



Central Coast Forest Association

TERRORIST TARGET CENTRAL COAST LOGGERS

LET'S WORRY ABOUT THE TERRORISTS IN OUR OWN BACK YARD AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Following 9/11/01, the United States declared war on terrorism and we have been joined by all but a handful of the civilized countries of the world. Although it is comforting to know that world governments are finally taking international terrorism seriously, terrorism isn't just an international problem; remember the Unibomber? Or, note this anonymous letter received a while back by Big Creek Lumber Company.

Big Creek Lumber,
I hope your wearing bullet proof vests-
because we are pissed. Our sights will be
lined up on each and every one of your heads-
Splat!- there goes another logger. The
earth cannot stand brainless ants like you
cutting Redwoods & spoiling an ecosystem
is a crime punishable by death and no amount
of money can help you. Stop now and clear
out, while your ahead!

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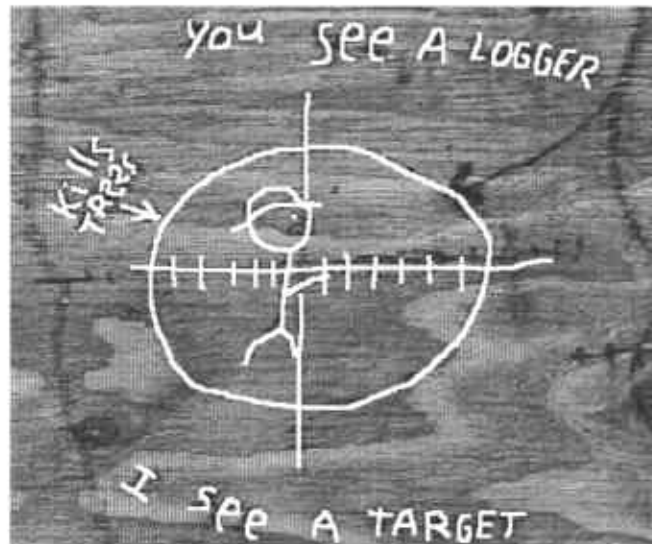
Anonymous threat received by Big Creek Lumber Company.

Perhaps now that we are at war with terrorism, it will be easier to persuade the public to respond to domestic acts of sabotage and mayhem that have become routine and are not taken seriously by law enforcement agencies, courts and the news media. Enviro-activist terrorists are usually treated equivalent to prankster kids just having a little fun.

Make no mistake; these people are terrorists. They use threats, arson, sabotage, and murder as their tools. A recent, close-to-home instance is the activity of Earth First and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) who have conducted a long, destructive, costly campaign against a Central Coast timber company, Redwood Empire.

Redwood, having gone through the exhaustive

government permit procedures, plans and reviews, and preparing to harvest their trees, became the involuntary host to tree sitters whose intent was to interfere with their work. The trespassers built residential facilities in and around some of Redwood's trees and occupied them for 18 months, being supplied food, water and other comforts by relay teams



Graffiti found on ELF tree sitting platform.

operating under cover of darkness. Although Superior Court Judge Yonts ordered them to cease and desist, they paid no attention, adding contempt of court to their list of other crimes. Local law enforcement agencies were helpless because of a clause at the end of the court order that admonished Redwood not to "endanger" the kooky little kids.

Lest anyone mistake that these as merely idealistic young people exercising their First Amendment rights, their art work suggests a different conclusion.

A person who advocates emulating the Unibomber is a real terrorist, not an innocent prankster kid. We have friends at the California Forestry Association who will not forget soon or easily forgive the violent death of their associate, Gill Murray, by the murderous Ted Kaczynski, and we live and work with the graffiti picture of the logger in the cross hair as we go about our business in the forests that our families and we have husbanded for many years.

We hope the focus of the President's war on terrorism goes beyond Osama, Yassar, Sadam and other international

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