor
- Limited corridors may be designated in some preserves for necessary pre-existing transportation, utility and communications systems

The proposal presented here is our *draft* for a Wilderness Preserve System which will allow meaningful wildness to coexist with human civilization on the North American continent. Of course it is ambitious, even visionary. But it is impractical and outrageous only in the context of the bizarre utilitarian philosophy which separates one specie (Homo sapiens) from its place in the biosphere and from its relationship with the land community and life cycles of the entire planet.

Some of the larger preserves have been divided into several units by corridors for major. transportation routes. These corridors should be as narrow as possible, and highways, railroads, powerlines, pipelines, population centers, and visitor facilities should be tightly confined. We are seeking suggestions for refinements and additional preserves as well as commitments to work on finalizing certain preserve proposals. We eventually hope to produce a book giving detailed information and maps on all of these preserves. Help is also needed to extend the system to Hawaii and Alaska. Ideas on the nonmanagement and rehabilitation of these preserves are welcomed.

Note: Acreages are approximate and include ocean for coastal areas. The total acreage involved in the Wilderness Preserve System is about 716 mil-lion acres. Units east of the Rockies are very rough drafts. Help is particularly needed to refine them.

1. North Cascades-WA. 6 million acres. From the Canadian border to I-90, this high Glacier Peak, Mt. Baker, North Cascades Park, Pasaytan Wilderness, Lake Chelan, and the Alpine Lakes. Diablo Dam and Ross Dam will be dismantled.

2. Olympic Penninsula-WA. 4.5 million acres. US 12 is the southern boundary. The Port Angeles/Bremerton area is ex-cluded. The glacial landscape of the Olympic Mts, possibly the lushest temperate rain-forest in the world, and the rug-ged Washington Coast are included.

3. Oregon Cascades-OR. 4.5 million acres. From US 20 south to Upper Klamath Lake, this preserve reaches down from Crater Lake and the Three Sisters to take in lower elevation forest recovery areas on both sides of the Cascades.

4. North Coast—CA & OR. 15 million acres. The most diverse coniferous forest on Earth is protected here and given a chance to regenerate. The area runs from nearly Coos Bay in Oregon to Clear Lake in California. Crescent City and the Eureka/Arcata area will be accessible only by boat, airplane, or foot. Rogue River, Kalmiopsis, Siskiyous, Redwoods, Trinity Alps, King Range, Sinkyone, Yolla Bolly, Marble Mountain, Kelp forests, big rivers, big trees, big fish and Bigfoot.

5. California—CA. 3.5 mil-lion acres (2.5 million and 1 mil-lion) divided by Hwy 70. Oro-ville Reservoir will be drained. The north unit runs from the Sacramento River through the Ishi foothills to Lassen Peak. The South unit is Feather River country. The joining of the Sier-ra and Cascades, the foothills and the river valley. New home of the grizzly, wolf, valley oak and elk. Old California reborn.

6. Hells Canyon-OR, ID, WA. 4.5 million acres. Hells Canyon and the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon damns have gotta go. Free the Snake River! 7. Idaho—ID, MT. 18 million

acres in one unit with the Sawtooths, River of No Return, Selway/Bitterroot, and Clearwater reunited in one great wilderness. A second unit of 3.5 million acres includes the Lemhi, Lost River, Pioneers and White Cloud ranges with their intervening valleys.

8. Northern Rockies-MT. 6.5 million acres. Glacier Park, Great Bear, Bob Marshall, Lincoln/Scapegoat, Mission Moun-tains as one unbroken preserve

for the big bear. 9. Yellowstone-WY, MT, ID. 25 million acres in 5 units in order to allow road access to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake and Canyon, and Jackson Hole. The Gros Ventre, Wind Rivers, and Red Desert are combined in a 11.5 million acre unit of great diversity. Tetons, Palisades, and Grayback are in a 3.5 million acre unit. The Madison and Gallatin ranges in MT/ WY comprise 2 million acres. Seven million acres are includ-ed in the Beartooth/Absaroka unit. One million acres of the Bighorn Basin are also preserved.

10. Great Rift-ID. 2 million acres This vast recent lava flow area includes Craters of the Moon.

11. Wild Missouri-MT. 7.5 million acres. The Wild Mis-souri and its Breaks. Fort Peck Reservoir will be drained.

12. Great Basin-NV. OR, UT. ID. CA. 66 million acres in five units. The first unit is the High Desert of NV, OR, & ID including Pyramid Lake, Black Rock Desert, Sheldon Antelope Range, Steens Mtn., Alvord Desert, and the Owyhee country. 30 million acres. The sec-ond unit is between I-80 and US 50 in NV and holds the Rubys and Clan Alpine ranges for 11 million acres. The third unit, also in NV, of 9 million acres is bordered by US 50, 6, and 95 and includes Arc Dome and the Monitor Range. Unit four is in NV between US 6 and 93. It has 7.5 million acres: Sheep Range, Quinn & Grant ranges. The last unit of 8.5 million acres is in NV and UT with Wheeler Peak, Mt. Moriah, the Deep Creeks, Sevier Lake, and the southern part of the Salt Lake Desert

13. Great Plains—SD, ND, NB, MT, WY. 58 million acres. Two units of 37 million acres to the north and 21 million acres to the south divided by I-90. Reintroduce the buffalo, grizzly, wolf, and elk. Free the Lakota nation. The Shortgrass Prairie and Black Hills can live again.

14. High Sierra—CA. 8.5 million acres. John Muir's coun-try from the Domeland Wilder ness nearly to Lake Tahoe and reaching down into the footreaching down into the foot-hills. If you want to see Yose-mite Valley, walk 20 miles. Hetch Hetchy will be freed of O'Shaunessy Damn. **15. Big Sur**—CA. 2 million acres. The stunning California Coast without Hirdway 1

Coast without Highway 1.

16. Channel Islands-CA. 1.5 million acres. The water around them, too. Access by sailboat.

17. Condor-CA. 3 million acres of habitat for the big birds north of Santa Barbara in the San Rafael/Sespe-Frazier country.

18. California Desert-CA, NV & AZ. 27.5 million acres in five units divided by I-15, 1-40, and I-10. Mono Lake, White Mountains, and Death Valley comprise 15.5 million acres in CA & NV. 3.5 million acres in CA & NV are in the unit centered on the Kelso Dunes. The Joshua Tree, Turtle Mtns., Whipple Mtns., and Colorado River south of Parker cover 6 million acres in CA & AZ. The Chuckawalla Mtns. and Colorado River south of Blythe comprise the fifth unit of 2.5 million acres. Some additional corridors or rerouting of transporta-tion and utility features may be necessary.

19. Arizona Desert—AZ. 9 million acres in three units of 3 million acres each: Cabeza Pri-eta/Organ Pipe; Kofa; Buckskin/ Arrastra/Hualapi ranges. Sonoran and Mohave deserts meet. Leave it for the Gila monsters and Abbey.

20. Canyonlands-UT, AZ, CO, WY, NV. 36 million acres in five units. Draining Lake Mead gives us the Grand Canyon and Arizona Strip in AZ. NV, & UT of 8.5 million acres. Draining Lake Foul recreates Bob Marshall's largest roadless area and returns Glen Canyon to Everett Reuss' ghost. One way road access from the ghost

town of Page will be allowed so folks can view the remnants of Glen Canyon Damn as a monument to man's stupidity. 13 million acres. Arches, West-water, and the La Sals make up 2.5 million acres in UT & CO. 5.5 million acres of wildness stretches from Desolation Canyon to the Book Cliffs in UT & CO. Sorry, boys, no oil shale development. Flaming Gorge Reservoir will be drained for a 6.5 million acre Uintah/Dino-saur/Abode Town unit in WY, CO & UT.

21. Sierra Madre-AZ, NM, 5 million acres in two units. 2.5 million are wholly in AZ and include the Galiuros, Pinalenos, Catalinas, Aravaipa and important mesquite-grassland valleys. The eastern 2.5 million acres is in NM & AZ with the Chiricahuas, Peloncillos, Animas, and Big Hatchets. Home

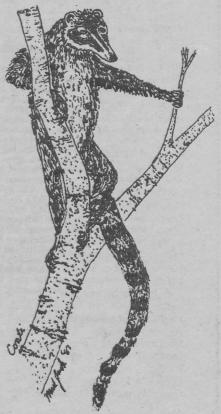
of Trogon and coatimundi. 22. Mogollon Highlands— NM, AZ. 13 million acres. This is where the Rockies and Sierra Madre meet with the desert and the plains. Gila, Blue Range, Aldo Leopold, Mt. Baldy Wil dernesses, San Francisco Can-yon, Plains of San Augustin, Zuni Salt Lake. A special var-iance can allow the VLA to remain in the north part. Victorio wins in the end.

23. Southern Rockies-CO, NM. 8.5 million acres in 2 units: 4 million in the San Juan/Weminuche/La Garita/Big Blue/ Cruces Basin of CO & NM; 4.5 million in the Sangre de Cristos of NM & CO.

24. Guadalupe Escarpment -NM, TX. 2.5 million acres. Carlsbad Caverns & Guadalupe Mtns. national parks. Carlsbad Caverns itself will have vehicle access but many other caves will be in the preserve.

25. Big Bend-TX. 6 million acres. The Chihuahua Desert of Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande River. Presidio will be accessible by vehicle or train only through Mexico.

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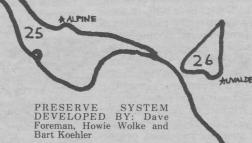
John Schleiden and State and Junction.
27. Texas Coast—TX. 2 million acres. Padre Island, Laguna Madre, and Laguna Atascosa Wildlife Refuge. Ocelots, alligators and Green Jays.
28. Big Thicket—TX. 1 million acres. The biological crossroads of America. Long live the Ivorybill Woodpecker!
29. Tall Grass Prairie—KS.
5.75 million acres in two units.
4.5 million between Emporia. Independence, Arkansas City, and El Dorado. 1.25 million between Emporia and Junction City. Let the long grass lick the City. Let the long grass lick the bellies of the buffaloes and let the howls of the plains wolf awaken the ghosts of the Comanche.

30. Ozark—MO, AR. 4.5 mil-lion acres in two units. Ozark Water-Ways in MO is 3 million between Rolla, Potosoi, Poplar Bluff, and Willow Springs. The Ozark Mountains of 1.5 million are in AR and bordered by 1-40, US 71 & 65, and AR 68, 23, & 16

16. 31. Atchafalaya—LA.6 mil-**31.** Atchafalaya—LA. 6 mil-lion acres in two units. One of the world's great swamps. 5 million south of Lake Charles, . New Iberia, and Houna. The other million between Morgan City and Plaquemine. A special corridor might be necessary for the Intracoastal Waterway.

32. Gulf Islands-MS & LA. 32. Gulf Islands-MS & LA.
1.25 million acres in two units:
.75 million in LA around Breton Wildlife Refuge and .5 million in MS around Gulf Islands
Seashore. The surrounding waters are also included.
33. Alabama River-AL.
1.5 million acres. Southern bottomlands between I-65 and Alabama 10.

Alabama 10. 34. Apalachee—FL. 1 mil-lion acres. The Apalachicola National Forest and St. Mark's Wildlife Refuge.



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37. Biscayne Bay—FL. .5 million acres. It's time to really protect our underwater/coral reef National Park.

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reef National Park. **38. Georgia Coast**—GA. 1.25 million acres in two units north (.75 million) and south (.5 mil-lion) of Brunswick. **39. Santee**—SC. 1.25 mil-lion acres. Cape Romain NWR. Francis Marion NF, Santee NWR. **40. Sectore**

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40. Southern Appalachi-ans—NC, TN, GA, VA, SC. 5 million acres in two units di-vided by I-40. The south unit of 3 million in NC. GA, TN & SC includes the Great Smoky Mtns.. and parts of the Nantahala. Chattahooche, and Cherokee NFs. The north unit of 2 million in TN, NC, VA runs from Wythe-ville, VA to I-40.
41. Outer Banks—NC. 1.25 million acres. Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout national sea-shores south of Nags Head.
42. Monogahela—WV, VA. 2 million acres. The high pla-teau between US 50 and I-64.
43. Delmarva—MD, VA.
1.4 million acres. The Eastern Shore south of Pocomoke City and Ocean City.
44. Eastern Deciduous For-est—IN, OH, KY. 1.65 million acres in three units: 2 in and around the Hoosier National Forest, 1 million acres and 330,000 aces; and 310,000 acres on the Ohio River in OH & KY. It's time to let the big broad-leafed trees have a place where they can live unmolested.
45. Adirondack—NY. 5 mil-lion acres. Let's reclaim most of this "forever wild" state park of northern forest, rivers, peaks, and lakes. Some corridors may be necessary.
46. Maine Woods—ME. 6.5 million acres. The Set Methods.

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46. Maine Woods—ME. 6.5 million acres. Thoreau's country, North of Maine 16 and between US 201 and I-95. Wild rivers, loons, moose, and Ktaadn.
47. North Woods—MN, MI, 14 million acres in 3 units. The eastern unit is 6 million and includes the BWCA, Isle Royale, and part of Lake Superior. The central unit is between US 71, 53, & 2 and takes in 3 million. There are 5 million acres in the western unit from US 2 to Lake of the Woods. Dedicated to the blackfly, wolf, mosquito, canoe.

of the woods. Dedicated to the blackfly, wolf, mosquito, canoe, and Sigurd Olson. 48. White Mountains—NH. To be developed. 49. Sand County—WI. To be developed. 50. Illinois Prairie—IL. To be developed.

35. Okeefenokee—GA, FL.
1.75 million acres. The Swamp from I-10 to Waycross. GA.
36. Everglades—FL. 8.75 million acres. It's time to re-claim the unique Everglades by returning its natural water flow to it. In addition to the Park, the unit would include Florida Bay. Big Cypress. Lake Okeechobee, and the Kissim-mee River. Alligator Alley. Tamiami Trail, and US 27 would be closed.

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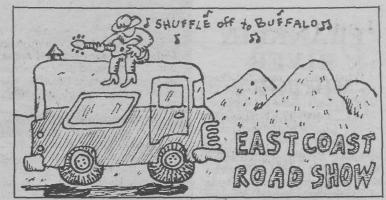
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Earth First! Road Show News The Earth First! Road Show with Johnny Sagebrush and Dave Foreman made another swing along the Pacific Coast in April and May to encourage support for the Bald Mountain Road Blockade and possible direct action against the NO G-O Road in California's Siskiyous. The Road Show hit the Endangered Species Fair in Chico on April 16, Earth Day at Sacramento State University on April 20, Arcata on April 22, the Garberville area on April 23, the Whole Earth Festival at

Davis April 29-May 1, and with Cecelia Ostrow and Dave & Windsong replacing Johnny Sagebrush, Eugene on May 6. Plans are still being made for a tour east of the Rockies this fall and EF!ers in the Midwest and East who would like to arrange appearances should contact EF! in Ely soon. Howie Wolke is planning a Road Show tour of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho this fall to organize action on Earth First! wilderness proposals in the Northern Rockies. Contact Howie at: Box 2348, Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-5343.

BIG MAC ATTACK IN THE AMAZON?

Available evidence now indicates that much tropical deforestation in Central and South America is by US fastfood chains converting the rainforest into beef pasture for the production of bad hamburgers in Burbank and Peoria. Is this true? Is Ronald McDonald clearcutting the Amazon to make Big Macs? Earth First! tropical biologists are resear-ching this claim now. We hope to soon present a definitive article outlining the American the amount of rain forest leveled by them, and the significance of the fast food role in the overall destruction of tropical rainforests.

If you have any information on this or possible leads on where to find such information, please write us at POB 235, Ely, NV 89301 and we will pass it along to our researchers. If it is found that the plastic burger joints are significantly responsible for tropical deforestation, we will take direct action.

burger corporations involved, GATHER WITH EARTH FIRST!

AND FRIENDS IN THE MOON OF RIPE BLUEBERRIES near SHINING ROCK WILDERNESS

in the western North Carolina mountains

from the 20th to the 23rd of August

We hope most EF! members in the region, and many from across the country, will come and bring their friends. The 20th and 21st are Saturday and Sunday, and those whose work and affairs permit will

want to stay until the 23rd, which is the full moon. The campsite is a large meadow, beside a big creek; it is an area proposed for addition to the Shining Rock Wilderness, but passed over in the RARE II rip-off, and now subject to exploitation. There are NO "facilities," so bring whatever you need. It is reached by a mile-long footpath from a Forest Service parking lot, which is on a gravel road off the Blue Ridge Parkway, about 35 miles from Asheville, NC. A map and detailed instructions will be published in a subsequent issue.

We are waiting to hear suggestions and ideas from all of YOU before we make more detailed plans, but as a starting point for discussions, here are some of our ideas:

People will be arriving on Saturday, and will need time to settle in, so we don't plan anything before a late afternoon common meal: Bring your own food and maybe a little to share. There will be a council fire Saturday (and probably every) night; singing will likely burst forth; an informal rap may develop.

On Sunday we felt a spiritual gathering would be appropriate, after people have time to eat breakfast privately and attend to their morning affairs. Perhaps a "sharing of wise counsel" for the afternoon, with each person speaking as inclined and inspired. Then too, there will be a lot of informal networking, splashing in the creek, berrypicking, walking and

EF! members in NC are preparing maps and information concerning the endangered natural treasures in our state. We hope people from other states and regions will do something similar. Let us know what you'd like to share: perhaps to make some presentation on a topic of interest to EF!

By Monday the 22nd those who stay may want to get down to serious planning sessions on strategy and tactics for preserving this land and its life. On the 23rd the moon will be full, and it seems that some celebration of union with the Earthmother would be a very positive way to complete the gathering, perhaps at moonrise.

As you can see, we have not yet "planned" Y/OUR gathering, so tell us what you think and want, then be there to make it happen. Let us hear from those of you who plan to attend: Hank Fonda

Rt. 1 Box 640B Andrews, NC 28901

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Letters, continued

Folks,

What does it take to whack the shit out of shit-heads like James Watt, Jesse Helms, and Jerry Falwell? Forget the Sierra Club and the Friends of the Earth. John Muir and Henry Thoreau would spin in their graves if they knew about the new generation of en-vironmental bureaucrats who pander to big business and big government. As Thoreau and Muir might say: "If you're gonna be a revolutionary, you gotta act like a revolutionary!'

Earth First! is one group that has the potential for rekindling the fires in the environmental movement. There are two other groups also worth mentioning. The Naturists function as a kind of "skinny-dippers rights" organization. They campaign for the legalization of clothesoptional recreation in tax-supported parks. (Hey, even the Catholic French, the Orthodox Greeks, and the Communist Bulgarians manage to tolerate full nudity on their public beaches. Is America a nation of prudes or what?)

The Naturists have had to battle with Federal and state parks bureaucrats who can't bear the thought of a naked ass in a wilderness pond or stream. The big environmental groups, also, have had some nasty things to say about skinny-dippers. The Audubon Society in Rhode Island - in alliance with the US Fish and Wildlife Service - has been trying to chase the skinny-dippers off one secluded beach on Nar-ragansett Bay. Some of the Appalachian Mountain Club leaders in New York State have tried to enforce a "no skinny-dipping" rule among AMC members.

Skinny-dipping is as American as Huck Finn and Pocahontas. I don't want James Watt to threaten me with jail or a fine if I lose my pants in the woods. Being naked and at ease in the wilderness is my way of saying: "I'm free. I feel good. Don't put me in a cage." For information on the Naturists: The Naturists, PO Box 132, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

Circle is another group worth mentioning. Circle functions as a non-profit "information exchange" for pagan-minded people. It's not a cult or a missionary society. Instead, Circle provides information on a wide variety of Neo-Pagan, spiritual feminist, shamanistic, Druidic, and other groups, that are involved with "the magical ways of Nature." If you've had it with patriarchal monotheism or if you're bored with secular humanism - why not get in touch with Circle? Information: Circle, PO Box 9013, Madison, WI 53715.

A bit of flesh. A bit of pagan spirit. A lot of Earth First! fire and drive. Maybe we can reactivate the environmental movement and dump the Watt-Helms-Falwell crowd from its present postion of authority. The Ecotopian revolution that could result could make the first Earth Day look like a Sunday school picnic.

Long live Wildness!

-Henry A. Anasazi Burlington, Vermont

Dear EF!

I just read about you guys in Outside Magazine and I must admit you sound like a rather interesting bunch. I feel it's fair of me to ask, though, just what have you done lately?

I'm in complete agreement with your stated goals and methods, but I wonder just what you have in mind with stunts like the "crack" in Glen Canyon Dam. That type of thing only gets you a few snickers and the opportunity for self-congratulatory pats on the ass.

"Guerilla theatre" is fine as long as you don't get so wrapped up in the theatre part that forget about being you guerillas. Anyhow, I sure would like you guys to prove me wrong. Tell me more about yourselves. Send me your newsletter! Maybe I'll learn something! Maybe I'll join you!

San Francisco

Hope you learned something from this issue, buster.

I spent five days this winter skiing and camping in the subzero cold of Idaho's spectacular White Cloud Peaks area. The beginning and the end of my trip were spent ascending and descending the rolling snow and sagebrush covered hills along lower Little Boulder Creek. The relatively light snowpack made skiing through the giant sagebrush a miserable experience. But it also assures the winter survival for many wild animals, including deer, elk, and bighorn sheep.

Most of our western mountain ranges are flanked by a relatively limited area of grassland or sagebrush steppe. The ecological significance of this "foothills zone" is disproportionately high when compared to its actual acreage. Unfortunately, these lower reaches of our mountain range ecosystems are, by nature, ter-ribly vulnerable to development. In many cases they are



already segregated from adjacent high country by roads, logging, mining, and the lack of biological perception on the part of lawmakers and bureaucrats. Many of these areas thus do not show up in agency inventories of roadless and undeveloped lands. The approach of conservation groups in the past has been to propose only inventoried roadless areas or other currently undeveloped lands for wilderness designa-tion. They have been suckered into playing a game by rules which have been set by the very forces most intent on li-

THE GRIZZLY DEN

by Howie Wolke

quidating our wilderness, and in maintaining their privileged position as exploiters of the public's lands.

It's time to stop cowering before the Industrial Monster! We need to start making wilderness proposals that are based on the ecological wholeness of each area, **REGARDLESS** of existing intrusions. And we need to seriously advocate and develop support for these proposals. Wilderness can and must be recreated. It is our job to deliver this message and to see that it happens.



It's good knowing someone I love reading Earth cares! First! - it's so refreshing to find such an energetic and open and outrageous publication. I'm working on a Masters degree in English and recently read Gerard Manley Hopkins. Here's one verse from a poem called "Inversnaid" (1918):

What would the world be, once bereft

Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left, O let them be left, wildness

and wet;

Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet. —Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear friends on the front in the Kalmiopsis

There isn't a day that goes by without me thinking about you. While I can't be with you, my thoughts of encouragement for each coming action, cheering for past actions, and determination for actions in progress are with you always. What you are doing in the Kalmiopsis is for you, for me, for this baby still inside me, and, most of all, for Earth. As you face each day, I that know emotions, discouragement, and fatigue are surrounding you. Please remember that your noble acts are scorned by a few but are admired and appreciated by many. Somebody has to take action. I thank each and every one of you for yours. The thoughts of others in Portland are with you. May Earth sus-tain you for your efforts. I know this effort will succeed. —Melinda Lee

Dear EF!

First of all, I love the Earth First! publication because it expresses that deep feeling for this fragile place we live on. Now for a question to your readers: do any of you know the name of some forestry school in Yreka, California? I'd appreciate hearing from you if you know. If any of you EF!ers are in Western Massachusetts you have floor space and beans here.

Thanks Waino Tuominen Pond Brack Rd

Huntington, MA 01050

Dear Dave:

I have read your Statement in the Sierra election folder and very much agree.

I have been a Member for only about a year but have been a rabid conservationist long before that. I grew up in the sagebrush country of the Oklahoma panhandle.

As it seems to be the most important part of the fight, I want to do what I can to help develop a progressively more effective and tough Sierra Club PAC.

Our basic enemy of course is opulation and ever since they hit the shore a Government-Industrial conspiracy has pushed an arrogant desecration of everything in front of them and via endless complications it in-

creases by the hour. As you indicate Sierra must now leave their birds-and-bees image and become progressively more brutal with their PAC programs.

-Kansas

Dear EF!

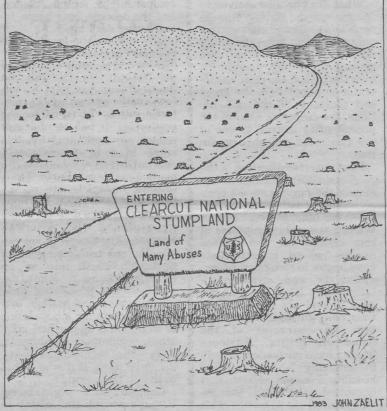
I heard that you are a bunch of radical, crazed environmental lunatics! That your methods are unorthodox, destructive, and extreme! That you take matters into your own hands with pragmatic-even vengeful - action! I've heard also that all the proper environmental organizations look down on you with disdain and often anger! That you are setting back years of proper environmental pro-gress!! So how the hell can I join?! Where do I sign up? -Florida

To the folks at Earth First!

Right on! Your approach to preservation is the most refreshing one I have seen in years.

A friend gave me a copy of your newspaper and each page was filled with rich commentaries and "to the point" news. read about values, philosophies, politics and ideals that were founded on efficient ecological prin-ciples—with this state of mind, the ideals are synonomous with realities. I believe that and I believe in your work. Godspeed Earth First!

-San Rafael, CA



Dear Earth First!

I had delayed sending this to you while trying to figure out how to express my annoyance with one of the items in the December 21 issue, in particular the quotation entitled, "Gandhi on Violence." Here is the begin-

ning: "The people of a village near Bettiah told me that they had run away whilst the police were looting their houses and molesting their womenfolk ... '

Do you see what's wrong with this? Gandhi thought that the people of the village were the same as the men of the village.

I had hoped that any newsletter making a big deal out of goddess worship would at least have added an editorial note to the effect that Gandhi obviously had some flaws, too. Big ones

Heads up, folks! Sexism come from all directions.

-Judy Kunofsky Berkeley

Ed note: Good point. Thanks for writing.

Dear Earth First! O.K. I've read two copies of Earth First! and here is my money for a subscription plus a couple of T-shirts.

About your journal. I think that the Radical Environmental Journal is a misleading sub-title for Earth First! I would consider it more of an Ultra-Conservative Journal. After all, aren't you mainly concerned with conserving and preserving the traditional wilderness and values of Mother Earth? Perhaps the Ultra-Conservative Earth First! movement might even drive Ron Reagan to pronounce himself a liberal environmentalist!

Thanks for existing. -A western

ilderness manager

Ed note: As the former chairman of New Mexico Young Americans for Freedom, I tend to agree. We've never really figured out if we're left or right. But perhaps we're radical conservatives - somewhere over on the back side of the political spectrum where right and left come together.

GLEN CANYON

by Marc Brown

"I could have organized a better demonstration." James Watt

Del Webb Inc. held a birthday party for Lake Powell and Glen Canvon Dam on May 19th that they described as "grander than John Wesley Powell could have imagined." To commemorate the damming of the lifeblood of the southwest and the creation of the lake called Powell, they brought in Interior Secretary James Watt along with the governors of Utah and Arizona, Scott Matheson and Bruce Babbitt. But while official ceremonies went on, Earth First! held a funeral service for the remarkable network of canyons that Powell called "Glen.

As the governors performed the christening ceremony for two new tour boats, precisely on the state line 100 yds from shore, and the Page, AZ high school band blared, an Earth First! pirate ship circled them and a crowd of more than 100 shouted their outrage at the obscene ceremony from the shore. Secretary Watt was nowhere to be seen, except as represented by a painted mannequin aboard the EF! vessel. It was decorated with signs and bunting, four other mannequins painted to resemble the Beach Boys, and 15 EF! members, plus a tombstone that listed the canyons, rivers and ar-chaeological sites destroyed by the lake. Back and forth it steamed. mocking the ridiculous official event.

Then the rain came. A huge thunderhead rolled in to spoil the party, and forced the politicians back into their boats. As they hurried to the plastic comfort of Wahweap Marina the sky let loose her version of a christening as the demonstrators raced to the "fish cleaning area", the agreed upon location for the speeches and mourning. A stalwart group of six pallbearers braved the storm and came ashore aboard a tiny inflated raft carrying a casket that represented



all that was sacrificed twenty years before.

As the official group formed for their luncheon date with Watt, Earth First! held a wake. Art Goodtimes invoked the spirit of the canyon to remind the assembled of the awesome powers that will ultimately bring down the works of men, and which were so arrogantly defied in the construction of the dam.

Ken Sleight then praised EF! the effort put into the demonstration. In a speech filled with remembrance of what was and of the battle to save it he reminded his audience of the duty to resist. of the obligation of those who see to speak, to act, to inspire others. He spoke at length of the beauties of the canyons and evoked a real sense of what was lost to those who were denied the opportunity to experience it. As he spoke the sky cleared and as a perfect complement to his call to action a small plane buzzed overhead, trailing a banner that read: Earth First! Free the Colorado!

The Earth Last! contingent from Albuquerque then burst in and demanded the lake be expanded and that the works of nature be sublimated to the demands of our consumer society. As some of them danced about in 'happy smokestack' costumes they repeated their chant, "Progress First! Man Second! Earth Last!" Finally, a group unable to hear any more assaulted their counter demonstration and sent them fleeing for their lives.

It was then Johnny Sagebrush's turn. The warmed up and drying audience joined in several songs aimed at ridding the air of the stench of the official activities and of the false, flat monotony of the phoney lake that lay like a puddle of pus behind him.

The finale consisted of Digger describing an encounter with the secretary of the Interior in the Grand Canyon. With customary zeal and energy he maintained the sense of humor that pervaded the festivities. Though he bestowed upon Watt an eloquence doubtless not real, his portrayal of him was priceless: "I devour endangered species as snacks and see the destruction of entire ecosystems as my life's work."

Meanwhile, the pitiful chumps ensconced in the luncheon heard only the insipid drivel of the pasty white shellfish himself, chewed mindlessly on their rubber chicken, and doubtless wondered why the demonstrators were in such good humor.

A press corps numbering at least 85 recorded the events and, at least, in some cases, brought to life the concerns of the speakers and the history of this most flawed reclamation pro-Whether in fact it was ject. grander a celebration than J.W. Powell could have imagined of simply more grotesque, will never be known. But at least it's certain his view of the arid lands as too delicate, too beautiful to be left to the despoilers and greed merchants had spokesmen that day. And the certainty that the transgression of the dam would eventually be corrected was manifest as well.



by Marc Brown "I'm not as stupid as I look."

J.G. Watt May 19, 1983 Maybe not. But the 200 Earth First! members and sympathizers who gathered at the southern tip of the lake called Foul May 19th tried their best to point out the stupidity of his and the Reagan administration's policies and Watt, being what he is, made the job easy, with an assist from Del Webb, the concessionaire that operates the five marinas on the stool of the Colorado.

Elaborate advance planning assured a sizable media corps for what was billed as "a birthday celebration grander than John Wesley Powell could have imagined." Glen Canyon Dam, perhaps the most obscenely arrogant manifestation of banal insensitivity ever built is now 20 years old, and behind it lies the monotonous uniformity of Lake Powell, a wonderland of middle-class recreation where Winnebagos on pontoons rumble noisily over the drowned beauty of the heart of the canyon country.

But the mourners at the wake. as the Earth First! action was described, did not come to ridicule James Watt, or even to demonstrate their displeasure with him. The dam, the stool, came before Jimbo and will (perhaps) survive him. They came instead to be reminded of the tragic results of compromise and of political horsetrading; a lesson taught in 1963 but still unlearned today by the establishment 'environmental' groups.

Spurs Jackson was tipped off about Watt's visit in late March and immediately sent out a data sheet to the EF! membership in the four corner states which included the official announcement from Del Webb. It soon became obvious that the beneficient concessionaire was trying to orchestrate not only the event itself, but who would hear of it and when. Thirty hand-picked journalists of the Sunday-supplement variety were sent invitations that in-cluded free lodging at the newly expanded Wahweap Lodge, helicopter rides to Rainbow Bridge, a rubber chicken luncheon, and access to the secretary. Dick Kemp of Del Webb, Phoenix, informed me that these people were extended prerequisites in exchange for services rendered. ("They're people who've written nice things about the lake over the years." he said.) The message they were supposed to return with was one of cooperation between the states of Arizona and Utah, the towns of Kanab and Page, the various governments, the Navajo nation, the National Park Service, and above all, subsuming the petty differences of her minor partners, Del Webb, Inc., employer of hundreds, host to millions

"Is that then, all you intend to do?" John Holland, NPS law enforcement agent. "Well, I guess I oughta tell you about the houseboat and the circulane new," Spurs Jackson

airplane now." Spurs Jackson. By his own standards James Watt attracts the wrong element. Within days of the news release Spurs was inundated with requests for information on the "funeral ceremony for Glen Canyon." Articles appeared in numerous periodicals discussing the counter demonstration still weeks away. Del Webb's staged act was falling apart.

It was claimed by some that they had expected 7,000 guests, which if true meant that a lot of locals were invited. It was also rumored that 1500 people applied for press passes, though it was probably closer to 200. One newsperson counted 85 of his own kind actually at the luncheon. Most of them spurned the free suites and copter rides since they'd been assigned to cover the demonstration as well as the speeches.

Officially (in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area all things official originate in Del Webb's offices in Phoenix) the birthday party consisted of the dedication of two new tour boats, one each by the Governors of Utah and Arizona, Scott Matheson and Bruce Babbit. This was to take place at 11:00 am on the state line 100 yards from shore on a makeshift land-ing ramp. Then the official party, including invited boosters of all things superficial and transitory, were to float to Wahweap Marina for a luncheon where Watt would encourage them in their rape and plunder. Later, a barbecue at Rainbow Bridge would cap a consciousless day of inanity. It didn't work out that way.

However one approaches Page, Arizona, one is struck by the awesome arrogance required to dream up a scheme as demented as the dam. Lone Rock campground, two miles north of the marina, was the holding site for Earth First!, according to the permits. Wednesday night, May 18th, the blue and white houseboat rented from the great leech lay ten feet offshore being decorated. The pirates hauled aboard the bunting, signs, and mannequins. Soon it resembled a ragged parade float. Every few minutes the local constabulary would arrive and chat mindlessly with anyone bored enough to talk with them.

The houseboat set sail (fired up its belching diesel engines) at nine the following morning and proceeded to the staging area. Appropriately, the EF! activities were sited at the "fish cleaning area" near the Del Webb campground. Spurs' truck Alphonso served as the stage. At around 10:45 the tour boats were docked and the dignitaries took up their duties. On shore, the Page. AZ high school marching band, in orange and black regalia, trooped about and were reviewed by the party 100 yards offshore. Approximately 100 EF! demonstrators were alongside the band, trying to outshout the Sousa tunes. The governors were introduced and in turn made trivial comments on the pleasures of Lake Powell. Howie Wolke guided the houseboat back and forth.

When the rain began the official christening was moved to the marina. Six stalwart pallbearers carried a casket symbolic of the dead canyon in a tiny raft through the pelting rain.

The group then reassembled to listen to Ken Sleight. He had guided trips through Glen for many years and had led a small but angry battle to stop the destruction in the late 50s. "How will I describe the beautiful places that were lost. and that you will never see? It was a special place, now gone forever." he said.

Or is it? Have we through this effort turned the tables on the dam? The copious media coverage had much in common but what comes through is that it is now up to them to tell us *why the dam should not be dismantled*. Bruce Babbit calls it "a tradeoff...But it had to be." It didn't have to be. It *doesn't* have to be. Clearly, the battle is going well. Many people there found themselves wondering, "What will it be like when it's drained?" The asking of the question is progress.

"They had all these dummies aboard their ship to make it look like there were more of them." James Watt

Glen Canyon Dam

If you have any news clippings on our funeral party at Glen Canyon Dam, we would appreciate receiving copies of them. Also any photos you may have taken. Please send to POB 26221, Salt Lake City, Utah 84126

The Glen Canyon Dam Rag (Set the River Free) Shawn Browning

Oh say can you see, thru the dawn's early light, that hole in old Glen Canyon dam that we put there last night. Refrain-

Oh there it goes...just one good blow, we're gonna set that river free and let the water flow...

Oh there it goes...just one good blow, we're gonna crack that concrete dam and let the river

go. Them folks with all their gadgets will have to do without, we're gonna set that river free and put the candle out.

There'll be no more Lake Foul, by the time that we get done, just one slightly wet Glen Canyon and a river on the run. Refrain-

That's the way it's meant to happen, that's the way it ought to be. The Colorado River a'flowin' to the sea.

That current's been obstructed for far too many years. The crashing of that dam will be sweet music to our ears. Refrain - twice with feeling.

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FRANKLIN RIVER VICTORY

by John Seed

Tasmania, Australia's smallest, least populated state, is an island about 150 miles south of the mainland. In spite of particularly brutal development which saw the systematic destruction of the aboriginal culture along with much of the natural environment, some remote areas remain wild and intact.

In particular, the south-west of the island contains a huge temperate rainforest wilderness which has become the focus of Australia's biggest ever environmental conflict.

The dispute centers around plans by the Tasmanian Hydro Electric Commission (H.E.C.) to dam the state's last wild river, the Franklin, which runs through the heart of the southwest wilderness.

The Franklin and the Gordon Rivers with their host of tributaries, form the major wild river system in Australia. These rivers are prized by whitewater canoeists and rafters who formed the backbone of the Tasmanian Wilderness Society (T.W.S.) which was formed in 1976 as the H.E.C. started surveying damsites.

As one of only three temperate wilderness areas remaining in the southern hemisphere (the other two are in Patagonia in South America and New Zealand's fjord country), S.W. Tasmania has attracted international attention. It was recently listed as a World Heritage area, and UNESCO requires that a country provide "to the utmost of its resources, the protection, conservation and transmission to future generations" of such an area. Other World Heritage areas include the Grand Canyon and Egypt's pyramids.

The leader of the Tasmanian state government, Robin Gray, holds a different view and recently referred to the



Franklin as a "brown, muddy, leech-ridden ditch". He sent a member of his cabinet to Paris in an unsuccessfull bid to prevent World Heritage listing.

The forest is beautiful beyond description. Myrtly Beech, Leatherwood, King Billy Pine, Sassafras, Celery-top Pine, tree ferns and palms are reflected in the pure waters of the rivers and lakes. Huon Pine exist only here. The longest living tree in Australia, they have been carbon dated at 2,200 years and take 800 years to reach maturity. 40% of the world's Huon Pine habitat would be submerged if the dam were completed. Tasmanian Devil, Tigercat,

Tasmanian Devil, Tigercat, possums and Wallabies, Wombat, Bandicot, Platypus and Echidna...these are the names of some of the mammals that inhabit the area.

Along the Franklin are vast limestone caves, archeological treasure-houses such as the Kutikina Cave which holds evidence of the most southerly extent of humankind at the end of the last ice age. They contain cave paintings of greater antiquity than those in France and Spain and would be flooded if the dam went ahead.

Extremely fragile, the rainforest does not regenerate after clearing or fire, but is at best replaced by secondary eucalypt forest. Ecologists believe these diverse forests to be remnants of those that once covered the whole land as the supercontinent of Gondwanaland broke up and flowering plants were born 100 million years ago.

A not uncommon experience for those defending this place, is the feeling of being penetrated, transformed, empowered by a remarkable intelligence which abides here, that composes this ecosystem. The insight follows that this incredible genetic diversity is indeed more intelligent than we are. Rainforest, the very womb of life has evolved fully half of all the species on earth including, a few short million years ago, **Homo sapiens**.

In 1895, Launceston in the north of the island became the world's second town, after Niagara U.S.A. to be connected to hydro-electric power. Tasmania's social and political history has been closely tied to the development of this resource ever since. Last year over half of the state's budget went to the H.E.C.

Having built scores of dams, the H.E.C. now thrashes around like a wounded dinosaur. It justifies the Franklin dam by saying that employment will be created during its construction, and that the power will attract more industry to the state. Tasmania's unemployment rate, at about 12% is the highest in the country.

The T.W.S. claims that the H.E.C. is selling the power below cost to large industries -the cheapest electricity in the world - and that this is destroying rather than creating employment. For instance, the aluminum smelter, COMALCO uses 25% of the state's electricity yet employs only 0.3% of the workforce; the thirteen largest industries account for ³/₄ of the state's power yet employ only 6% of the workforce. the cheap power is of course, subsidised by smaller industries and households. The billion \$ cost of the proposed dam must be borrowed, and here the H.E.C. competes for scarce capital with other projects which could produce far more employment.

Having failed to convince a succession of Tasmanian governments to change course (a state referendum last year gave the Tasmanian s a choice between two dams. 40% nonetheless wrote 'no dams' on their ballots) the T.W.S. concentrated on lobbying for the federal government to in-tervene to stop the dam. The society organised the largest demonstrations seen in Australia since the Viet Nam war. Tens of thousands turned out in the mainland capital cities. In Hobart, capital of Tasmania, 12% of the population of the city turned out for one rally.

In a 1982 mainland byelection, 40% of voters wrote 'no dams' on their ballots. Still the Tasmania government pressed on and the federal government refused to intervene, stating that the issue of states' rights was more important than the dams issue. Every major newspaper in the country condemned this stand. The government claimed that it lacked the constitutional power to interfere, but a report from their attorney general leaked to the press stated that they not only had the right, but also the obligation to enforce the World

Heritage treaty. At the end of 1982, the T.W.S. called for non-violent direct action to stop the dam. Membership in the organisation had doubled to 8,000 in the previous four months and over 70 branches had formed throughout the country.

throughout the country. People from everywhere converged on the south-west. Over 3,000 took part in the ten week action, 1,400 were arrested for trespass or obstruction and face fines or prison sentences of up to six months. Over 400 people went to jail rather than sign the bail condition that they not "lurk, loiter or secrete themselves on H.E.C. land. T.W.S. director Dr. Bob Brown, soon to be elected to the state senate, spent weeks in jail at Christmas time.

Flotillas of yellow rubber rafts ("duckies") blocked the passage of bulldozer-laden barges on the river, people sat down in front of bulldozers or obstructed chainsaws until arrested.

From the damsite on the junction of the two rivers, the Gordon flows twenty miles to Macquarrie Harbour. Across the harbour, a further twenty miles from the mouth of the river is the tiny port of Strahan. 30,000 tourists cruise from Strahan up the Gordon every year, and the major cruise operator donated a 50 seater craft to ferry protestors up to the dam site.

Upon arriving in Strahan, anyone intending to participate in the blocade spent some three days taking part in non-violent action training before being permitted up river. This training in the theory and practice of peaceful direct action meant that, in spite of all manner of provocation, there was not a single incident of violence or damage to property during the entire campaign. For weeks the blocade was top of the news throughout the country, and though it was sometimes difficult to watch the continued violence against the forest while hardly even pulling out a survey peg, this policy paid off. By February this year with federal elections less than a

month away, middle Australia felt comfortable enough with the situation for national opinion polls to show sentiment running 2 to 1 in favor of 'no dams'.

At this point the Australian conservation movement, which had never before acted in a politically united fashion, pledged its support to the oppostion A.L.P. (Australian Labour Party) which gratefully agreed to preserve the whole of the Great Barrier Reef as well as S.W. Tasmania if elected. They also promised to spend \$500 million on job creation programs in Tasmania.

Alongside the blocade which continued unabated, the T.W.S. and other groups launched a political campaign concentrated on 13 marginal electorates which needed a swing of only a few percent to fall to the A.L.P. In the weeks preceding the election, there were some 200 T.W.S. volunteers in each of these electorates going door to door, distributing leaflets.

As it turned out, the swing against the government averaged 5% around the country and the first euphoric statement from Bob Hawke the new Prime Minister was that "the dam will not be built".

The blocade was immediately disbanded and only a small vigil is maintained up river watching the bulldozers proceed. At the end of March the federal government made its first move, enacting a regulation making further construction of the dam illegal. A High Court battle between the state and the nation is about to begin.

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ED ABBEY: CONSCIENCE OF THE CONQUERER

If, as some believe, the evolution of humankind is the means by which the earth has become conscious of itself, then it may follow that the conservationist awakening is the late-flowering conscience of that world mind. A vainglorious exaggeration? Not at all, if in conservation we can see a logical extension of the traditional Christian ethic-and that of the other world religions-beyond narrowly human concerns to include the other living creatures with whom we share this planet. Not only those obviously beneficial to us, but even those that might appear to be competitors, even enemies. The broadening of the ethic cannot stop at this point; once we become generous enough in spirit to share goodwill with living things, we can advance to the nonliving, the organic, to the springs, streams, lakes, rivers, and oceans, to the winds and clouds, even the rocks that form the foundation of our little planet.

All is one, say the mystics. Well, maybe. Who knows? Some of us might prefer to stress the unique, the in-dividual, the diversity of things. But it now seems well proven that all things, animate and inanimate, living and (as we say) nonliving, are clearly in-terdependent. Each form of life needs the others. We see ourselves, the human race, as the apex of a pyramid of life, the point of it all-and not without justice. Through humanity the earth finds its voice. But we in turn are merely raw material for others; the microorganisms that thrive in our bodies while we live, the bacteria that feast on our flesh after death, the plants that draw nutriment from our bones would be entitled to believe that God created the human race to serve their needs. The very concept of a special creation should give pause to those Christians who hold the view, still widespread and dominant in our society, that everything on earth exists for the sake of

This is not to say that the Peacable Kingdom can or ever should exist on earth. Conflict within and between species is inevitable, necessary, and up to an optimum point, desirable.

When the lion lies down with the lamb, it must be for the purpose of sharing a dinner, a dinner in which one eats and the other is eaten. Otherwise the lion would starve to death. The lamb itself eats grass, those green, tender, delicate beings with who knows what fine emotions and refined aspirations of their own. The moralistic vegetarian is a hypocrite; no selfrespecting herbivore would share such a doctrine for a moment.

Competition within the species is likewise desirable-to a point. An absolute leveling of men and women would reduce humankind to the status of the social insects; good enough for ants, bees, and termites, but inappropriate to our kind and a serious injustice to those among us with the special qualities and abilities that give variety, vigor, zest, progress (yes, there is such a thing as progress), and finally glory to the human enterprise. Any Utopia, any Golden Age of Unlimited Power and Plenty, whether mystical, pastoral, or technological, where the needs and pleasures of life can be obtained without effort, would be a world of insufferable boredom, downgrading humans to the sloth and torpor of swine in a luxury sty; unworthy of us, the death of our nature.

Nevertheless, the opposite course leads to an equally fatal result. Unlimited struggle within a species would destroy that species; the human race has now reached a stage in its cleverness where, for example, we can continue to have war or science, but no longer both. The industrial way of life implies the risk of mass-produced death.

Nor are we wrong to strive for justice within a society, the fair division of wealth, charity toward the weak, the old, the foolish.

Stand up for the stupid and crazy, said Whitman. Amen. The mad may be saints, the crippled may be artists, magicians, craftsmen. Human society is based on mutual aid. cooperation, sharing-without those attributes it would perish. Will perish.

What the conscience of our race-environmentalism-is trying to tell us is that we must offer to all forms of life and to

the planet itself the same generosity and tolerance we require from our fellow humans. Not out of charity alone-though that is reason enough-but for the sake of our own survival as free men and women. Certainly the exact limits of what we can take and what we must give are hard to determine; few things can be more difficult than attempting to measure our needs, to find that optimum point of human population, human development, human industry beyond which the returns begin to diminish. Very difficult; but the chief difference between humankind and the other animals is the ability to observe, think, reason, experiment, to communicate with one another through language; the mind is our proudest distinction, the finest achievement of our human evolution. I think we may safely assume that we are meant to use it.

What are the alternatives to reason and the conservationist conscience? There seems to be only one: go on as we are going now, submitting to the blind growth of human domination over the planet, the mindless increase in population, the greed and gluttony of the rich nations, the desperate need of the poor, leading in turn to one of the two most probable resolutions.

First, an intensification of the conflicts within each nation and among the nations as the competition for dwindling natural resources becomes more severe. We can see early symptoms of this conflict in the United States, where industrialists have begun to recognize conservationists and environmentalists-not labor leaders, not government, not Marxists-as their chief antagonists in shaping the character of the American future. Business leaders have succeeded already in creating an unjustified hostility between elements of organized labor and the environmental movement. This conflict can be resolved only in a society based on a mature, stabilized political economy that functions so smoothly we can take its health for granted, becoming aware of pain only when something is going wrong. The endless-growth

economy, contrary to orthodox belief, is a diseased economy.

If efforts at internal reconciliation fail, if the environmental movement fails, we will see conflict increase, becoming more bitter as classes, factions, ethnic groups, and races compete with one another for as much as each can take from what economic wealth remains available in North America. In the course of the struggle luxuries such as wilderness and wildlife, public lands, and personal freedoms will begin to vanish, as they have already largely vanished from most of Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America. At the same time the competition among the nations will drive all closer to the edge of war, with each nation seeking to promote its own economic growth in the only way it can: at the expense of other nations. The result will be, as history demonstrates with tedious repetition, war and civil war, accompanied by famine, plague, and the descent, once again, in-

to another dark age. So much for the familiar and popular disaster hypothesis. The second possible outcome of population growth and industrial growth would be the creation of a planetary technocracy, a technological superstate in which we surrender our individual lives to some kind of international, computerized, scientifically engineered despotism. In a planetary order combining the best features of Huxley's Brave New World, Orwell's 1984, and Stanislaw Lem's The Futurological Congress, we can imagine the transformation of Spaceship Earth into an orbiting food machine, automatically processing rock, air, seawater, and sewage into snack packets for a population of 10 billion drug-pacified, comatose, semihuman inhabitants. They-the technologists-say it can be done. But who wants to live in their world?

Commonplace nightmares. Perhaps we will find a way to muddle through and between the gruesome horns of our dilemma. The American nation (including Alaska) is one of the few places left on earth where it is still feasible to make a stand against the growth fanatics, the graph-paper mentality of the

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GNP economists, the replenishand-forever-multiply theology of the Latter-Day Native-American Yahoo Church-all the descendants of those hordes of avaricious peasants (our forefathers) who swarmed across the Atlantic to fall, like a plague of locusts, upon the sweet, lovely, defenseless, virgin lands of America.

In any case, America offers what may be our final opportunity to save a useful sample of the original land. It is not a question merely of preserving forests and rivers, wildlife and wilderness, but also of keeping alive a certain way of human life, a wholesome and reasonable balance between industrialism and agrarianism, between cities and small towns, between private property and public property. Here it is still possible to enjoy the advantages of contemporary technological culture without having to endure the overcrowding and stress characteristic of this culture in less fortunate regions. If we can draw the line against the industrial machine in America, and make it hold, then perhaps in the decades to come we can gradually force industrialism underground, where it belongs, and restore to all citizens of our nation their rightful heritage of breathable air, drinkable water, open space, family-farm agriculture, a truly democratic political economy. Why settle for anything less? And why give up our wilderness? What good is a Bill of Rights that does not include the right to play, to wander, to explore, the right to stillness and solitude, to discovery and physical freedom?

Dreams. We live, as Dr. Johnson said, from hope to hope. Our hope is for a new beginning. A new beginning based not on the destruction of the old but on its reevaluation. It will be the job of another generation of thinkers and doers to keep that hope alive and bring it closer to reality. If lucky, we may succeed in making America not the master of the earth (a trivial goal), but rather an example to other nations of what is possible and beautiful. Was that not, after all, the whole point and purpose of the American adventure?

REFORMING THE FREDDIES

Marcy Willow pegged them right in the last issue of Earth First! when she called the Forest Service an "outlaw agen-". Since WWII the Forest CV Service has been engaged in a jihad to liquidate the oldgrowth forests of the Pacific Coast and replace them with managed tree farms. The piece meal, reactive approach of the environmental movement has failed to protect the big trees. Without major action soon, the only intact forest ecosystems on the Pacific Coast will be in already designated Wilderness Areas and National Parks. That is not enough.

It is time for those of us who talk to the trees to be visionary,

to dare to set forth our ideal for how our forests are to be managed. The blockade of the Bald Mountain Road is merely part of an overall Earth First! campaign to restructure timber policy in the United States. We are contacting other interested groups and knowledgeable into draft a detailed proposal for timber reform legislation. Among our tentative recommendations are:

1. No cutting of old growth (previously uncut) forest on public or private land in the United States.

2. No use of herbicides or pesticides for forest management on public or private land in the United States.

3. No cutting of timber on public or private lands with a slope greater than ??? (figure to be arrived at).

4. Limitation of commercial logging on National Forest or BLM lands to Site Class #1. 5. No deficit timber sales on

public land. 6. Require all companies bidding on NF/BLM timber to be small locally-owned businesses. (Capitalization limit to be devis-

ea.) Preference to worker-7. owned timber companies for bidding on federal timber.

8. Require all companies operating on public lands to be labor-intensive (require a certain number of jobs in the woods and the mill per million board feet-number still to be worked out).

9. Stronger national policy on

recycling wood products.

10. Stronger national policy on efficient utilization of wood products.

11. Concentrate timber production on sustained yield from highly productive previously-cut private and public timber lands.

12. Public works projects for reforestation, rehabilitation, and erosion control on previously logged areas.

signate all RARE II and RARE I areas wilderness.

14. A national Roaded Area Review and Evaluation on the National Forests and BLM lands to determine which previously roaded and cut lands should be made wilderness recovery areas.

15. Return to public ownership of any privately-owned timber lands that are abused (strict standards to be set).

16. A prohibition on the export of raw logs.

Further suggestions would be appreciated as well as help in finalizing these recommendations, putting them in legislative form, and writing supportive material.

Fifty years ago Bob Marshall wrote a book called "The Peo-ple's Forests". It's about time we laid our claim to them.

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Ursus horribilis

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ever again.

Red wolf bloated by poisoned bait, Golden eagle hunted by helicopter, Mountain lion trapped

by tempered steel . . . was it like my dream

before the rancher's cracking rifle, the last real grizzly in California on a snow field dancing under winter's waning moon?



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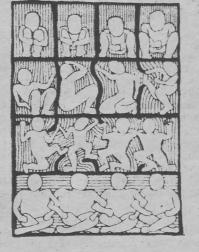
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Arthur Dingle Corvallis

FORGET REMEMBER

forget cats purr through their veins forget this is a tunnel of glass forget waving to mommy from the merry-go-round forget entering the house of your inner nature forget the second time you fell in love forget handfulls of moist earth forget no one won the war forget it's only a mirror to your own light forget to kiss your mother goodbye forget this infinite eternity forget you're not the first person to say that to me forget to comfort your lover forget you were given this gift to guard forget there are videotapes of Reagan picking his nose and eating it forget it is a long way into the poem forget the smell of autumn leaves forget swearing you'd always remember that moment forget when you had all the time in the world forget new snow by early morning light forget the clouds opening sweetly like knees forget to be nice to the grass forget this most perfect fire opal forget the feet of the notyetborn forget this does not belong to you forget accepting the pain forget Reagan will not be eligible for parole until 1999 forget the pigeons are listening forget you are a direct descendant of the first spark of life forget to forgive the ones you don't love forget to forgive the ones you love

repeat with remember in place of forget



ARMED VISIONS

oatmeal when there's no butter eat it without

when there's no honey eat it without

when there's no salt

eat it without

when there's no oatmeal everything's perfect

> Chip Rawling Boulde

Fulfillment

I think best knowing myself as no more than a blade of grass playing my part in the balance of lifelearning how to do the wind favors In the dance of grass, taking the part of balance-Even to go so far as cui

dancing in the mouth

Editor's Note: Author of this piece is unknown. The name was lost in house fire. Any

DIET

"See this bunch of roses on my table I eat them

I am the giver of roses. I am the poet who eats them. I like small gifts. Have one. Like my ancestors I enjoy the smell of potatoes & onions cooking but my diet is strictly roses. This rose tucked behind my earthat rose you keep between your legsthey taste good. I need this food. Let others crunch on roots or gnaw the bones of animals; for me, I must have roses. Little buds or flowers full-blown, petals silky white or blood red, it doesn't matter. Roses arranged in a vase please the eye, crown our table but don't dwell on their significancethey sustain me.

> Steve Lewandowski **Honeoye** Falls

Josephine Clare

I Have Been Told

Down on the river There is a small place Where there is no sound Nothing, and I know it well And I have been told And since found That when climbing back Loaded with water At the top of the rise If you half turn your head The river will tilt into your ear

> Bob Arnold Green River



NEAR ORAIBI

this Hopi Earth.

Even through my boots I am barefoot. She is soft

- and I become delicate,
 - touching gently her Winter clothes;
 - those dried silvery tufts and scarves of simmering snow.

The Mesas were harsh

but yet here (on the plain)

I feel as if this Hopi Earth might wrap me in her clay and roll me into a coil that my eternity be gladly spent within the cheek of a pot or bowl. Earthenware!

I wear her soil.

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Marja Eloheimo

San Anselmo

She is soft,

like a worm

John Curl Berkeley of a robin.

idea whose fine poem this is?)



Personal Accounts

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(continued)

The dozer, visibly frustrated, once again retreated, this time about ten yards up the road. The blockade advanced over the berm, to the base of the blade.

blade. "First down!" someone said. Les Moore, disgusted by the sight of the environmentalists, retreated another ten yards in reverse. He killed the engine and climbed down, this time with his thermos in hand.

and climbed down, this time with his thermos in hand. "Bunch of Communist bastards! Who funds you anyway? The Rockefellers?" He scowled as he walked up the road mumbling obscenities, on his way to call the sheriff. The blockaders advanced another ten yards. They draped their banner over the dozer blade. "Touch down!"

Meanwhile, an anxious Dave Foreman was leading the press corps through the mud. When they arrived on the scene, the bulldozer had been idle for half an hour, and a crowd of Earth First! support people were gathered around the captured machine. The blockade of the Bald Mountain Road had begun, after months of planning and preparations; so too, began the non-violent struggle to save all wilder vess.

It would be the more hours before the Josephine County Sheriff's deputies would arrive and haul the demonstrators off to jail. Work would resume on the controversial road. More blocks were to follow. The people of Oregon and the rest of the country were gearing up for a long fight.

#2 by Ric Bailey

The ten of us, the second wave of defense, rendezvoused at a deserted campground. It was May 5, 2:30 a.m., nine days after the initial blockade. Our strategy was altered by the recon report from the night before: The Freddies had a double locked gate at the head of the road. We would have to hike three miles to reach the battlefront.

During the long ride up to the gate, we sat in silence, in the backs of the pickups, some snoozing, most contemplating the task at hand. At last, we reached the gate. The pickups departed. We were on our own. We hadn't gone far before we were confronted by an unexpected peril: a dog barking. Its warnings shattered the tense stillness of the night. We retreated. After a brief conference, we decided to leave the road on the Northwest side, circumventing the dog and pro-bable guard encampment. This we succeeded in doing without conflict. We reemerged from the bush, and started back down, passing silent pieces of machinery scattered along the accursed road, like so many behemoths in hibernation. We suppressed the obvious desires that arose.

Our objective was: locate the end of the constructed road, and there make our stand to prevent further intrusion into the as yet undefiled portions of Bald Mountain Ridge. As dawn was breaking, we found our spot, where the last stretch of road went into a cutting bordered by a sheer wall of stone on the left, and a steep drop into a canyon flecked with



"You better get the hell out of here if you don't want to be killed!" Catskinner Fred Brown tells William Smith, Molly Campbell, Diana Warren, Peter Swanson, and Doug Norlen.

huge fir trees on the right. We mounted the stone embankment. We observed the road survey stakes that had been placed at the base of a tree that bore a sign proclaiming the boundary of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area. Anger and disgust inflamed us.

It was not long before we heard the sound we awaited; harsh and unmistakable. The surly growl of a D8 cat prepar-ing for a day of destruction. The tone of "its" voice changed. We knew it was moving down toward us. We leaped onto the road: eight of us hand in hand, stretched across the road. Two photographers positioned themselves for action shots. The cat turned the corner into full view. It clattered toward us at full throttle. We held forth our arms in gesture of command and defiance. The great machine halted. It dropped its huge blade at our feet. Les Moore ("Les" wilderness "Moore" destruction) dismounted. He placed us all under citizens arrest, then left to fetch the sheriff. We held our position in front of the dozer savoring the accomplishment of phase one of our blockade.

It was an hour and a half before the sheriff's deputies arrived in 4-wheel drive pickups. We had an added surprise for them. As soon as our scout came running back with the news that they had arrived, we emptied our packs of the chains and handcuffs, and began phase II of our plan. We quickly bound ourselves to the bulldozer. Our ploy worked. The sheriff sent a man all the way back to town for a set of bolt cutters. By the time he returned, cut us loose, and we were hauled away, we had succeeded in delaying construction for $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

We spent about 2 hours in jail, before being released on our own recognizance. We will go to court to face a charge of criminal mischief. But our blockade was a success, and the consequences were expected. Other affinity groups are forming, other strategies will be employed, and construction will halt more often, and for longer periods of time. At least, that is our hope. We feel in our hearts that we have contributed to a great cause, and helped with the advent of a new tactic in the protection of wilderness in America: Direct Action. We are confident that ours was not an act of futility, but a show of force, of power, and that in the end, the beautiful North Kalmiopsis will be saved.

#3 by Doug Norlen

The following is a personal account of the Tuesday, May 10 blockade which caused a onehour shutdown of construction of the Bald Mountain road in the Kalmiopsis region.

Molly Campbell, William Smith, Peter Swanson, Diana Warren and I stood just above the road getting ready for our action. Stay calm. Deep breaths. Relax. Concentrate. Pray. Pull together! Ready, set, go! Ayess!!!

The five of us jumped down a steep fifteen foot embankment that was gouged into the mountainside to make room for Photos by Frank Siler

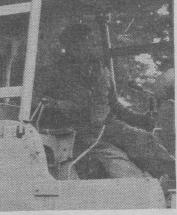
the logging roadbed. Two photographers, Frank and Karin followed, sliding and bouncing down to the roadbed. A third photographer, Omo remained perched safely above the roadway at a spot he later described as "a good vantage point to take pictures." The driver of the bulldozer was working a sharp corner turnout in the road about 20 yards down from where we descended. He saw us at once and his eyes bulged out. He reacted instantly by calling and waving to a giant earthmover driver who was dumping a load of dirt to build up the corner. The earthmover driver immediately parked his machine, jumped out and ran by us to a white Plumley Company truck parked just up the road from us.

The Catskinner grabbed a quick gear and started down the road away from us. It appeared to me that he was frightened and was leaving to call the sheriff. However, when he was just about completely around the corner, he appeared to have a change of emotions. He turned his dozer around and headed back towards the corner between us. He drove his dozer at a fast clip and began frantically working the corner again. The five of us linked arms and approached him.

As we approached the cat the driver in the Plumley Company truck drove past us to call the sheriff.

The dozer driver put his machine into reverse and backed towards us. He kept coming back and when his dozer was at arm's length to us, we stopped. He did not. He kept backing his dozer into us and we were forced backwards by the machine.

"You better get the hell out of here if you don't want to get killed!" he screamed as he pointed at us vindictively.



Fred Brown

It was then that I saw the man, saw his face clearly. He was wearing an Irish beret tilted to the right. He had very distinct Irish features with high cheekbones and a rolling chin. His eyes were red and intense, showing extreme anger and equally extreme fear. His lips quivered rapidly as he screamed at us. He seemed to be losing control.

After forcing us back about 20 feet he went forward toward the corner. The five of us regrouped and relinked our arms. The dozer shifted back into reverse and started at us again.



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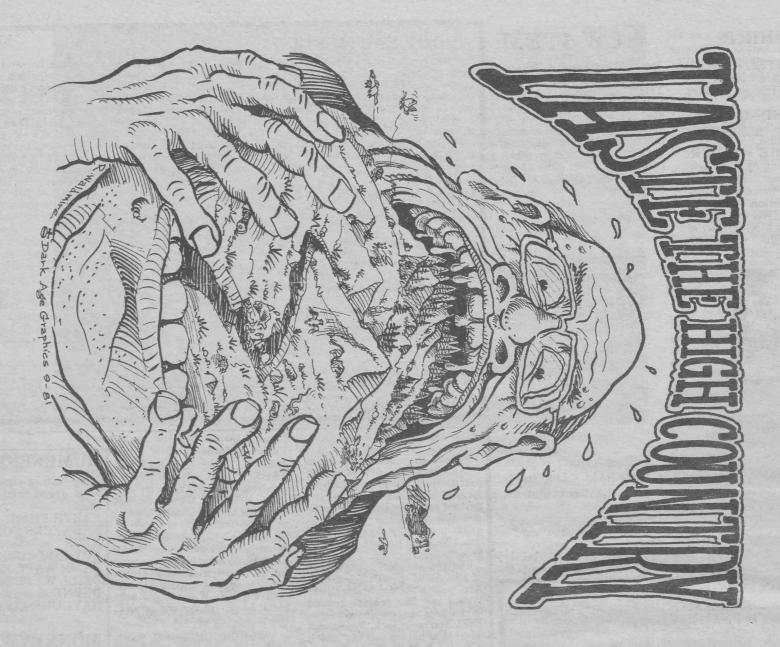
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