

Earth First!

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As people awaken to the extent of humanity's impact on our planet—melting ice caps, dying oceans filled with oil and pollutants, destroyed freshwater aquifers, unchecked biotechnology contamination, alarming rates of deforestation and mass extinctions across the globe—the importance of the *Earth First! Journal* cannot be overestimated. The *Earth First! Journal* is the voice for the international radical environmental movement and we are expanding on our media sources to increase our ability to reach more communities around the world! The *Earth First! Journal* is produced by a small collective and we are stopping in your town for one night on our way to this Summers' Earth First! Rendezvous in Maine.

Earth First! was created in 1979 by a handful of environmental activists who were fed up with working for inefficient environmental nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). These NGOs, for the most part, cooperated with the very institutions responsible for destroying the Earth and are still complicit today. Earth First!, with its "no compromise" stance, instantly appealed to environmentalists who wanted to boldly make a stand. Earth First!ers shared the sense that we need to act *now*, or it will be too late. In 1980, the *Earth First! Journal* was created to bring this new movement together, providing both news and inspiration. Earth First! also has a culture of singers, songwriters, poets and artists.

30 years later, the *Earth First! Journal* is established and respected as an award-winning, international source for cutting-edge environmental news and stories from the frontlines of ecological direct action. The *Earth First! Journal* has brought many environmental issues to the forefront of public consciousness and, ultimately, to mainstream acceptance. Back issues of the *EF! Journal* are a regular request by scholars near and far, nearly 100 libraries in the US subscribe to the *EF! Journal* and along the way, it has broken major stories on:

- The surge of direct actions against the people and companies behind global warming
- The struggle against mountaintop removal coal mining in Appalachia
- The rise in food prices as food becomes a fuel commodity through the biofuels explosion
- Blockades resisting the construction of a NAFTA super-highway in Indiana
- Ongoing land occupations by Six Nations indigenous people in Canada
- Resistance to today's COINTELPRO-like government repression
- Activists' challenges to the genetic manipulation of our food
- The physical defense of whales, mountain lions and other endangered species
- The unlawful death of Macho B, the last known wild jaguar in the US

The *Earth First! Journal* Roadshow will feature a news program called, "Earth Nightly News" that is both entertaining and educational. After the news we will have a slide show presentation about the history of Earth First: 30 years on the frontlines of ecological defense. If you have any questions, please send us at e-mail at: collective@earthfirstjournal.org or reach us by phone at: 520-450-3770.