



***ANIMAL &  
EARTH  
LIBERATION  
in INDIANA***

2000-2003



The following is a collection of communiqués from the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in Indiana.

We publish this simply to show that, even in pacified places like Bloomington, it is possible to carry out audacious attacks on the forces that destroy the life around us and reduce our own lives to meaningless activity in the service of the state and economy.

We also wish to keep the spirit of these actions alive, to not forget those who risked everything to defend the earth and animals, make their desires real, and create moments of freedom in this open-air prison called civilization.

We dedicate this to Marius Mason, currently serving a 22-year sentence for acts of sabotage against ecocide and animal exploitation, and for anarchy. As part of his sentencing, Marius admitted to committing some of the actions listed in this publication. Our love and solidarity with Marius is unflinching and will continue until he is free.

For more information about Marius Mason

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## January 23, 2000; Bloomington:

Greetings from Bloomington, IN:

The Earth Liberation Front would like to take credit for a late night visit to the Sterling Woods development on the evening of January 23rd. During our visit, we torched one house that was under construction. It was completely destroyed. The walls had caved in by the time the fire department arrived.

Damage has been assessed at \$200,000. When finished the house was to be worth \$700,000. 'No Sprawl, ELF' was painted on the developers sign. The house was targeted because the sprawling development it is located in is in the Lake Monroe Watershed. This is the drinking water supply for the town of Bloomington, IN and the surrounding area. It is already being jeopardized by existing development and roads.

Once again the rich of the world are destroying what little we have left in terms of natural areas and collective holdings (the water). Hopefully they will get the message that we will not take it anymore.

## April 30, 2000; Bloomington:

Greetings,

Early Sunday, April 30th, the Earth Liberation Front struck again in Bloomington, IN. We entered the site of a massive clearcut on the west side of town, and poured sand into the engines and cut hoses of 6 large Earth destroying machines. We then set afire to a trailer full of wood chips destined to become paper trash.

According to the local paper, the damages caused by our midnight soiree were in the vicinity of \$500,000. Not bad for one night's work, though certainly no Vail<sup>1</sup>. The reason that this site was targeted was the ongoing development of the wooded areas around Bloomington have turned what was once forested

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1 On the morning of October 19, 1998, the Earth Liberation Front set fires to several lifts and buildings at Vail Ski Resort in Colorado, completely destroying multiple buildings and causing \$12 million in damages. [ed.]

land into parking lots, luxury houses for rich scum and expanded roads. The government and developers are mad with greed and there will be no limit to what they destroy until we take away the profit from their schemes. The local paper was right when they wrote that we take direct action when we don't get what we want through the usual bureaucratic channels.

We dedicate this action to Craig Rosebraugh<sup>2</sup> and other Earth warriors that are being persecuted for their beliefs.

For the wild and an end to sprawl!

- ELF

## **June 2000; Bloomington:**

The Earth Liberation Front would like to make public that we have placed hundreds of spikes in trees in the timber sales that are about to be cut on Crooked Creek Road in Brown County and Buskirk Road in Monroe County. These spikes have been placed both high and low in the trees to prevent the cutting of the trees. The trees are now worthless to the mill and dangerous to be cut down.

We ask that this action be widely publicized in order to prevent injury to any timber workers who might be working in the area. It is not our intention to cause harm to anyone. We also hope that this action will discourage companies from buying timber sales in the State Forests. This is a warning to all those who want to turn the beings of the Earth into cash. We are committed to protecting every last square inch of our forests that remain. Too much has been lost, let the corporations beware, the ELF is everywhere.

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<sup>2</sup> Rosebraugh was one of the spokespeople of the North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office. He was subpoenaed eight times by federal grand juries but refused to cooperate. [ed.]

## **July 2nd, 2000; North Vernon:**

A fire destroyed a truck and trailer at the Rose Acre Farms, an egg-laying operation. Small pieces of wood were placed in the wheel well of the tractor and trailer and ignited with a flammable accelerant, causing an estimated \$100,000 in damage.

At the feed mill, the words "Polluter, animal exploiter, your turn to pay" was spray-painted on a concrete wall, along with the letters "ALF." The incident also disrupted the feeding routine at the 1.8 million chicken ranch. No official claim by the Animal Liberation Front was made.

## **September 9, 2000; Bloomington:**

Greetings,

Late Friday night the Earth Liberation Front paid a visit to the GOP headquarters in Bloomington, IN, leaving it in flames as we left.

The fire was set as a reminder to politicians such as John Hostettler that we are watching and we will not sit by as they push plans like I-69. The construction would fill the coffers of multinational corporations at the expense of the environment and working people everywhere. I-69 is just one example of the willingness of the rich to bleed the Earth and the working class to fulfill their money lust.

We have no faith in the present system of electoral politics where every candidate, both Republican and Democrat, is funded with corporate blood money. Because there are no viable options on the ballot, we must find another means of voting. Our non-participation in, and active resistance against this system, controlled by the rich, is our means of voting.

We are everywhere and nowhere.

## **October 18, 2000; Shoals:**

Early on the morning of October 18, a small group of dedicated folks walked into the Martin State Forest determined to do whatever it took to stop the cutting of the trees on our public lands. The two active cuts had already sliced and diced their way through a beautiful patch of Indiana forest, including some very large, old trees. As prevention was not possible revenge became necessary. The price of doing dirty business in the state forests just went up. But not without warning. In an effort to be fair and give our opposition time to reconsider their wicked deeds, several warnings had been spray-painted early. They disregarded these well-intentioned cautions and proceeded with the cut. We were forced to retaliate. Three skidders and one loader were as thoroughly damaged as we could accomplish without endangering the surrounding forest. Hoses were cut, sand poured into engines and gas tanks, seats and belts were slashed and appropriate messages were spray-painted (Earth Raper, Go Cut in Hell, and We are Everywhere). Let all those who would profit from the destruction of our last wild places beware. We ARE everywhere, and we are watching.

This IS a timber war.

- ELF

## **May 3, 2002; Bloomington:**

The Animal Liberation Front is claiming responsibility for the early morning May 3rd attack on Sims Poultry Processors in Bloomington, Indiana. While it may not be an actual slaughterhouse, Sims Poultry was targeted because of its role in the industries of animal exploitation and murder.

The ALF will not rest until all businesses profiting from the misery and death of the innocent are destroyed. Record numbers of chickens are being raised and killed for meat in the U.S. every year. Nearly ten billion chickens are being hatched in the U.S. every year. These birds are typically crowded by the thousand into huge factory-like warehouses where they can barely move. Chickens are given less than half a square foot of space per bird while turkeys are each given less than three square feet. Both chickens and turkeys have the end

of their beaks cut off, and turkeys also have their toes clipped. All of these mutilations are performed without anesthesia, and they are done in order to reduce injuries which result when stressed birds are driven to fighting. Today's meat chickens have been genetically altered to grow twice as fast, and twice as large as their ancestors. Pushed beyond their biological limits, hundreds of millions of chickens die every year before reaching slaughter weight at 6 weeks of age. These institutionalized practices begin with the premise that living beings are mere commodities to be "processed" and consumed.

Despite the state's ongoing campaign to discredit and dismiss the movement for animal liberation, we will not shy away from acting to save the lives of innocent beings. As long as there is animal suffering, we will wage a non-violent war against their oppressors.

As long as there is animal suffering, there will be the Animal Liberation Front.

- ALF

## **October 24, 2003; Martinsville:**

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10/24/2003 Martinsville, IN we visited a construction site for a new Wal-Mart store. We pulled up dozens of survey stakes, spraypainted building walls and machines. Sabotage was done to over a dozen pieces of heavy machinery and vehicles by putting sand in the fuel tanks, slashing tires, and cutting engine hoses and tubes. Before leaving we broke out 20-30 construction machine windows.

We are overwhelmed by the amount of shit society offers us. We look around us and see our lives displayed in neon lighting. In one city block there is a McDonald's, a Chevron, a couple of banks, and a Taco Bell. Two massive car dealerships glow in the short distance, the new SUV's proudly displayed in the front. We can even see the old Wal-Mart which apparently wasn't large enough or new enough to satiate a growing population of consumers. Everything must be new, and it must be big. Even the highway passing through town isn't big enough. And there is nothing unique about this specific loca-



tion. This is life in North America. This is becoming everywhere.

But what life is to be found in this? Some will have us believe that this is what should be desirable to us. Things are just large enough to keep us looking and shopping. Things are just fast enough that we never even have to leave our cars for most of our transactions, as we speed off to work. Everything is convenient and people are satisfied, and for those who might be discontent with this reality, there is plenty of television to watch.

Most people are content with this, but we are not. We know that life does not have to be one monotonous routine played out over and over again. We know that the places we live can offer us much more than Wal-Marts and McDonalds and Chevrons. We know, because at times we have experienced a break with this reality, and know that other possibilities exist.

And how can things change really?

For us, sabotage may not be a means to change any world but our own, as an expression of our feelings toward this society. We strike for ourselves, out of our own frustrations, and rage and despair...as a means of therapy and adventure. Because to not act, or to resign oneself to such an impoverished life of working and consuming is not good enough for us. We are not content and we intended to express this.

This society offers us shit...How can we repay them?

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