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ON THE FRONTLINES OF ECOLOGICAL RESISTANCE



*An aerial view of the ZAD occupation in 2013 after people returned to the area following an eviction.
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NEWS FROM THE ECO-WARS

Throughout Sept—Chile: ALF and ELF Take Action Against Butchershops, Cops, and the Forest Industry

Action was taken almost every day in September; locks were glued, milk and meat were sabotaged, storefronts were vandalized, and flyers were distributed against cops and the forest industry and in support of Mapuche prisoners and others who are incarcerated.

Sept 26—Utah: Elders Rising Protests PR Spring Tar Sands Mine

The group, supported by activists of all ages, sat in rocking chairs outside the mine with banners and sang. "...I am here to look straight at the destruction of our land in Utah in the pursuit of boom and bust profit from mining tar sands, the dirtiest fuel on this planet," said one participant.

Early Oct—Chile: Animal Liberation at University of Chile's Science Facility

At least 120 rodents, who had previously been experimented on, were released. Leaflets left at the scene said, "...we will attack any research involving the use of non-human animals as experimental subjects, because we aim for the destruction/abolition of all forms of exploitation, including speciesism."

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On October 21, three people climbed 60 feet to occupy a fracking rig in Kirby Misperton, England.

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Oct 2—Austria: Demo Against Power Plant Construction on Mur River

People marched through the streets with a banner reading, “Bring down the State, not the trees,” blocked traffic, distributed leaflets, and set off fireworks.

Oct 3—UK: Woman Spends Over 20 Hours Locked to Digger

The 62-year-old activist locked down to block the construction of the HS2 high-speed rail link. The project, estimated to be the most expensive railway development in the world, would cut through important wildlife habitat.

Oct 4-5—Poland: Three Simultaneous Blockades of Heavy Equipment in Bialowieza Forest

Blockaders persisted even as workers attempted to operate machinery people were locked to, cut the ropes folks were tied together with, and attempted to pull them out of the way. One blockade kept a logging road closed for over 34 hours.

Oct 9—UK: Hunt Sabs Save Fox From Ross Harriers Meet Hunt

After helping the fox escape, one of the saboteurs’ cars was pelted with rocks, breaking a window. No one was harmed, and after cleaning up the glass, sabs continued to disrupt the hunt.

Around Oct 10—Canada: Marine Harvest Fish Farm Occupied

Musgamagw Dzawada’enuxw activists occupied another fish farm after repeated attempts to block the restocking of farmed salmon, who often spread diseases to wildlife and contaminate waters.

Oct 14—UK: Bristol Hunt Sabs Disrupt Two Hunts

Sabs were able to distract the hunting hounds with horns and other noise-makers at the first hunt. When sabs arrived at the second hunt with cameras, the hunters packed up their dogs and fled.

Oct 16—Pennsylvania: One Hundred Fifty People Block Pipeline Construction Through Nun’s Land

The blockade came after the nun’s repeated attempts to fight the pipeline on religious grounds were unsuccessful. Twenty-three people were eventually arrested.

Oct 20—Canada: Members of Tsimshian Nation and Allies Raise Totem Pole on Lelu Island After Failure of LNG Project

Petronas first proposed a liquefied natural gas terminal on the island in 2015. Even after its defeat in July, the local Port Authority refused to acknowledge the island as Tsimshian land. By raising a totem pole, they aimed to show that the land is within their territory and that they will defend it.

Around Oct 20—Canada: A Message of Solidarity From Junexit to Bure

Members of the Junexit River Camp, blocking a Junex horizontal drilling project in Mik’maq territory, held a banner reading, “Non Aux Petrolieres Non Au Nucleaire [No To Oil Companies, No To Nuclear], Junexit <3 Bure.” Plans to bury nuclear waste in a landfill in Bure, France have sparked large, militant protests recently.

Oct 21—UK: Occupation of Rig at Third Energy’s Kirby Misperton Fracking Site (pictured)

After the company announced they would soon start fracking operations, three people ran onto the site and climbed the rig. The occupation lasted less than a day. In a statement, they said, “Fracking only benefits a few at the expense of the many. We want to inspire others and demonstrate the power we have when we take a stand.”

Oct 23—Oregon: Cascadia Forest Defenders Erect Road Blockade at Entrance to Timber Sale

Seneca Jones Timber Company is planning on cutting thousands of acres in the Willamette National Forest as part of the “Goose Project.” Forest defenders used slash piles, old cars, and a refrigerator to anchor a platform high up in a Douglas fir, blocking workers from accessing the site.

Oct 23—Washington: Actions Against Over a Hundred Bank Branches

Hundreds of people spread across Seattle to disrupt business at 103 branches of banks that fund pipelines. The actions ranged from letter reading to lockdowns, and were part of Indigenous-led global protest “Divest the Globe.”

Oct 24—UK: March to Urge Support for Land Defenders Facing Violence Worldwide

The march was led by Candido Mezúa, an Emberá Wounaan activist from Panama, who held a banner reading, “Guardians of the Forest: End the Devastation of the Forest and the Killing of Forest People.” Many Indigenous activists from Indonesia, South America, and elsewhere spoke on the connections between environmental protection and human rights, while drawing attention to the hundreds of environmental activists killed in 2016 and 2017.

Oct 24—France: “People Against Linky Meters” Torch Twenty Enedis Vehicles

In the communiqué, the group expressed their opposition to the Enedis “smart meter,” which measures energy consumption in homes and businesses. Many in France fear that the meters are one aspect of an increase in surveillance in people’s houses.

Oct 25—Australia: Lockdown to Prevent Adani’s New Rail Line (pictured)

Adani hopes to build what would be one of the world’s largest coal mines and a connected rail line dangerously near the Great Barrier Reef. After entering the work site, one person locked to a front-end loader, another to an excavator, and a third to a grader.

Around Oct 26—Chile: Rodents and Insects Liberated From University Lab

Eighty-two mice and countless worms, beetles, and other insects and rodents were freed. The anonymous communiqué expressed sadness that they couldn’t save everyone in the lab, and reminded readers that when it comes to these small animals, “their cages are just as condemnable as others.”

Oct 27—UK: Lockdown Prevents Access to Fracking Site

Two people locked together on the road leading to the site. In a statement from the Kirby Misperton Protection Camp, they said, “As heavy policing negates the possibility of meaningful protest on the bridleway or gateway... blockading the approach to the contentious fracking site has become necessary.”

Oct 27—Indiana: Deer, Agenda Unknown, Wrecks Computer Store and Flings Cop

The possible Luddite smashed through two glass doors, destroyed some tech, forced employees to cower in a locked office, and tossed a cop over their back before being restrained.

Oct 28—Italy: Hunting Towers and Cages Destroyed; Bait Birds Liberated

The anonymous saboteurs spray-painted the message “Hunters, shoot yourself” on their way out.

Oct 28—Canada: Eight People Attach Themselves to Kinder Morgan Boat

The kayakers were part of a larger protest against the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Oct 29—Australia: Six Chicks Liberated

The chicks were confined to cramped enclosures imprisoning thousands of animals, and are now free and safe.

Oct 30—Australia: Construction on Adani’s Rail Line Temporarily Stopped by Lockdown

The action was the second in less than a week to stop construction. A protester attached himself with a monopod to four construction machines, where he remained until he was removed by police ten hours later.

Oct 30—UK: Road to Kirby Misperton Fracking Site Blocked by Monopod

Third Energy announced on October 26 that they would begin fracking shortly; since then, the Kirby Misperton Protection Camp has increased direct actions at the site.

Oct 30—Italy: Anti-Fascists and Anti-Speciists Protest at Milan Courthouse

The protesters expressed solidarity with people who are facing repression over a 2013 action in which 400 mice and a rabbit were liberated

from a university in the city. The demonstration was part of the Global Week of Antispeciesist Actions.

Early Nov—Australia: Forest Defenders Begin Blockade to Prevent Old Growth Logging

Twenty forest defenders established a blockade to prevent VicForests’ logging machinery entering an area of old growth forest in East Gippsland. A person was suspended in a hammock hanging from a timber tripod, blocking access to the logging area.

Nov 1—Uruguay: Butcher Shop Sabotaged in Montevideo

Animal defenders glued the locks shut and used explosives to destroy the windows. The action was taken against animal exploitation, and was part of the Global Week of Antispeciesist Actions.

Nov 2—Canada: Warriors Remove Anti-Salmon Spawning Nets from Unceded Secwepemc Territory

Wild Salmon Warriors removed Kinder Morgan’s nets, which had been illegally disrupting four waterways in Secwepemc Territory. The nets were installed without knowledge or consent of the Nation, just as the Kinder Morgan pipeline is continuing without their consent.

Nov 4—Germany: Thousands Protest German Coal Use at COP23

Over 25,000 people protested in Bonn, where the UN Climate Confer-

October 25, Australia: Folks locked to machinery and were supported by around a dozen other protesters opposed to the rail line.



ence is taking place, demanding Germany immediately phase out its use of coal. Bonn hosted the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (COP23); demonstrators highlighted the irony that this year's conference is being held 31 miles from Europe's biggest source of CO2 emissions: the large open-cast mines near Cologne.

Nov 6—UK: Women Chain Themselves to Tory HQ Railings in Fracking Protest

Two women chained themselves to railings outside a Conservative Party building in protest of Third Energy's plans to frack in the area. They were later joined by other local women outside the Pickering branch of Barclays Bank, which owns 97 percent of Third Energy.

Nov 6—California: Activists Paint Anti-Pipeline Mural Outside Wells Fargo

The Wells Fargo headquarters in San Francisco faced a colorful surprise as hundreds of activists descended on the building and shut the street down. In the span of about two hours, they painted a 35-foot blue and black "thunderbird woman" on the asphalt, with "Water is Life!" emblazoned across the top.

Nov 6—Minnesota: Camp Makwa Activists Lock Down to Line 3 Pipeline

Two activists locked down inside a pipe to interrupt construction of Line 3. They later moved to some construction equipment to continue the lock-down, and were subsequently arrested.

Around Nov 7—UK: Revenge is Sweet—Hunter Gored to Death by Cornered Deer

A hunter died after he was charged by a deer who stabbed him with their antlers. The killing came days after French hunters with hounds sparked a national uproar after being filmed by anti-hunt activists shooting dead an exhausted stag at close range after cornering it in the garden of a house.

Nov 9—Poland: Lockdown to Protest Logging in Bialowieza Forest

Organized by the "Oboz dla Puszczy" (Camp for the Forest), the protest included activists locking down inside the Forest Management agency building. The protest focused on the continued logging in the Forest in spite of the legal decision against it by the European judiciary.

Nov 9—UK: Hunt Saboteur Attacked by Misogynist Hunt Supporter

The West Midlands Hunt Saboteurs were monitoring the Warwickshire

Hunt when a hunt supporter punched a female saboteur in the face. When asked about their willingness to hit women, another hunter replied, "You're not a woman, you're a monster."

Nov 11—Indiana: Night Owls Disrupt State Forest Timber Sale

In response to the sale of 299 acres of the Yellowwood State Forest by the Department of Natural Resources, mischief-makers painted hundreds of additional trees to match those the DNR had marked for removal in two of three tracts on the chopping block. This forced the DNR to redo the work of marking those tracts, delaying when logging can start.

Nov 13—Germany: Singing Activists Interrupt US Coal-Focused Event at UN Climate Conference

Demonstrators interrupted a US government event, protesting the Trump administration's support for coal-fired power plants and the president's intention to pull the United States out of the Paris Agreement, an international climate pact.

Nov 14—Missouri: Water Protectors Blockade Wells Fargo in Solidarity with Camp Makwa

Five water protectors locked down at the St. Louis Wells Fargo to protest the bank's investment of \$743 million in Enbridge, the company that is building the Line 3 tar sands pipeline.

On Nov 13, five water protectors locked together and blockaded a St. Louis Wells Fargo in solidarity with Camp Makwa and Line 3 resistance.



Nov 14—Canada: Protesters Ordered Off Midsummer Island Fish Farm

Protesters from the Musgamagw and Namgis First Nations have been occupying a shelter attached to the fish farm since early September, demanding that Marine Harvest shut down operations in their territories. The court ordered them to vacate their camp for 30 days while Marine Harvest's injunction to have them permanently removed is decided on.

Around Nov 14—Finland: Trucks Torched at Dairy Company

Four trucks belonging to Valio, one of the largest dairy companies in Finland, were torched in Tampere. The action was undertaken in solidarity with all kidnapped beings and those that have suffered from the milk industry.

Nov 16—Canada: Nocturnal Visit to the Home of Jean-Yves Lavoie, President of Junex

Accomplices smashed the windows of the president of Junex's cars, slashed the tires, and covered his house in paint. The group acted in solidarity with the Mi'kmaq and other water and land protectors who are fighting to stop Junex and other companies who profit from exploiting the territory of so-called Quebec, with projects such as fracking in Gaspésie.

Nov 17—Washington: Anti-Fracking Blockade Built on Train Tracks

Activists gathered in downtown Olympia and erected an encampment blockading a train full of fracking proponents from leaving the port. Police stood by with riot gear but did not attempt to dismantle it.

Nov 21—Pennsylvania: Monopod Blocks Tree Clearing and Construction of Mariner East 2 Pipeline

The monopod—made out of a tree that Energy Transfer Partners cut down in 2016—was set up about 200 feet from the encroaching heavy equipment. The monopod was part of a new eastern defense for Camp White Pine, a tree village and resistance encampment blocking pipeline construction since February 2017.

Nov 21—Australia: Protesters Block Construction on Adani Rail Line

Six members of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change blocked work on the rail line to protest Adani's proposed mega-coal mine. Five were arrested and later released on summons.

Nov 21—Arizona: Protest Disrupts Snowbowl as Ski Area Opens with Treated Sewage (pictured)

The ski resort, built on the sacred land of 13 Indigenous Nations, has been opposed since before it was built. With no natural snowfall for its opening season, the ski resort bought snow made from millions of gallons of treated sewage. More than a dozen protectors confronted employees and recreationists with a "quarantine" action in hazmat suits, with banners, caution tape, and chanting "No Desecration for Recreation."



November 21: Sacred sites protectors protest the Snowbowl ski area's use of fake snow made from treated sewage on land sacred to 13 Indigenous nations.

Nov 21—France: Arson at La Casemate Fablab, Center for Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Culture of Grenoble

The technology inside La Casemate Fablab was destroyed before the entire building was set aflame in an action against the poisonous diffusion of digital culture, of which Casemate is complicit. The action was also taken in solidarity with incarcerated comrades.

Nov 24—Germany: Demonstration for Hambach Forest Following Cologne Court's Pro-RWE Decision

The ongoing court case to stop RWE from cutting one of the last remnants of the ancient Forest took place in Cologne, ending with the expected pro-coal verdict. In response, a demonstration with banners, signs, and a mobile treehouse formed and walked to the Cologne Cathedral and Train Station. Upon arriving, supporters made speeches of solidarity, and calls for resistance were voiced by Hambach folks.

Around Nov 27—Washington: Banner Drop against Pipelines, Prisons, and LNG

A banner was dropped from an overpass, reading: "NO PIPELINES, NO PRISONS ON NATIVE LAND. #NOLNG253 #BLOCTHEJUVIE #OLYLAND."

Nov 29—Washington: Olympia Blockade Raided by Police

At 5:00 AM, the 12-day-encampment blockading the railroad tracks into the

port was raided by a large police force comprised of heavily armed officers from multiple agencies, armored vehicles, and a bomb squad. No arrests were made and no serious injuries were sustained as protesters had anticipated their arrival and left camp.

Nov 29—Iowa: Dog Shoots Man in Hunting Accident

A pheasant hunter was in the Boone River Greenbelt Conservation Board Public Hunting Area when a hunting dog stepped on a 12-gauge shotgun, causing it to discharge bird shot pellets into the man's back. His injuries were non-life threatening, despite the dog's best efforts.

Around Nov 30—Oregon: Rail Sabotage in Solidarity With Olympia Train Blockade

A group of anarchists used copper wire to signal a blockage and disrupt rail traffic near Medford, Oregon. "Railways are easily accessible and everywhere. Sabotage is fun and easy," they said in their communiqué.

Early Dec—Czech Republic: Ducks Liberated

Two ducks were liberated from filthy, inhumane living conditions and are now safe and happy in a new home. Translated from the communiqué: "Plague and cholera to those who keep on feeding this. And not to forget, Merry Christmas."



December 4, Salt Lake City: Thousands march in defense of Bears Ears National Monument.

Early Dec—Washington: Rail Sabotage Along Columbia River

In solidarity with Indigenous land defenders, an anonymous group stopped the flow of toxic chemicals and oil trains for several hours. Carrying out the action took less than an hour, about \$40 in materials, and little to no risk of being arrested.

Dec 2—UK: Eviction Attempt at Occupied Horse Hill Oil Site

Early in the morning, anti-drilling activists awoke to security officers removing their equipment and belongings from the blockade. People on the ground reported that several activists were assaulted by the officers and one was hurt. This was the second eviction attempt in 48 hours.

Dec 2—France: Electricity Transmission Network Office Redecorated

In opposition to the building of industrial turbines and nuclear energy, “RTE will be buried in Bure” was painted on the office in the dead of night.

Dec 3—Germany: Hunter Dies After Being Attacked by Wild Boar

After firing a shot, the man withdrew into the reeds where he came face to face with the boar. He sustained serious injuries, and later died at the hospital. The boar’s whereabouts are unknown.

Dec 4—UK: Lockdown Blocks Entrance to Leith Hill Oil Drilling Site

Two individuals stopped a delivery to the site while another climbed onto the truck. Later that afternoon, the hauling company withdrew from the contract.

Dec 4—Utah: Thousands Take to the Streets to Defend Bears Ears Monument (pictured)

For the second time in three days, activists arrived at the capitol to protest the two-million-acre shrinking of the national monument, which is sacred to the Diné people.

Dec 8—Minnesota: Three Catholic Workers Cited for Trespass in Enbridge Office

Entry was gained into Enbridge’s Duluth office to deliver a citizen’s letter of complaint about the company’s lethal spill history and illegal stockpiling of pipes in eleven storage yards.

Dec 8—Indiana: Banner Drop Against Columbus Murals at University of Notre Dame

The banner proclaimed, “This is Potawatomi land! F*ck the KKKolumbus murals!” Students from Rising Tide Michiana have been organizing against racist murals displayed at the entrance of the University’s administrative building.

Around Dec 9—New York: Hudson Valley Earth First! Begins Treesit

A treesitter set up directly in the path of the Valley Lateral Pipeline right-of-

way, blocking further destruction of endangered Bald Eagle, Indiana Bat, and Bog Turtle habitat, and stopping a nearly completed power plant from being fueled.

Dec 10—France: Successful Stag Hunt Sabotage

A team of 60 hunt saboteurs from six different countries maintained contact with the hunt all day, leaving the hunters in disarray.

Dec 10—Germany: Four Hundred March to Support the Hambach Forest Occupation

The crowd arrived in support of the forest defenders with homemade food and warm clothing. After walking through the forest, people made speeches on land defense and climate and coal justice.

Around Dec 12—Virginia: Banner Dropped at Water Control Board Member’s House

It read, “Stop Poisoning Our Community: No Atlantic Coast Pipeline, No Mountain Valley Pipeline.” The communiqué expressed support for those fighting LNG export terminals and holding down forest occupations across the country.

Dec 13—Canada: Blockade Causes Work Stoppage on Enbridge’s Line 10

Thirty people blocked the driveway of S/A Energy before work trucks were sent out for the day. No pipeline work occurred for eight hours, while activists danced, built a fire, and enjoyed a homemade taco buffet.

Dec 14—Washington: Lockdown and Tripod Blocks Tacoma LNG Facility

Three protesters locked down to halt construction in the third blockade against the terminal that week.

Dec 18—New York: Santa Claus and Hudson Valley Earth First! Shut Down Millennium Pipeline Office

Upon his arrival, Santa put Millennium Pipeline, Competitive Power Ventures, The Valley Lateral Pipeline, and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on the “Naughty List” for their destruction of the wild. A letter from the treesitter was read, and a bag of coal was delivered to the office.

Around Dec 19—Mexico: Yaqui Tribe Digs Up Gas Pipeline

Despite the Yaquis of Loma de

Bácum's refusal to allow the pipeline on their land, construction began illegally. In response, a 25-foot segment was extracted with a backhoe and left a mile away.

Dec 19—Canada: Indigenous Grandmother Arrested at Wild Salmon Matriarch Camp

The woman-led, Indigenous occupation is fighting for the end of open-net fish farms, which disrupt the local salmon population. On the steps of the government office, where the camp was established, the 65-year-old was arrested on trespassing charges. In an interview, she said, "This property is trespassing on the stolen lands of our ancestors. I have permission to be here on the unceded territories of my cousins."

Around Dec 20—Canada: Permanent Winter Blockade Built on Alton Gas Site

A cabin was built by a member of the Eskasoni First Nation, who intends to stay for as long as it takes to stop the project. The company plans to dissolve underground salt deposits for gas storage.

Dec 21—France: Greenwashed Development Sabotaged

The luxury housing project, which has been under construction for several years, was tagged with "Our ecology, your sabotage." The control box of a crane was found snapped off, paint was poured over freshly laid concrete, and holes were hammered into signs.

Dec 23—Canada: Haida Nation Begins Logging Blockade

The land was auctioned off against the will of the tribal council. Around 50 people blocked the road before logging could begin.



On Christmas Day, anonymous raccoons targeted the Diamond Pipeline in Arkansas, locking the main operating valve to prevent use.

Dec 24—Germany: Sabotage Against Hambach Open Pit Mine

The power cables to the coal mine were burnt, cutting off power to a large portion of the site.

Dec 25—Arkansas: Diamond Pipeline Targeted by Raccoon Rebellion

A safety lock-out, which prevents access or operation, was placed on the main operating valve. The valve remained locked for an unknown amount of time.

Around Dec 26—England: Two Pigs Liberated From Farm

They were destined for slaughter, but have been given a new life.

Around Dec 28—Denmark: Police Dog Training Facility and "OK Benzin" Gas Stations Sabotaged

The gas company financially sponsored the police facility. From the communiqué: "OK Benzin Gas Stations are a strikingly obvious apologist of the devastating oil industry and strong supporters of exploitation for the purpose of spreading fear and torturous bite marks by forcing and instrumentalising animals into docile war machines." ✂

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE 2018 EARTH FIRST! ORGANIZERS CONFERENCE

Southern Mississippi, February 23-March 1

The OC organizing crew is proud to announce that the 2018 OC is, without a doubt, gonna be the absolute best OC of the whole year! EF!ers are invited to join us in southern "Mississippi" from February 23-March 1 to enjoy some dirty southern hospitality. We are excited to host a space for organizers to continue important ongoing conversations and we welcome content proposals. Additionally, we are stoked to have a team of EF!ers visiting so close to the belly of the beast—the Gulf South, where over 80 percent of all US oil pipelines terminate. So pack your favorite action socks and maybe bring a flotation device, the swamps are calling. See ya there!

SOUTH EAST TRANS* AND/OR WOMEN'S ACTION CAMP

North Carolina, April 2018

Smoky Mountain Eco-Defense would like to invite all trans* and/or women identified folks to a biocentric action camp in the Smoky Mountain region (North Carolina) in late April 2018. This camp will serve as a safer-space for people of diverse gender identities who are systematically overshadowed by our cis-normative and androcentric environmental movements in addition to the larger male-dominated society. South East Trans* and/or Women's Action Camp (SETWAC) will take place when the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, a natural gas pipeline running through West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina, could potentially be under construction. Grassroots efforts have been aiming to halt the pipeline through various methods and SETWAC hopes to build conversation about what resiliency through this struggle looks like.

SETWAC will facilitate a supportive environment for sharing skills and stories, healing through togetherness, and combating the patriarchy. Being in the spring season, there will be an abundance of wild edibles and medicinals surrounding the camp area. This four-day-long camp will offer workshops on a wide range of topics such as earth skills, conflict resolution, botany, tree climbing, direct action, anti-fascist organizing, prisoner support, security culture, herbalism, and much, much more! More information will be announced in the coming months, so stay tuned!

Check out our webpage: SETWAC.BLACKBLOGS.ORG

THE 2018 EARTH FIRST! ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS

Southeast Ohio, July 2-9

Appalachia Resist! invites you to the 2018 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous, from July 2-9, in so-called Southeast Ohio. This region has long been shared by the Mingo, Shawnee, and Tsalagi peoples, and is now occupied and plundered by the settler colonial state of the USA.

Our collective, Appalachia Resist!, began six years ago to fight frack waste injection wells. We are facing unprecedented auctioning off of national forests (read: stolen land) for fracking; new permit applications for coal mines; recent spills from frack waste trucks; and more permits for pipelines. Our collective engages the fight on many fronts, and is not interested in barriers that cast environmentalism as separate from all movements against racism, fascism, transphobia, etc. We want the Rendezvous we are hosting to reflect that. We hope to have workshops and discussions that get real about how the hetero, white supremacist, colonialist, patriarchal system is really fucking everything up, and how resistance to that system is vibrant, varied, historic, strong, necessary, and strategic. And of course it wouldn't be an Earth First! campout without the technical trainings. There will be opportunities to learn how to suspend yourself precariously from trees and other tall objects, lock yourself to equipment, disrupt the lives of the rich, and otherwise put your ass on the line to say, "No Deal Assholes! Not today, not ever!" If you have workshops you'd like to see happen, or a workshop you'd like to facilitate/give, please let us know.

As hosts, we will take care of the logistics like food, water, site, and such, but we are expecting you all to bring what you have to offer to the conversation, even if (especially if) it's just a willingness to consider that your ideas might not always be right, and that one of the best ways to get to know people is by doing the dishes and digging shitters together (direct action)!

We also want this to be the best kids' Rendezvous ever. We'll definitely have childcare, but we're also looking for people who want to offer skills trainings and workshops for kids and teens. And PLEASE bring your kids, and tell your friends with kids that radical families are invited to and appreciated at the 2018 RRR.

We want to make this Rondy accessible and inclusive. Organizers will be considering this, and we also ask you to reach out ahead of time and let us know what resources and assistance will make you feel most welcome and able to be present! Lastly, if you want to have a fundraiser or make a donation, every little bit helps us with the costs of hosting this camp.

Swimming? Yes. Campfires? Yes. Singing? Yes. Conflict Engagement? Yes. Romance? Yes. Sequins? Yes. Unlikely Coalitions? Yes. ACAB? Yes!!

LA ZAD DECLARES VICTORY, PREPARES FOR NEXT PHASE OF STRUGGLE

by Twig

On January 17, French officials canceled the proposed airport that was the focal point of a 50 year struggle. Occupants directly obstructing its progress in the *Zone à Défendre* (Zone to Defend, or ZAD), declared a victory. Though the battle against the airport is won, their struggle against its world still continues.

The ZAD started as an occupation near the city of Nantes to prevent the building of an airport. Over time, it grew into a robust radical project fostering community, naturalism, rebellion, and statelessness.

The airport was announced in 1972 as a proposed solution to overcrowding at France's two largest airports, framed as an attempt to turn the region into an international hub. Immediately recognizing the negative impacts that such a large-scale project would have, residents of the area began to mobilize against it.

The project faced a series of bureaucratic delays and stalls, until, in 2000, people from the towns in the municipality that would be most impacted by the airport project formed The Citizens' Association of Intermunicipal Populations to appeal and challenge the decision.

The first building in the ZAD was squatted in 2007, and it has been a fight to maintain the occupation ever since. Following a series of smaller battles, including an eviction notice issued in October 2011, the French police launched "Operation Caesar" in 2012, which aimed to evict those who had taken up residency and created community in the ZAD. With the support of thousands, they were able to successfully keep the police from eradicating the zone, maintaining their occupation.

Despite having to fight constantly to maintain it, residents in the ZAD have succeeded in creating an autonomous region based on community, mutual aid, and anti-capitalism. The residents developed infrastructure to feed and house themselves, and host large events that inform and educate the public about their struggle and successes.

The long-term occupation succeeded not only in stopping the airport from being built, but also in stopping any further development of the sprawling 1,650 hectare (4,077 acre) area that was designated for destruction. This has afforded those in the ZAD an opportunity to observe an area undisturbed by industrial pillaging as it returns to its ecological balance. Naturalists made this a key project in the ZAD, and their eviction would mean the end of the observation and protection of this ecosystem.

Though the airport has been canceled, the French authorities are still determined to remove those living on the land in the ZAD, and destroy the thriving, self-sufficient community there.



A group works to rebuild some of the infrastructure lost after the 2012 eviction of the ZAD.

Despite the threat, the ZAD community will not abandon this project. Their occupation has birthed ways of life outside of systems of capitalism and coercion, and they intend to maintain that progress.

In a statement declaring victory, people writing on behalf of the ZAD community asserted several main points they will uphold as they continue in their occupation. The points, in their own words from their press release, are:

The need for expropriated peasants and inhabitants to be able to fully recover their rights as soon as possible.

No eviction of those who came here over the last few years to live here and defend the place, nor of anyone who wishes to continue looking after the area and living here.

A long-term commitment to take care of the ZAD lands by the movement in all its diversity—peasants, naturalists, local residents, associations, old and new inhabitants.

Though a victory has been declared concerning the airport project, those in the ZAD are preparing for the next phase of struggle, in which they will fight to maintain the space they have created, held, and thrived in for the last 10 years.

In anticipation of an eviction attempt, those holding the ZAD are calling for everyone who has helped the occupation over the years, from those living full-time in the ZAD to supporters across France and around the world, to go to the *Zone à Défendre* on February 10 and demand that the French state recognize their right to exist on the land they have defended for so long. ✂

FROM THE CAGES:

ECO-PRISONERS, SNARED LIBERATIONISTS, AND HOSTAGES OF THE STRUGGLE

US PRISONERS

WALTER BOND

#37096-013, FCI Greenville, PO Box 5000, Greenville, IL 62246, USA

Walter is serving 12 years and 4 months (until 3-21-2021) for the “ALF Lonewolf” arsons of a sheepskin factory in Denver, Colorado, the Tandy Leather Factory in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Tiburon restaurant (which sold foie gras) in Sandy, Utah. Walter was also charged and convicted under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. Walter remains a militant voice for the vegan straightedge way of life and is the author of the book “Always Looking Forward.” SUPPORTWALTER.ORG

Birthdate: April 16

JOSEPH BUDDENBERG

#12746-111, FCI Coleman Low, PO Box 1031, Coleman, FL 33521, USA

Joseph was arrested along with Nicole Kissane (see entry below) on July 24, 2015, and federally indicted for Conspiracy to Violate the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for conspiring to release thousands of animals from fur farms and to destroy breeding records in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania in the summer of 2013. The indictment also alleges that he caused economic damage to various retail and distribution businesses and individuals associated with the fur industry. On May 2, 2016, Joseph was sentenced to 2 years in prison, 2 years supervised release, and \$400,000 in restitution. He will be released from prison on February 7, 2018. SUPPORTNICOLEANDJOSEPH.COM

Birthdate: April 6

NICOLE KISSANE

#20651-111, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street – Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568, USA

Nicole was arrested along with Joseph Buddenberg (see entry above) on July 24, 2015, and federally indicted for Conspiracy to Violate the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act for conspiring to release thousands of animals from fur farms and to destroy breeding records in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. On January 17, 2016, Nicole’s non-cooperating plea deal was accepted and she was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release.

SUPPORTNICOLE.COM

Birthdate: August 18

MARIUS MASON

(address envelope to “M. Mason”)

#04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA

Marius is serving 21 years and 10 months (until 09-18-2027) for his involvement in an ELF arson at a university building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. Marius also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out ELF

actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. On May 8, 2017, Marius was moved out of the Carswell Federal Medical Center’s Administrative Unit and into general population. SUPPORTMARIUSMASON.ORG

Birthdate: January 26, 1962

FRAN THOMPSON

#1090915, CCC, 3151 Litton Drive, Chillicothe, MO 64601, USA

Fran is serving life plus 10 years for killing a man in self-defense after he violently entered her home. Before her imprisonment, Fran was an eco, animal, and anti-nuke campaigner, and it is believed this biased the court against her.

Birthdate: January 4

BRIAN VAILLANCOURT

#M42889, Robinson Correctional, 13423 East 1150th Ave, Robinson, IL 62454, USA

Brian was arrested in Chicago on February 9, 2013, for an alleged attempted arson at a McDonald’s. He initially faced a possible 30-year sentence for “Aggravated Arson,” but in 2014 he accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement and is currently serving 9 years (until 9-2020).

Birthdate: September 5, 1964

INTERNATIONAL PRISONERS

LUCIO ALBERTI, FRANCESCO SALA, AND GRAZIANO MAZZARELLI

Graziano and Francesco can be reached at Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT-44100 Ferrara, Italia. Lucio Alberti can be reached at c/o CC Via Cassano Magnago 102, IT-21052 Busto Arsizio (Varese), Italia.

The No TAV campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon high speed rail link has been going strong for over 20 years and regularly leads to new arrests as the Italian state tries to suppress resistance. These three anarchists were arrested on July 11, 2014, in connection with the action at the Chiomonte TAV site between May 13 and 14 of 2013. On February 9, 2016, Lucio and Francesco were sentenced to 2 years and 2 months, and Graziano was sentenced to 2 years and 10 months.

ALFREDO COSPITO AND NICOLA GAI

Both at: Casa Circondariale Ferrara, Via Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italia

Nicola and Alfredo were arrested on September 14, 2012, for shooting Ansaldo Nucleare manager and Finmeccanica affiliate Roberto Adinolfi in the knees—an action carried out by the Olga nucleus of the FAI/FRI (Informal Anarchist Federation) earlier that year. In May of 2015 their sentences were reduced: Alfredo’s to 9 years and 5 months (until February 2022) and Nicola’s to 8 years and 8 months (until May of 2020).

SVEN VAN HASSELT

A3021ED, HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DF, England

Sven and Natasha (see entry below) were extradited from the Netherlands to the UK in February 2017 for charges related to the Blackmail 3 case with Debbie Vincent, which stemmed from their work with the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) campaign. They took a non-cooperating plea deal in September. Sven was sentenced to 5 years in prison and is expected to serve 2.5 years. FREESVENANDNATASHA.ORG

LADISLAV KUC

Florianska 18, PS-C12, Kosice, Slovakia 04142

Ladislav is an animal rights activist originally sentenced to 25 years on charges of illegal possession of arms, manufacturing of explosives, and terrorism for a bombing in front of a McDonald's in 2011 in which there were no injuries. He was traced after almost a year via mail communications between Ladislav and the manufacturer of a timer found at the crime scene. During a house search, police found materials related to the Animal Liberation Front and components for another bomb. In May of 2016, the terrorism charge was overturned and he was resented to 23.5 years.

Birthday: December 3, 1979

NATASHA

Letters can be sent to Natasha through the Free Sven and Natasha Support Group, c/o Kebele, 14 Robertson Rd, Bristol, UK BS5 6JZ

Natasha was extradited with Sven from the Netherlands to the UK in February 2017 for charges related to the SHAC campaign (see Sven's entry above for more info). She took a non-cooperating plea deal in September and received a 2 year deferred sentence. FREESVENANDNATASHA.ORG

ARRESTEES FACING CHARGES**BRAVO1**

Out on bail

Bravo1 (Brennon Nastacio) peacefully protected water and people on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation from DAPL. He is a 36-year-old Pueblo man with two children who depend on him. On January 5, Brennan turned himself over to authorities after learning he had a warrant for a Class C Felony for "Terrorizing," stemming from an incident where he nonviolently disarmed a man carrying a loaded weapon.

VANESSA CASTLE AND CHASE IRON EYES

Out on bail

Vanessa and Chase were arrested on February 1, 2017, along with over 70 other people when the Last Child Camp, which was set up in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, was forcibly removed. Both were charged with felony inciting a riot and face up to 5 years in prison. Chase has pleaded not guilty and Vanessa has yet to enter a plea.

RED FAWN FALLIS

Heart of America Correctional Center, 110 Industrial Road, Rugby, ND 58368, USA

An indictment filed January 5, 2017, charged Red Fawn with felony counts of civil disorder, possession of a firearm by a felon, and discharging a firearm in relation to a felony crime of violence—which, in this case, is a civil disorder. These charges are in addition to an earlier charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. On January 22, 2018, Red Fawn pleaded guilty to civil disorder and possession of a firearm by a felon, with the third count dropped by the prosecution. Red Fawn is expected to be sentenced sometime between April and June; her defense attorney is recommending a sentence of 21 to 27 months while prosecutors are expected to ask for between 46 and 57 months.

On December 11, 2017, *The Intercept* released an article revealing that the gun Red Fawn is accused of having fired belonged to Heath Harmon, an FBI informant who had infiltrated the Standing Rock protests and was in a romantic relationship with Red Fawn.

GIANLUCA GAUDENZI

Gianluca is currently facing charges in Sweden for damaging at least 121 hunting towers and spray painting slogans, causing roughly 670,000 SKE (approx. \$78,000) in damages. He reportedly stated, "For me it is not a crime... It is a crime to destroy nature and other species [translation]." The trial was supposed to begin in November of 2015 but seems to have been delayed indefinitely.

KROW / TWIG / KATIE KLOTH

On felony probation

Krow was assaulted and arrested on February 4, 2017, by a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer while supporting the struggle against the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. She was extradited to Wisconsin to face charges of violating felony probation. The probation is from previous charges stemming from an environmental protest in Wisconsin against mining in the Penokee Hills in 2013, for which she served nine months in jail. She is also facing a felony charge in North Dakota. SUPPORTKROW.ORG

Birthday: February 4

RATTLER

On supervised pretrial release

Rattler is a No DAPL water protector who was charged with Civil Disorder and Use of Fire to Commit a Federal Felony Offense, both felonies, produced through a grand jury indictment. Rattler agreed to a non-cooperating plea deal, which would drop the Use of Fire charge and probably result in a 36 month prison sentence. Rattler's home is at Pine Ridge and he comes from a long legacy of struggle that he continued at Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline and its world.

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