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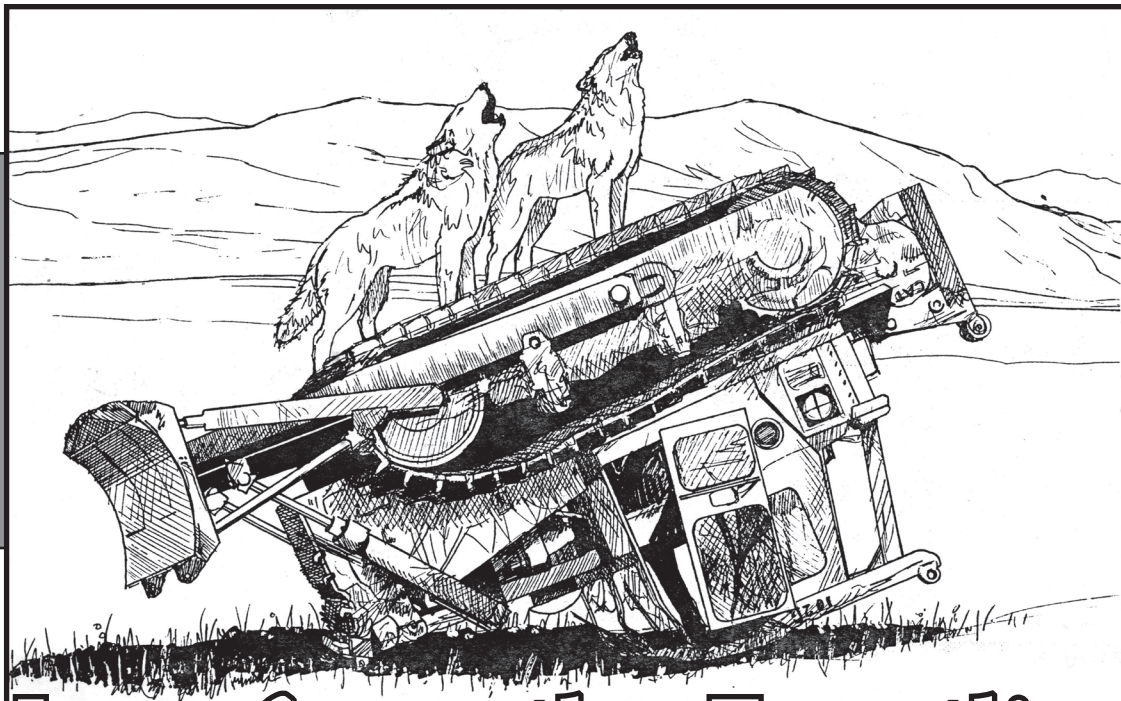
"On the Frontlines of Ecological Resistance"

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*Beltane is the time for ecstasy, orgies and eco-defense, so why not head to Humboldt and help with their active treesit campaign to save giant Redwoods? While you're at it stop off in the Northern Rockies and help stop the megaloads from reaching the Tar sands in Canada. Then, after all that, head back home and kickstart a campaign to bring down the earth brutilizers where you live!*



## News from the Frontlines

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**MARCH 11**

### **A QUAKE, TSUNAMI & MELTDOWN**

An 8.9 magnitude earthquake rocks the coast of the Osaka peninsula of Japan, creating a chain reaction of tidal waves, power grid shutdowns and a massive meltdown at a Japanese nuke plant comparable to Chernobyl. The quake was so intense that it caused the Earth's axis to shift. On the upside, subsequent massive protests spark the necessary counter to the so called "Nuclear Renaissance."

**MARCH 13**

### **JERSEY BANS HYDROFRACKING**

Though temporary, New Jersey joins the state of New York in banning the process of extracting natural gas through

chemical hydro-fracturing after public concern over health and environmental contamination spreads throughout the Marcellus Shale region.

**MARCH 14**

### **KAYAK BLOCKADE OF COAL SHIPPING**

Some 600 swimmers, kayakers, tubers and canoers overrun a coal shipping harbor in Newcastle, Australia staling all coal shipments for the day.

**IN OTHER NEWS**

Everglades Earth First!ers commemorate their one month anniversary of maintaining a treesit in the Briger Forest to halt deforestation and the development of a Scripps biotech city. On the following day another tree sit is erected at a new location directly in the path of the development.

**MARCH 15**

### **SARDINES AND NEUROTOXINS**

Scientific researchers conclude that a deadly neurotoxin has contaminated King Harbor in Redondo Beach, CA causing a fish die off reaching millions.

**MARCH 16**

### **TURKS TAKE ON GOLD MINE**

Enviros and villagers in Northwestern Turkey disrupt a meeting held by the bureaucrats of the Environment and Forest Ministry. Locals, carrying sticks and beating cans chanted against the Canadian company seeking to use gold cyanadiation to extract the resource.

**MARCH 19**

### **VENEZUELA VOWS NO NUKE PLANTS**

According to Venezuelan *presidente* Hugo Chavez, the South American

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country will halt all future plans of building nuclear power plants, effectively cutting its partnership with Russia to develop a nuke program. Chavez cited the nuke meltdown in Japan as a determining factor in his decision.

**MARCH 20**

**THOUSANDS PROTEST NUKE POWER IN TAIWAN**

Protesting the government's decision to construct the island nation's fourth nuclear power plant in Kungliao on the northeast coast, thousands took to the streets demanding that construction halt, and the three existing plants be decommissioned.

**MARCH 22**

**YANKEES AGAINST YANKEE NUKES**

Hundreds of protesters turn out to demand that the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant be shut down. Just days before, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission extended the life of the plant another 20 years despite several leaks, a cooling tower collapse, and official misstatements by plant officials.

**IN OTHER NEWS**

**TASMANIANS TAKE TO THE TREES TO SAVE OLDGROWTH**

Blockades and tree-sits are set in West Wellington in the southern old growth forests of the island to halt logging and pressure the government to impose a moratorium. Two tree-sitters were extracted and arrested.

**IN OTHER OTHER NEWS**

**ARIZONA ISSUES PERMITS FOR THREE URANIUM MINES NEAR THE GRAND CANYON**

Yep, its true. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has approved water and air quality permits for three uranium mines, including the proposed Canyon Mine near Red Butte, a site held sacred by the Havasupai Nation.

**MARCH 23**

**CHAINED ACTIVISTS HALT NUKE HEARINGS**

An environmental assessment of the proposed construction of new nuclear reactors at Darlington Power Plant on the north shore of Lake Ontario is delayed after Greenpeace activists chained themselves to a table in the hearing room. They remained locked and immovable from 9am to 1:30pm, shutting the meeting down completely. The activists called for a 6-month moratorium on talks in light of the disaster in Japan.

**MARCH 25**

**INTERNATIONAL COAL GROUP SUED OVER SELENIUM POLLUTION FROM W. VIRGINIA MINE**

Three environmental groups (the Sierra Club, the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy) sue coal operator ICG Eastern in federal court over a Webster County surface mine they say has been discharging toxic selenium into streams for years.

**MARCH 26**

**200,000 HIT THE STREETS IN GERMANY TO PROTEST NUCLEAR POWER**

Where the hell did they all come from? Carrying banners in solidarity with Japanese victims of the Fukushima meltdown, the streets of German cities are flooded with nuke resisters.

**MARCH 26**

**OK, THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT BUT...**

Several hundred masked protesters clash with police, attack shops and occupy a top store in London after hundreds of thousands of people rallied against government austerity measures. Clad in black and covering their faces with scarves, the protesters stared down the law, hurling fireworks, petrol bombs and paint. HSBC bank had their windows smashed, while some protesters hurled missiles at London's landmark Ritz Hotel. Others lit a bonfire at Oxford Circus, in the heart of the shopping district. Bagpipers, steel bands, choirs and dancers were also out for the event.

**MARCH 27**

**INDIGENOUS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SET SAIL FROM AUSTRALIA TO PROTEST OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING**

A flotilla of six boats sail from Auckland to launch a protest against plans by a Brazilian oil company to drill for oil and

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gas off the East Cape of the North Island. Enviro and Maoris said they would fight to stop a future BP Gulf disaster from happening near Australia.

**MARCH 28**

**RADIATION FROM JAPAN DETECTED IN US RAINWATER**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health says that traces of radioiodine-131 which were likely from the Japanese nuclear meltdown have been detected in a sample of rainwater in the US. Officials did not say where the sample was taken.

**MARCH 29**

**FARMERS & ENVIROS BLOCKADE COAL SEAM GAS PIPELINE**

A month long campaign to halt a gas pipeline escalates with one arrest at a human blockade of the construction site in Queensland, Australia

**MARCH 30**

**DIESEL SPILL IN MAINE**

At least 1,000 gallons of off-road diesel fuel leaked from a truck at the Foss Construction Co. , sending fuel into the Middle River, the Pleasant River and through vital smelt spawning beds.

**APRIL 3**

**LETTER BOMB EXPLODES AT SWISS NUKE OFFICE**

A statement from the Italian Informal Anarchist Federation was found in the remains of the explosion at the offices of Swissnuclear in the northern town of Olten. Authorities said the letter written in Italian was postmarked from abroad and referred to three eco-anarchists, Costantino Ragusa, Silvia Guerini, and Luca Bernasconi, connected with the group Il Silvestre detained in Switzerland in connection with an attempted bombing at the Swiss headquarters of IBM in Zurich. Il Silvestre opposes nanotechnology, biotechnology, the state and the military.

**APRIL 4**

**JAPAN DUMPS RADIOACTIVE WATER INTO OCEAN**

Japanese officials announce that they have dumped tons of water used to cool overheated fuel rods because they do not have the capacity to hold the water. Radiation levels along the shore of the plant measure several million times the "legal" limit.

**APRIL 6**

**BIGGEST FINANCIERS OF MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL EXPOSED**

PNC, Citi, and UBS are the top three financial enablers of mountaintop removal coal mining, according to a report by Rainforest Action Network and the Sierra Club.

**IN OTHER NEWS**

**BANKS "CLOSED" FOR CLIMATE CRIMES**

Rising Tide activists smear mud, tape up, and blockade two Portland, Oregon area banks, urging customers to find another location to hold their money.

**APRIL 7**

**VICTORY FOR MAINE'S MOOSEHEAD LAKE**

Maine Earth First!'s longterm camapaign to save Moosehead Lake from development by Plum Creek sees a victory when a superior court judge rules development process illegal.

**APRIL 8**

**THREE MURDERED IN PERUVIAN ANTI-MINING PROTESTS**

Agrarian peasants angered by the potential contamination of their water protest a proposed mine by Mexican owned

Southern Copper. Clashes with security forces result in three protesters shot to death. A few weeks later the Peruvian government denies the permit to build the mine.

**IN OTHER NEWS**

**SECURITY STAFF OF MINE ASSASSINATED**

Two security personel are found shot to death in a burning car outside of a contentious Freeport-McMoran mine in Papua.

**APRIL 11**

**BOLIVIA GRANTS NATURE EQUAL RIGHTS**

The law, which is part of a complete restructuring of the Bolivian legal system following a change of constitution in 2009, has been heavily influenced by a resurgent indigenous Andean spiritual world view which places the environment and the earth deity known as the Pachamama at the center of all life. Humans are considered equal to all other entities. It will also enshrine the right of nature "to not be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities"

**APRIL 12**

**NEW GREEN-SCARE INDICTMENT IN MICHIGAN**

A recent indictment order by Federal prosecutors in Grand Rapids Michigan has charged Jesse Waters, a Detroit area man, with damaging logging equipment and a flatbed trailer near Mesick, MI more than 10 years ago during an environmental campaign to halt deforestation. The indictment further states that others painted the message "log in hell!" at the site of the incident.

Environmental activist, musician, and mother of two, Marie Mason was also charged and convicted for her alleged role in the Mesick sabotage. She is currently serving 22 years in prison.

**APRIL 13**

**FATHER OF THE "CROCODILE HUNTER," ARRESTED IN PIPELINE BLOCKADE**

He says his son would be proud of his actions in Australia.

**APRIL 13**

**ACTIVISTS STORM DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, RETURN OIL TARBALLS TO BP**

Thousands gathered for the Powershift convention in DC to march to the Department of Interior and a corporate office of BP to return actual tarballs from the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster one year ago. Later in the week dozens of activists are arrested for sit-ins and blockades throughout the capital.

**APRIL 19**

**MONGOLIANS ON HORSEBACK SET UP YURT OCCUPATION TO HALT MINING**

Mongolian herders ride into the capital city right to the central square and set up camp, erecting their traditional yurts, prepared for a long Mongolian style free-state to protest the loss of land to foreign mining projects.

**APRIL 25**

**ANTI-ROAD PROTESTERS SET UP CAMP TO BLOCK FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION**

The group Stop the Pave in British Columbia, Canada erect a camp to block the construction of a freeway that will cause havoc to the local environment and several indigenous sites.



## Summer 2011 Announcements

For updated calendar

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**-Day of Solidarity with Marie Mason and Eric McDavid, June 11.** [JUNE11.ORG](http://JUNE11.ORG)

**-Stockholm Anarchist Bookfair, June 18**

**-Wild Roots Feral Futures, June 14-22**

Southwest CO, [FERALFUTURES.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://FERALFUTURES.BLOGSPOT.COM)

**-Allied Media Conference, Detroit, June 23-26,** [ALLIEDMEDIA.ORG](http://ALLIEDMEDIA.ORG)

**-Barcelona Anarchist Bookfair, June 27-July 3,** [LLIBREANARQUISTA.NET](http://LLIBREANARQUISTA.NET)

**-Earth First! Round River Rendezvous in the Northern Rockies, July 5-12**

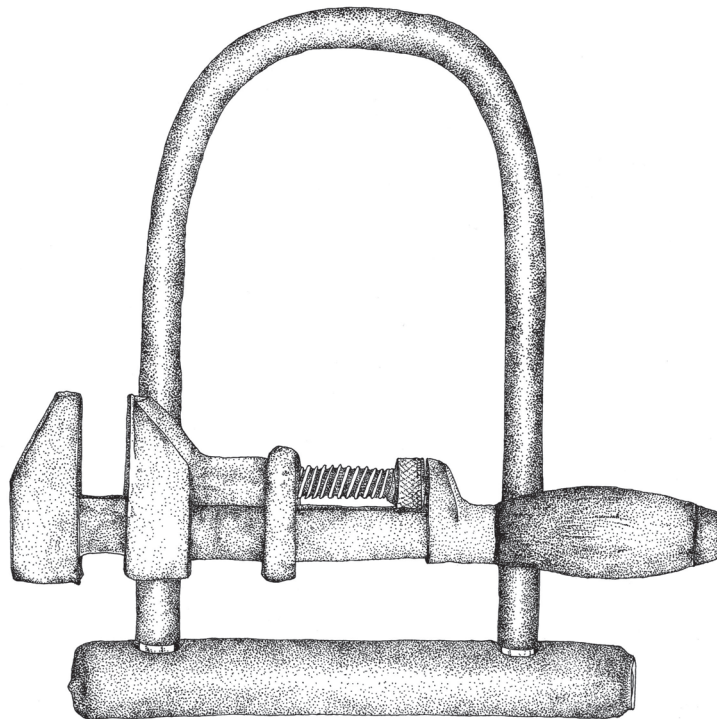
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**-Third Annual TWAC (Trans and Womyn's Action Camp), July 27-Aug 1,**

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**-Witch Camp, June 26-July 23**

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### Earth First! ToolBox: Vehiclulartage

For all motorvehicles and heavy equipment.

1. Pour sand in the crankcase. Sugar and syrup are ineffective in gasoline or diesel fuel tanks and oil reservoirs. At best, they will merely clog the filter. A handful or more of sand in the fuel tank or oil is much more effective and much easiser. Also, with sand you need not carry incriminating items like sugar or a bottle of Karo syrup.

2. Jam door and ignition locks with slivers of wood, a hard tough cement like "super glue," or silicone rubber sealant.

3. Pour a gallon or more of water or brine into the fuel tank.

4. Pour dirt, sand, salt, or a grinding compound (like Carborundum) into the oil filler hole. If there is a filter (often present on heavy equipment), pour the sand etc. down the dipstick tube and use the dipstick to ram it down. If possible, remove the outside oil filter and add the grit. (Very fine grit may go through an oil filter, though.)

5. Pour water into the oil filler hole. Amount needed depends on engine size—at least 2 quarts for a V-8. Use enough so that the oil pump will draw only water. The water should maintain "oil" pressure without lubricating at all.

6. Pour a box of quick rice in the radiator.

7. Put Carborundum or other small abrasive particles in the gearbox.

from *Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkey-wrenching*

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