Special Thanks to the Mysterious Rabbit Puppet Army for creating the amazing puppet show for our tour. And to all the organizers and donors who made the Roadshow possible.

Send us donations, feedback... and your green flags!

Welcome to the Earth First! Roadshow

The Roadshow crew is comprised of Earth First! (EF!) folks coming straight from the frontlines of the radical ecological movement in this country and draws its strength from a long history of direct action in defense of the wild. We embarked on this tour because while the urgency to stop industrial civilization is growing fast and our style of grassroots resistance is needed now more than ever, the visibility of EF-style tactics and values have actually declined in recent years. If we are going to respond appropriately to the expanding eco-crisis we need stronger communities and wider bases of support from which to fight. We have to learn how to deal with greenscare repression and activist burn-out. We need to gain new, innovative skills, strategies and tactics.

In short, we need a more effective bioregional network of local organizing across the U.S. Empire. We intend to make this Roadshow a tangible step in that direction. Thanks for coming to be a part of it.

Workshops
This presentation is only a small portion of what is happening on the EF! Roadshow. We are offering a whole lot of workshops as part of the tour. Some of the workshops we’re offering include:
- Legal Trainings (Know your Rights, Going to Jail, Grand Juries, and more)
- Basic and Advanced Blockades (lockdowns, tripods, etc.)
- Greenscare
- Direct Action Training
- Anti-oppression
- Security Culture
- Climbing Workshops (mid-line descent, rigging, platform raising and building)
- Consensus and Facilitation

If there is a local group that would like to have us offer one or more of these, please let us know ASAP so we can arrange to stay in town and assist in making it happen. If we are unable to stay, keep in touch, as we are hoping to establish a contact list of direct action trainers in various regions.

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Earth First! Tenets
Earth First! has no formal membership or mission statement. It is a movement of individuals and affinity groups who take actions based on the simple motto “No Compromise in Defense of the Earth!”

There are a few tenets commonly associated with EF!:

-Biocentrism: The belief that all things on the earth are equal and have inherent value in and of themselves regardless of their value to humans; that human boundaries and borders are irrelevant to defining healthy ecosystems or bioregions.

-Deep Ecology: The praxis of biocentrism, or thinking and living in a way that reflects our biocentric beliefs. There is a collection of thinkers, writers and poets who have expounded on this tenet.

-No Compromise: Unwillingness to cooperate in the attack of the earth. Too much has been destroyed to make any deals or negotiations with our enemies. We want to protect all that’s left of the wild earth and heal what’s been destroyed. And we will fight for it, as we would fight for any of our friends and family under attack.

-Direct Action: Direct Action is cutting out the middle man (whether corporate boss, or NGO leader) and acting for ourselves. Our words in the above tenets are nothing without our actions.

Direct Action Resources
Here’s a list of contacts for tightening up your affinity group:

Civil Liberty Defense Center (cldc.org) a clearing house of information on defending civil liberties, freedom of expression and eco-prisoners.

Midnight Special Law Collective (midnightspecial.net) legal collective that supports arrestees during mass mobilizations and a stockpile of legal resources

Ruckus Society (ruckus.org) direct action training network. How to guides.

Green is the New Red (greenisthenewred.com) updates and analysis on the Greenscare

Earth First! Climber’s Guild (efclimbers.net) network of direct action climbers with climbing guide available online

NLG Hotline (1-800-NLG-ECOLAW) National Lawyer’s Guild 24 hour hotline for animal rights and earth activists targeted by state repression.

Trans and Womyn’s Action Camp (twac.wordpress.com) action camp for womyn and trans folks in Oregon June 20-26, 2009

Round River Rendezvous (2009rrr.org) This year’s Earth First!’s summer gathering

Fund for Wild Nature (fundwildnature.org): Funding cutting edge environmental action since 1982

FindLaw.com: A great resource for direct action related legal research
Earth First! Journal

The Earth First! Journal (EF!J) is a radical environmental publication that is collectively produced by Earth First!ers and acts as a forum for the no-compromise direct action ecological movement. Published six times a year from the deserts of Tucson, Arizona, the EF!J is a outstanding source of news and analysis from the frontlines. Included in the pages is a directory of EF! groups around the world, “Ask an EF! Lawyer”, and list of eco-prisoners to support. The EF!J survives almost entirely on subscriptions, which run $25 for the whole year. Please subscribe and support grassroots publishing, consider becoming a local distributor or interning as on the editorial collective. Find out more at: www.earthfirstjournal.org

The Journal is looking for new short and long term editors, right now! Come be a part of the collective working on a radical grassroots publishing project; get practical experience in editing, layout, production and distribution of an independent publication. If this is the experience you’re looking for, e-mail collective@earthfirstjournal.org or call (520) 620-6900.

Coal Power Plant Blockade, Carbo, Virginia, post-Rendezvous action, 2006

Earth First! Gatherings
Earth first has two national gatherings each year:

Round River Rendezvous- Each Summer, during the first week of July, EF!ers from all over converge in a different location each year for the largest, rowdiest gathering of radical eco-defenders in the country. There are dozens of workshops on subjects such as: local campaigns, action skills, backwoods survival, rewilding and so much more. The gathering is free, with a suggested donation of $25-$500. Come camp with us in the mountains of Cascadia (near Portland, Oregon) this summer for a week of learning, fun, songs, and action!

Organizers’ Conference and Winter Rendezvous- During winter, we have an intense week-long gathering for Earth First! organizers to reflect on campaigns of the last year, refocus EF!, and strategize for the coming year. This gathering is followed by a three day boisterous Winter Rendezvous

Warner Creek blockade of post-fire logging, Cascadia Free State, Oregon, 1996

SUPPORT ECO-PRISONERS!
There are currently 15 political prisoners incarcerated for actions in solidarity with the earth and animals. Find out more at: www.ecoprisoners.org 13 of them could be released months, if not years, earlier under the proposed Good Time Bill. FOR MORE INFO VISIT: WWW.GOODTIMEBILL.INFO
Get Involved with Earth First! Here is a glimpse of ongoing local and national campaigns and projects related to EF! They could all use your support in a variety of ways—from fundraising to showing up in person. Please contact the organizing groups directly to find out what they need most:

**Northern California Redwood Defense**
Since the fall of Maxxam/Pacific Lumber, forest defenders in the Redwoods have been directing attention on another logging empire: Green Diamond Resource Company (formerly Simpson). In the last 10 years they have clear-cut 52,000 acres of Northern California forests. They are killing off endangered Spotted Owls and have aspirations to sell off thousands of acres in Humboldt County for Salmon killing suburban development. We have set up multiple treestis villages to oppose the destruction, and we need your help TODAY. [www.efhumoldt.org](http://www.efhumoldt.org)

**Appalachian Anti-Mountain Top Removal**
The presence of coal plants are threats to the lives within both the human community and the mountain ecosystem. One of the most biologically flourishing areas of the world is being environmentally and socially impoverished by companies practicing mountain top removal. Mountain top removal clogs streams, destroys forests, threatens biodiversity and forces coalfield residents into the unjust choice between income and well-being. [www.blueridgeef.com](http://www.blueridgeef.com)

**Stop I-69 in Indiana**
I-69 is a NAFTA superhighway, already constructed from Canada to Indianapolis and projected to extend down into Mexico. This highway is intended for the mass transportation of goods and resources, to further exploit workers and the land, and to lessen companies’ accountability in terms of human and environmental rights. In 2008, they began construction of this road through southwestern Indiana, which will evict hundreds of rural families, destroy hundreds of acres of land, and devastate the habitats of countless species of animals, including the endangered Indiana Bat. [www.stopi69.wordpress.com](http://www.stopi69.wordpress.com)

**Fight Development in the North Woods of Maine**
The largest piece of undeveloped land east of the Mississippi is under attack. Plum Creek, the nation’s largest corporate landowner, is in the process of rezing 20,000 acres of the Moosehead Lake region in Maine for luxury house and resorts, while trying to balance it off with a fraudulent conservation easement plan. This plan would still allow timber harvesting, commercial water extraction and the building of new infrastructure, among many other ecologically devastating practices. [www.maineearthfirst.wordpress.com](http://www.maineearthfirst.wordpress.com)

**Defend the Last Free-Roaming Wild Buffalo in Montana**
The Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC) is the only group working in the field, everyday, to stop the slaughter and harassment of Yellowstone’s wild buffalo. Volunteers from around the world defend buffalo on their traditional winter habitat and advocate for their protection. Our daily patrols stand with the buffalo on the ground they choose to be on, and document every move made against them. Tactics range from video documentation to nonviolent civil disobedience. [www.buffalofieldcampaign.org](http://www.buffalofieldcampaign.org)

**Fight new Copper Mines and Roads in the Deserts of Arizona**
Chuk’shon Earth First! is fighting the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine in the Santa Rita Mountains, which is greenwashing itself by claiming a need for increased copper extraction for the solar panel industry. The group is also opposing the expansion of I-10, part of the Department of Transportation’s “Corridors of the Future” program to increase capacity of global industrial commerce. The proposed I-10 Bypass would bisect wild/rural lands and facilitate more sprawl between Tucson and Phoenix. [www.chukshonef.wordpress.com](http://www.chukshonef.wordpress.com)

**Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project in eastern Oregon**
Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project (BMBP) formed in 1991 to increase regional and nationa awareness of the Blue Mountains ecosystems, to ensure the protection for and reintroduction of diverse native wildlife species, to promote ecologically sound restoration and address the root causes of ecological and community instability. They have trained countless EF!ers is forest monitoring. They are one of the country’s premier grassroots ‘paper-wrenchers’, filing legal challenges that help make our blockades successful. They can be reached at 541-385-9167

**Stop Florida Power & Light from trashing the Everglades**
Everglades Earth First! (EEF!) have been battling FPL’s plans to build the country’s largest fossil fuel power plant in the Loxahatchee Basin: a headwaters to the remaining Everglades ecosystem. EEF! Is also challenging over 500 miles of new gas pipelines and 2 new Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) facilities. Get more details: [www.evergladesearthfirst.org](http://www.evergladesearthfirst.org)

**Stop Gas Drilling in Western New York**
There is a proposal on the table to begin one of the largest fossil fuel exploration projects in the country. This project would result hundreds of millions of tons of CO2 emissions, along with the impacts of pipelines, power plants, and new LNG storage facilities. Get in touch wit Shale Shock: [www.shaleshock.org](http://www.shaleshock.org)

**Bank of America, Stop Funding Coal!**
A national campaign is well underway to stop Bank of America (BoA), who is the largest investor to Mountain Top Removal coal mining. The company recently offered lip-service to address their support for the coal industry, but have made no real steps towards cutting ties with King Coal. With BoA locations in cities across the U.S., this campaign can easily be supported in a decentralized fashion. Give ‘em hell! For more info: [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

**No 2010 Olympics**
The Native Youth Movement and other First Nations groups in occupied Canada have called for full-scale resistance to the Winter Olympics proposed in British Colombia. The Olympic proposal includes a mess of development, ski-resorts and infrastructure on indigenous land. Learn more at: [www.no2010.com](http://www.no2010.com)

**Root Force**
This project is a research database and strategic think tank for direct action intended to target corporate/colonial infrastructure, such as: roads, dams, power plants, and mines. Their website offers background information on transnational companies, government agencies and their local affiliations across the United States. [www.rootforce.org](http://www.rootforce.org)