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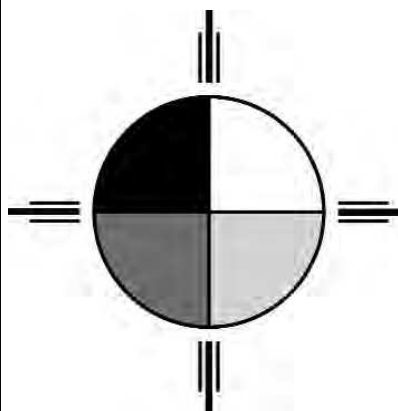
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The Future of Activism

Some activists, such as Josh Schlossberg, see the recent turn to the terror label as a call to action. "We need to make our voices louder and clearer than ever before," he said.

The terror watchlist does not bother him. "You can pretty much assume that you're going to be on the list," he said, "so don't worry about it."

Schlossberg and his group, Cascadia's Ecosystem Advocates, have reinvigorated a campaign against Umpqua Bank. In a recent press release, the group alleges that "the Umpqua board of directors is personally responsible for clearcutting and herbiciding hundreds of thousands of acres of Oregon's forests."

They have been targeting PC Market of Choice grocery stores for banking with

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— Prison support activist Brenton Gicker

Umpqua and recently entered several of the stores bearing "Spotted Owl Sampler Plates," featuring feathers and what Schlossberg called "a fleshlike substance."

Schlossberg said if PC Market were to pull out of Umpqua Bank, the bank would stand to lose over \$100 million.

He said, "Some of us are trying to be radicals in the system — completely legal."

But he noted that if legislation similar to AETA were targeting natural resource-based businesses rather than animal enterprise, he too might find himself labeled a terrorist.

Gicker, who works to support eco-prisoner Jeff "Free" Luers, whose more than 20-year sentence for burning three SUVs has been remanded for resentencing, said, "Though tactics like arson are not appropriate, breaking the law has to be part of social change movements — the law is not always right."

Others agree. Janine Nilsen, outraged that a bill to allow the hounding of cougars and bear baiting has passed in the Oregon Legislature, said the new legislation is "wrong. And has twice been voted down by the people."

She thinks people are willing, she said, "to be called a terrorist" if that is the label the current political climate has for those who "ask the government to hear our voice."

"What choice do you have," she asked, "when the people aren't being heard, and it's a public agency being paid for by the taxpayers?"

Tim Lewis pointed out that even as defendant Kevin Tubbs was being sentenced to more than a decade in prison for environmentally motivated crimes, he still drew attention to the unresolved issues that had motivated him.

Tubbs spoke of the "extreme cruelty and disregard for all animals and lifeforms prevalent today." He said, "We are blind to the suffering of millions of animals around us."

"We all know who the real terrorists are — the whole world does," said Lewis. "The only people who seem not to are the judges and the court system."

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The Sentences

The National Lawyers Guild has established a hotline for people arrested or subpoenaed for environmental or animal activist offenses: 888-NLG-ECOLAW

1. Stanislas Gregory Meyerhoff (age 29) 13 years, received the terrorism enhancement

2. Kevin Tubbs (age 38) 12 years, 7 months, received the terrorism enhancement

3. Chelsea Dawn Gerlach (age 30) 9 years, received the terrorism enhancement

4. Nathan Fraser Block (age 26) 7 years, 7 months, received the terrorism enhancement

5. Joyanna L. Zacher (age 29) 7 years, 7 months, received the terrorism enhancement

6. Suzanne Nichole Savoie (age 29) 4 years, 3 months, received the terrorism enhancement

7. Kendall Tankersley (age 30) 3 years, 8 months

8. Darren Todd Thurston (age 37) 3 years, 1 month

9. Daniel Gerard McGowan (age 33) 7 years, received the terrorism enhancement

10. Jonathan Mark Christopher Paul (age 41) Judge Ann Aiken began to sentence Paul to 4 years, 3 months, but an objection from his attorney has postponed the sentencing to an as yet unknown date.

To be sentenced in the Western District of Washington: Lacey Phillabaum and Jennifer Kolar
Still at large: Joseph Mahmoud Dibee, Josephine Overaker, Justin Franchi Solondz, Rebecca J. Rubin
Unsentenced: Jacob Ferguson

Going to trial: Briana Waters

Deceased: William Rodgers

Unknown status: Ian Wallace, named in McGowan's sentencing as part of a "Midwest ELF Cell" still under investigation.

"Identified but not indicted" participant in the Childers Meat Co. arson in Eugene.



Daniel McGowan

For detailed information on the arsons, see "Flames of Dissent: Part IV: The Bust," EW, 12/7/2006 (online at www.eugeneweekly.com).