

homes were raided by police. Six activists were detained. On the night of September 6, a large drilling vehicle was completely destroyed by fire. Police are currently investigating the sabotage.

August 28- Three loaders torched in Gorky Park, Kharkov, Ukraine

One of the destroyed loader's market price was estimated as \$60,000. Since the beginning of construction in May, the site has seen numerous ecotage actions, expropriations of construction equipment and mass protests.

August 27- Save the Peaks! Actions continue in defense of sacred sites

For more than 2 months, activists have been taking part in actions. Twenty-six arrests have been made so far. The US Forest Service is allowing the Peaks to be desecrated so the Arizona Snowbowl ski resort can expand, violating community consent, sovereignty and the cultural integrity of the Apache, Dineh, Hopi, Hualapai, Yavapai and other Indigenous Nations who hold the San Francisco Peaks sacred.

August 26- Resistance to fossil fuel infrastructure continues in Western Australia

Protesters block the convoy of equipment heading to the massive fossil fuel infrastructure project in the Kimberley wilderness on the northern coast of Western Australia. A 57-year-old woman was arrested after she locked herself to a low-loader trailer. The convoy, about 30 trucks, was also blocked by two people locking themselves to heavy machinery and a concrete barrel. Over 30 people have been arrested this summer in similar blockades against the project, which is being forced on the community by the Australian government, on behalf of Big Oil, including Woodside Petroleum, Chevron, Shell and BP. A few weeks earlier 5,000 people attended a protest at Cable Beach against the industrialization of the Kimberley and the threat of turning Broome into a mining town.

August 26- More arrests for blocking tar sands megaloads bound for Alberta



1000+ arrested protesting tar sands, Washington, DC. August 2011.

A group of Moscow activists with Wild Idaho Rising Tide were arrested for blocking US 95 to protest a massive Exxon/Imperial Oil "megaload" shipment destined for the Alberta Tar Sands. In solidarity with the First Nations people of Canada and the thousand-plus people arrested in Washington DC this summer, they are calling for the denial of permits for construction of

the Keystone XL Pipeline, which would stretch from Alberta, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico (passing through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas).

August 24- More action and anger against Shell

Rosspport Solidarity Camp activists pull off another lock-down on the roadside in north Mayo, Ireland, where Shell works the Corrib gas project. Two protesters arrested. This blockade was part of an intensive series of on-road actions taken since Shell started works at the Aughoose site during late July. The action was also taken to highlight Shell's recent oil spill at the Gannet Alpha platform, in the North Sea, off the coast of Scotland [reported August 10].

August 18- Incendiary attack on two vans of the energy multinational GDF Suez in Madrid (Spain)

Excerpts from Communique: Tonight two vans belonging to the energy multinational "GDF SUEZ" were set on fire... The techno-industrial system has been imposed on our lives in a brutal way, to colonize our bodies and minds... New developments, such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, robotics... stand as new forms of domination... they secure the murder of the earth, the total dependency on technology, a world where there is no space for autonomy, for freedom... For this we attacked the company... the attacks will continue against all that which enslaves us... from here, strength in your struggle, and may the insurrection that these days ravages England spread everywhere.

August 17- Bolivians march against development plan

Bolivian indigenous activists have started a long protest march, from the Amazon plains to the country's capital, against a government plan to build a highway through a national park in indigenous territory.

August 12- China orders petrochemical plant shutdown after protests

Chinese authorities have ordered a petrochemical plant to shut down after tens of thousands of protesters marched through the streets. The demonstration in Dalian is one of the biggest in a series of recent rallies against polluters in China. The protesters demanded a clear timetable for relocating the plant, with some refusing to leave until a plan is in place.

August 12- Fracking debate heating up in New Zealand

Climate Justice Taranaki, a protest group in the gas heartland of New Zealand, has called for a ban or moratorium on the practice, which it believes threatens aquifers with toxic chemicals. Taranaki is the first New Zealand region where there have been anti-fracking protests.

August 11- Nigeria oil spills have created ecological disaster, Shell again at the forefront

After half a century of oil spills, Nigeria's troubled



Sony in flames, UK riots, August 2011

Niger Delta is one of the most polluted places on Earth, according to a UN report. The report puts pressure on Shell Petroleum Development Co., the major operator during the period, which has had a bitter relationship with communities. It produces about 40% of Nigeria's oil in a joint venture with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp.

August 11- Aung San Suu Kyi backs Burma dam protesters

Burma pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi has joined forces with environmentalists, members of the Kachin minority groups and other affected communities in an appeal of a massive dam project on the Irrawaddy River. The Myanmar-China Myitsone Hydroelectric Project in northern Kachin state will displace villagers, upset the ecology of the important food source and is expected to flood an area the size of Singapore. Some 12,000 people from 63 villages have been relocated and have not been compensated. For decades, several ethnic groups have waged guerrilla wars for greater autonomy and control over resources in their regions. In March, fighting broke out between the 8,000-strong Kachin militia and the government. That fighting was related to dams and other large projects being built by China.

August 9- Cars, cops and corporations feel the heat of British riots

Racist cops shot and killed someone (Mark Duggan, 29 yrs old, father of four), and lied about it, again. Four days of riots followed. More than 1,100 people arrested in centers including London, Birmingham, Manchester, Nottingham, Bristol and Leicester. Groups of people evaded police, breaking into upmarket shops, setting chain stores and vehicles on fire. In Nottingham a police station and college were firebombed with more than 90 people arrested.

August 8- More bomb attacks against nano-technology in Mexico

The same group who took credit for anti-technology bombing in April has claimed more attacks. Mexico's Attorney General's Office announced that a suspicious envelope presumably containing explosives was found at Mexico's National Polytechnical Institute.

The group is calling itself "Individuals Tending to Sav-

agery [Individualidades tendiendo a lo Salvaje (ITS)]."

August 5- Protests against ALEC and British Petroleum (BP) in New Orleans

A march against the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), creators of pro-corporate legislation, takes place in New Orleans. Environmentalists, social justice groups and anarchists take to the streets, with some spray paint and smoke bombs livening things up a bit. One person was arrested. Also in New Orleans, on August 4, Anti-BP Sit-In Protest ends with three arrests.

First week of August marks the 48th anniversary of the West Papuan struggle for independence from Indonesia. Thousands of Papuans take to the streets, raising their voice for the freedom and self-determination which they continue to fight for and asking for support and recognition from the International community.

August- ACLU requesting information on government surveillance

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announced launching a massive coordinated information-seeking campaign. Thirty-four ACLU affiliates are filing over 375 requests in 31 states across the country that seek to uncover when, why and how they are using cell phone location data to track people.

July 26- Mysterious fire destroys Colorado State University horse research lab

Unexplained fire hit the "Equine Reproduction Laboratory", with 20-foot tall flames engulfing the building. The fire completely destroyed the facility, and damages are estimated at \$9 million. The lab was described as a "total loss."

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Earth First! ToolBox:

Pros And Cons Of Burning Machinery

There are two main advantages of burning machinery and heavy equipment: It can utterly destroy the bulldozer, yarder, or whatever. And, a machine that has its engine compartment, oil intake, and so on protected by locks can still be burned.

Disadvantages include:

1. It is difficult to achieve a hot enough and extensive enough fire.
2. A fire is very noticeable and quickly attracts attention.
3. Burning something is considered arson and may carry stiffer legal penalties than non-arson ecotage. Law enforcement agencies may make a higher priority of investigating arson than sand in the crankcase.
4. Arson elicits a more negative reaction among the public than other methods of damaging heavy equipment.
5. Setting fire to a piece of heavy equipment is potentially dangerous to the monkeywrencher.
6. There is a chance that a burning piece of equipment could cause a forest fire.

Any Earth defender contemplating burning instead of other methods of decommissioning bulldozers and other heavy equipment should carefully consider these negative aspects of burning machinery.

From *Ecodefence: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching*

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