

STILL WILD! Earth First! 30th Anniversary Compilation

Celebrating 30 years in print and in action!



Here it is! The Earth First! 30th Anniversary Music Compilation. What you have before you is a collection of songs from the frontlines of ecological resistance, spanning multiple genres and generations. Music is as central to our counterculture as the food in our community kitchens; our intention in releasing this CD is to strengthen the relationship between musicians and activists.

About 15 years ago, the EF! Journal collective released the *Keep It Wild!* compilation which featured artists from the movement at the time. With this CD, we have focused primarily on movement-oriented music from the past decade (although there are a few classics in there too). While there are not as many EF!-identified musicians in our immediate circles today as there were in years past, there are countless musicians out there who have supported EF! through playing at rallies, roadshows, benefits and gatherings.

Thanks to all musicians and those who produced the recordings. Thanks to all who donated time and money to make this happen. A special thanks to K Bunny for the art, Peace Supplies for printing, Jason of Soundproof.net for the audio assistance and Daniel of Design2Print for getting the CDs to us, despite all the setbacks.

Check out MUSICIANS.EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG for links to all the musicians online.

1. GRANT PEEPLES — If They Build It...

An unreleased track from a real country musician and activist out of Sopchoppy, Florida. Grant has only been playing at EF! events in recent years, but he sings like he's been there since day one.

2. SON DEL CENTRO — La Guacamaya

This group from southern California plays jarocho-style music (from Vera Cruz, Mexico) to inspire movements, including Earth First!, all around the country. Some may remember them from the 2008 EF! Organizers Conference/Winter Rendezvous.

3. PEG MILLETT — Forever Wild

Long-time Earth First!er and former political prisoner singing a song by Walkin' Jim Stoltz, a movement musician who passed away in 2010 (see the tribute to him in the *Earth First! Journal, Volume II* of the 30th Anniversary). This song was originally released by Peg in 1995 on her album *Clear Horizons* by Hidden Waters Music.

4. RYEN CLOVER — Remember the Sunflowers

Sweet and fierce folkpunk banjo picking' songs from the Finger Lakes region of New York. Rye'n has been in the trenches of the fight against gas fracking in the Marcellus Shale, and he has played at EF! Roadshows and Rendezvous for several years.

5. STRAWBERRY JAM — Tearing the Mountains Down

Strawberry Jam is Jane Branham and Buddy Delp. The duo plays music at rallies to inspire the Appalachian uprising for self-determination against King Coal.

6. LAS KRUDAS — Nuestra Vivencia

Cuban radical feminist, queer, socially and ecologically conscious Hip Hop. Krudas also appeared on the Everglades Uprising CD benefitting the EF! swamp anarchists.

7. CITIZENS BAND — Bullshit

Anarcho-folk spanning three decades of movement music. Citizen's Band music is featured in the EF! Hootenanny Songbook, and they were also featured recently on a benefit CD for Civil Liberties Defense Center efforts to defend the rights of eco-activists and eco-prisoners.

8. HERE'S TO THE LONG HAUL — Ballad of Two Womyn

A string band born of the movement for mountain justice in Appalachia and beyond. HttLH has played at EF! events across the country, not to mention their frequent impromptu musical disruptions in the lobbies of multinational banks that support the coal industry. Their traditional arrangements celebrate the culture and life of the

mountains while their original songs tell stories of everyday people living everyday lives and trying to stand up for what's right.

9. TRE ARROW — Whisper a Wish (Rise Up)

This song was written in prison by Tre during his 6 year sentence for actions which lead to the end of the Eagle Creek timber sale. Prior to prison, Tre was a tree-sitter, occupied the 9 inch ledge of a government building for 11 days and ran for congress, amongst other things. Today he is out on probation, writing music, contributing to the *EF! Journal*, doing speaking engagements and living lightly.

10. GEDDEN CASCADIA — War Pony

Gedden is forest defender, tree climbing trainer and contributor to the *EF! Journal* who writes Earth First! folk metal ballads in his spare time and graces the campfire with them. War Pony is one such ballad.

11. JILL LAVETSKY & LONGNECK LULA — No Train is Unstoppable

Jill and her beautiful banjo, Lula, wrote this song in honor of the the resistors who were fighting the I-69 NAFTA Superhighway in Indiana, after Hugh and Tiga were arrested on bogus charges. This repression was called an "unstoppable train" by an Indiana State Police officer. Jill is also an amazing visual artist whose art has been featured in the *EF! Journal*.

12. AUTUMN SPRINGS — Swamp Anarchists Where Developer Skin Boots

Youthful queer anarchist folk punk from the Everglades Earth First! mob. Autumn is often seen in recent years at EF! gatherings, actions and benefit shows across Florida.

13. THISTLE — The BP Song

A folk singer, gardener and bicycle enthusiast living in Madison, Wisconsin. Thistle has toured across the country by bike playing music and mobilizing for mass actions. Thistle is also a contributor to the *EF! Journal*.

14. BLACKBIRD RAUM — witches

A Kazynskian pirate punk jug band street ensemble from Santa Cruz, CA, formed out of the nucleus of a squatter community living in abandoned buildings and greenbelt treehouses in Santa Cruz, CA. This song is off their album *Swidden*.

15. MARIE MASON — End of the World

Originally written by EF! movement musician Danny Dolinger, this song is off Marie's benefit CD "Not for Profit". Marie is a midwest Green Scare prisoner currently serving nearly 22 years for ecological direct actions. This track was released on a benefit CD. She can be written at: **Marie Mason #04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center P.O. Box 27137 Fort Worth, TX 76127**

16. FROM THE DEPTHS — Lullaby

This is a previously unreleased track by this anarcho punk/hardcore band from North Carolina. The song is based on the story of Nelly Cane, the protagonist of an Appalachian folk song in which she kills the man who attempted to rape her, slitting his throat with the glass bottle he had been drinking from. It was Recorded October 2010 with Kris Hilbert; mastered by Jack Shirley. From the Depths is S, N, M, B, and R.

17. AUTOMOOG — Sutra of Smokey

This song is based on a poem originally by deep ecologist poet Gary Snyder, with instructions that it may be reproduced free forever.

18. CASEY NEILL — Ouroburos

This is an unreleased version of a recent song by one of Earth First!'s greatest roving troubadours of the '90s. The song can be found with a full band on *Goodbye to the Rank & File*, the 2010 album of Casey Neill and the Norway Rats. Casey brought us EF! campfire classics like Riff Raff and Dancin' on the Ruins. As a full-time musician, based out of Portland, Oregon, he has released records on famed folk label Applesseed Recordings and Daemon Records. He has also toured the world several times.



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