

Resource Guide to Environmental Groups

Preparing this resource guide to environmental groups for the DVD release of “A Fierce Green Fire” proved Paul Hawken’s assertion that there are millions of groups engaged in environmental, social-justice and indigenous issues. Listed are a couple hundred organizations. A good resource for further digging is the database on WiserEarth’s website: <http://www.wiser.org>.

National & International

Sierra Club

It is the largest and one of the most influential environmental groups, activist-oriented and democratic, with local chapters all over the country, it has national campaigns to move beyond coal and oil, and a long history of protecting wild nature.

<http://www.sierraclub.org>

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

It started as a law firm for the environment and has grown into a pillar of the mainstream, among the most professional and powerful groups, known for its smarts and sway. <http://www.nrdc.org>

Greenpeace

From radicals to disciplined corps Greenpeace went on the wildest ride – becoming an international juggernaut, split by struggles over leadership and issues – yet remains an important and inspired source of activism. www.greenpeace.org

350.org

Started by six students and a writer fed up with delay, 350.org has become the premier activist force in the battle to halt climate change – known for organizing with imagination and energy, creating alliances and spawning local satellites. <http://350.org>

Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ)

Lois Gibbs’ group has been fighting for 35 years against toxic waste and harmful chemicals, working with thousands of grassroots groups and activists. <http://chej.org>

Friends of the Earth

The first international environmental group, founded by David Brower – radical activists in the 1970s and now more policy-oriented, influential beyond its size.

<http://www.foe.org>

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

A more moderate organization, known for accommodating business and proposing compromises like cap-and-trade to deal with acid rain. www.edf.org

Audubon Society

The original wildlife group, it remains focused on birds, but works to save species and ecosystems through preserves established by chapters all over the country.

www.audubon.org

National Wildlife Federation

It is a federation of hunting and fishing groups with strong ties to the American heartland, concerned primarily with conservation of nature but pursuing a wide range of alliances and issues. www.nwf.org

Clean Water Action

Inspired by Ralph Nader on the first Earth Day, it has grown into a nationwide network of activists with a million members working on all sorts of campaigns.

www.cleanwateraction.org

Waterkeeper Alliance (Riverkeepers, Baykeepers, etc.)

Begun by Robert Kennedy Jr., the original Hudson Riverkeepers has spawned an array of keeper groups around the country monitoring and fighting for rivers, bays and inlets.

www.waterkeeper.org

Earthjustice

“Because the earth needs a good lawyer” is the motto of this topnotch group that has advocated effectively for hundreds of causes since the ‘60s. www.earthjustice.org

Rocky Mountain Institute

Amory Lovins’ “think-and-do tank” is dedicated to incubating technology and policy solutions, working with business and military, pursuing “soft-path” visions of the future.

www.rmi.org

International Forum on Globalization

Jerry Mander’s group was built to challenge globalization of capitalist institutions like the WTO, to work on systemic change at the nexus of economic and environmental issues.

www.ifg.org

Nature Conservancy

Originally established by scientists to save ecologically important land, it has grown into the premier private land-conservation organization – recently racked by controversy over developing and disposing of land. www.nature.org

Conservation International

A breakaway from the Nature Conservancy, CI does state-of-the-art conservation all over the world. www.conservation.org

World Wildlife Fund

Founded by European princes to save charismatic megafauna like the African elephant, WWF pursued not just preserves, but integrated conservation and development, as well as innovative studies like Tom Lovejoy's Forest Fragments Project in the Amazon
www.worldwildlife.org

Rainforest Action Network (RAN)

The radical force for saving rainforests, RAN took on corporations, fought against beef, pulp and palm-oil threats. Now it has moved on to energy and climate issues.
www.ran.org

Earth First!

Founded by veteran organizers to embody "No Compromise in Defense of Mother Earth," Earth First! was an anti-group with no membership. Only pieces of it remain extant: **Earth First! Speakers Bureau** <http://earthfirstspeakersbureau.wordpress.com> and a journal published out of Florida. More impressive and important are all the groups it spawned: the Wildlands Network; Wilderness Watch; Judi Bari, Darryl Cherney and the Headwaters Forest battles in California; Mike Roselle's many groups, from RAN to the Ruckus Society and Climate Ground Zero; and the Center for Biological Diversity.

Center for Biological Diversity

From scrappy beginnings out of Earth First! CBD developed a leading role using legal challenges to save endangered species and their habitat.
<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org>

Global Exchange

This organization has 25 years of promoting human rights, justice and sustainability around the world. Known for fair trade and green festivals, now a new generation of organizers are working on community rights and green economy as well as fighting fracking. <http://www.globalexchange.org>

Food and Water Watch

This group works on sustainable food systems, public control of water and fighting privatization of common resources. It is based in DC with 15 regional offices.
<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

Avaaz

Barely five years old, Avaaz has exploded to become the world's largest online activist network. It has 25 million members in 194 countries, campaigning in fifteen languages, taking on an amazing range of issues. <http://avaaz.org>

Global Call for Climate Action (GCCA)

It is an international alliance of 270 NGO's, their initial campaign was Tck, Tck, Tck, aimed at a climate deal at COP15 in Copenhagen. <http://gc-ca.org>

Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families

This is a national effort to protect people from toxic chemicals, organized by a broad alliance of health, labor, environmental, learning and parent organizations

<http://saferchemicals.org>

World Resources Institute

It is a center for policy research and analysis addressing global resource and environmental issues. <http://www.wri.org>

Environmental Working Group

This environmental health research and advocacy organization is known for exposing harmful chemicals in food and consumer products. <http://www.ewg.org>

Worldwatch Institute

This longtime research organization is known for their “State of the World” reports, which are international in scope. <http://www.worldwatch.org>

Earth Policy Institute

This is a think tank and platform for Lester Brown. <http://www.earth-policy.org>

WiserEarth

This is a social network for sustainability, which was established by Paul Hawken.

<http://www.wiser.org>

Trust for Public Land

This land-conservation organization is focused on protecting wilderness, water, working lands (such as farming and ranchland) and urban spaces.

<http://www.tpl.org>

Resource Renewal Institute (RRI)

RRI is Huey Johnson’s think-tank for best practices integrating long-term environmental-change strategies. <http://www.rri.org>

International Rivers Network

This organization fights against big-dam building and the destruction of rivers worldwide. <http://www.internationalrivers.org>

Oceana

This international organization is focused on ocean conservation. <http://oceana.org>

Credo

It is the activist arm of Working Assets. <http://credoaction.com>

Climate Reality Project

Al Gore’s group presents inconvenient truths about the climate crisis.

www.climaterealityproject.org

Interfaith Power & Light

This is an alliance of religious groups responding to climate change.

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org>

Tar Sands Action

This group was formed to oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline.

<http://www.tarsandsaction.org>

Idle No More

One of the largest indigenous mass movements in Canadian history, it opposes tar-sands development and much more. <http://www.idlenomore.ca>

Code Pink

This women-led grassroots group is active in the peace and social-justice movement.

www.codepink4peace.org

Amazon Watch

This group fights for the Amazon forests and people. <http://amazonwatch.org>

Pachamama Alliance

This group works with indigenous peoples in the Amazon. <http://www.pachamama.org>

Earth Island Institute

David Brower established this group, a project incubator and involved in public education. <http://www.earthisland.org>

Wildlands Network

This network involves conservation biologists creating wildlife corridors and connecting ecosystems.

<http://www.twp.org>

Campaign for American Wilderness

Founded by Doug Scott, it is a campaigner and funder for wilderness conservation.

<http://www.pewenvironment.org/campaigns/campaign-for-americas-wilderness/id/62078>

Wilderness Society

Aldo Leopold and other pioneers of wilderness preservation founded this storied group.

<http://wilderness.org>

Izaak Walton League

This early conservation group has 250 chapters. <http://www.iwla.org>

Defenders of Wildlife

It is a venerable organization of wildlife advocates. <http://www.defenders.org>

Ecology Action

Jon Jeavons' organization has focused on teaching Grow Biointensive sustainable mini-farming techniques in 134 countries for 41 years. www.growbiointensive.org

Local land trusts & agricultural land trusts

There are too many to list, almost every community has some group working to save local wetlands, forests, farms or open spaces.

Regional & Local

California

Green Action, Bradley Angel <http://greenaction.org> (415) 284 5600

Communities for a Better Environment <http://www.cbecal.org> Northern CA: (510) 302-0430 Southern CA: (323) 826-9771

West County Toxics Coalition, Richmond CA
<http://www.westcountytoxicscoalition.org>

Richmond Progressive Alliance <http://www.richmondprogressivealliance.net>

EPIC (Environmental Protection Information Center) <http://www.wildcalifornia.org>

Battle Creek Alliance, Montgomery Creek <http://www.thebattlecreekalliance.org>

Conservation Congress <http://conservationcongress-ca.org>

Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch <http://www.ebbettspassforestwatch.org>

Klamath Forest Alliance <http://klamathforestalliance.org>

Siskiyou Land Conservancy <http://siskiyouland.wordpress.com>

Butte Environmental Council <http://www.becnet.org>

Friends of the Swainson's Hawk <http://www.swainsonshawk.org>

Wild Equity Institute <http://wildequity.org>

Sequoia ForestKeeper <http://www.sequoiaforestkeeper.org>

Los Padres ForestWatch <http://lpfw.org>

Daily Acts, Petaluma <http://www.dailyacts.org> (707) 789-9664

ECOS (Environmental Council of Sacramento) <http://www.ecosacramento.net> (916) 444-0022

Central California Environmental Justice Network <http://ccejn.wordpress.com>

Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, Fresno <http://www.calcleanair.org> (559) 442-4771

Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment <http://www.crpe-ej.org> Delano: (661) 720-9140 San Francisco: (415) 346-4179

El Pueblo Para Aire y Agua Limpio/People for Clean Air and Water of Kettleman City, Maricela Mares-Alatorre (559) 816-9298

Dolores Huerta Foundation, Bakersfield <http://www.doloreshuerta.org> (661) 322-3033

El Quinto Sol de America, Lindsay (Tulare Co.) <http://www.elquintosoldeamerica.org> 559-756-1153

Heal the Bay, Santa Monica <http://healthebay.org> (310) 451-1500

Tree People, Los Angeles <http://www.treepeople.org> (818) 753-4600

Friends of the Los Angeles River <http://folar.org> (323) 223-0585

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, City of Commerce Angelo Logan <http://eycej.org> (323) 263-2113

Pacoima Beautiful, Los Angeles <http://www.pacoimabeautiful.org> (818) 899-2454

SCOPE (Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education), Los Angeles <http://www.scopela.org> (323) 789-7920

Black Women for Wellness, Los Angeles <http://www.bwwla.com>

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Riverside and the Inland Empire, Penny Newman <http://www.ccaej.org> (951) 360-8451

Environmental Health Coalition, San Diego <http://www.environmentalhealth.org> (619) 474-0220

Just Transition Alliance, San Diego <http://www.jtalliance.org> (619) 573-4934

San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper www.epicenteronline.org

Northwest

Cascadia Wildlands, Eugene, OR <http://www.cascwild.org> (541) 434-1463

Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Ashland, OR www.kswild.org (541) 488-5789

Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, OR www.onda.org (541) 330-2638

Neighbors for Clean Air, Portland, OR www.whatsinourair.org

Center for Environmental Equity, Portland, OR <http://www.nevermined.org>

Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project, OR <http://bluemtnsbiodiversity.wordpress.com>

Northwest Ecosystem Survey Team, OR <http://nestcascadia.wordpress.com>

Oregonians for Farm and Food Rights: <http://farmandfoodrights.org/>

BARK- Defending and Restoring Mt Hood Forest : <http://www.bark-out.org/>

Columbia River Keepers: <http://columbiariverkeeper.org/>

Friends of Living Oregon Waters: <http://oregonwaters.org/>

Oregon Citizens Against Pipelines: <http://oregonfirst.net/OCAP/>

1,000 Friends of Oregon: <http://www.friends.org/>

Water Watch of Oregon: <http://waterwatch.org/>

Oregon Environmental Council: <http://www.oeonline.org/>

Environment Oregon: <http://www.environmentoregon.org/>

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides: <http://www.pesticides.org/>

Oregon Tilth: <http://tilth.org/>

Friends of Family Farmers: <http://www.friendsoffamilyfarmers.org/>

Oregon League of Conservation Voters: <http://www.olcv.org/>

Mountaineers, Seattle, WA <http://www.mountaineers.org> (206) 521-6000

Bainbridge Graduate Institute, Seattle, WA <http://www.bgi.edu> (206) 855-9559

Sustainable Seattle <http://www.sustainableseattle.org> (206) 622-3522

Conservation Northwest, Bellingham, WA <http://www.conservationnw.org> (360) 671-9950

Washington Wild, Seattle, WA <http://www.wawild.org> (206) 633-1992

Washington Environmental Council, Seattle, WA <http://wecprotects.org> (206) 631-2600

Association for the Protection of Hammersley, Eld & Totten Inlets, WA
<http://www.apheti.org>

Western Lands Project, Seattle, WA <http://www.westernlands.org>

ACAT (Alaska Community Action on Toxics) <http://www.akaction.org> (907) 222-7714

Cook Inletkeeper, Anchorage, AK <http://inletkeeper.org>

Alaska Wilderness League <http://www.alaskawild.org>

Mountain West

Peaceful Uprising, Salt Lake City, UT <http://www.peacefuluprising.org> (801) 747-9871

Utah Environmental Congress, Salt Lake City, UT <http://www.uec-utah.org>

Living Rivers, Moab, UT <http://livingrivers.org>

Glen Canyon Institute, Salt Lake City, UT <http://www.glencanyon.org>

Red Rock Forests, Moab, UT <http://www.redrockforests.org/>

Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Reno, NV www.nevadawilderness.org (775) 324-7667

Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, Tucson, AZ <http://www.scenicsantaritas.org>

Arizona Wilderness Coalition, Tucson, AZ <http://www.azwild.org>

Sky Island Alliance, Tucson, AZ <http://www.skyislandalliance.org>

Sonoran Institute, Tucson, AZ <http://www.sonoraninstitute.org>

Don't Waste Arizona, Phoenix, AZ <http://dontwastearizona.org>

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, Albuquerque, NM www.nmwild.org (505) 843-8696

New Mexico Environmental Law Center, Santa Fe, NM www.nmelc.org

Southwest Research and Information Center, Albuquerque, NM www.sric.org

Colorado Environmental Coalition, Denver, CO <http://conservationco.org> (303) 534-7066

Sheep Mountain Alliance, Telluride, CO <http://www.sheepmountainalliance.org>

Wilderness Workshop, Carbondale, CO <http://www.wildernessworkshop.org>

Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative, CO (303) 447-9409

Southern Plains Land Trust, Centennial, CO <http://www.southernplains.org>

San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, Alamosa, CO <http://www.slvec.org>

Wild Connections, Colorado Springs, CO <http://www.wildconnections.org>

Quiet Use Coalition, Salida, CO <http://www.quietuse.org>

Prairie Preservation Alliance, Broomfield, CO

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Laramie, WY <http://www.voiceforthewild.org>

Cottonwood Law Center, WY <http://cottonwoodlaw.org>

Greater Yellowstone Coalition, in MT, WY & ID www.greateryellowstone.org (406) 586-1593

Montana Environmental Information Center, Helena, MT <http://www.meic.org> (406) 443-2520

Northern Plains Resource Council, Bozeman, MT www.northernplains.org (406) 248-1154

Wilderness Watch, Missoula, MT <http://www.wildernesswatch.org> (406) 542.2048

Montana Wilderness Association, Helena, MT <http://wildmontana.org> (406) 443-7350

Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument, MT <http://www.missouribreaks.org>

Swan View Coalition, Kalispell, MT <http://www.swanview.org>

WildWest Institute, Missoula, MT <http://www.wildwestinstitute.org>

Yaak Valley Forest Council, Troy, MT <http://yaakvalley.org>

Idaho Conservation League <http://www.idahoconservation.org> (208) 345-6933

Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, Sand Point, ID www.scotchmanpeaks.org

Great Plains & Midwest

Democracy In Action, Rapid City, SD <http://www.sddia.org>

Dakota Rural Action, Brookings, SD <http://dakotarural.org> (605) 697-5204

The Norbeck Society, Rapid City, SD <http://www.norbeckociety.com>

Indigenous Environmental Network, Bemidji, MN <http://ienearth.org> (218) 751-4967

Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota <http://www.ejamn.org>

Voyageurs National Park Association, Minneapolis, MN <http://voyageurs.org>

MLAWD (Michigan Land Air Water Defense) <http://mlawd.org>

Voices for Earth Justice Southfield, MI <http://www.voices4earth.org> 248-351-9001
an interfaith network

Midwest Pesticide Action Center, Chicago, IL <http://www.midwestpesticideaction.org>
(773) 878-7378

Heartwood, Bloomington IN <https://www.heartwood.org>
a regional alliance protecting forests

Buckeye Forest Council, OH <http://buckeyeforestcouncil.org>

Newton County Wildlife Assn, Jasper, AR <http://www.grassrootsozark.net>

Kentucky Resources Council Frankfort, KY (502) 875 2428 <http://www.kyrc.org>

Kentucky Heartwood, Berea, KY <http://www.kyheartwood.org>(859) 334-0602

REACT – Rubbertown Emergency Action, Louisville, KY
<http://dis.ijs.si/mitjal/genre/online/data/file0397.htm>

Massachusetts & New England

Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters <http://mlev.org>

Trustees of Reservations, MA <http://www.thetrustees.org>

e-inc., Boston, MA <http://e-action.us>

Mass Audubon <http://www.massaudubon.org>

RESTORE The North Woods, Hallowell, ME <http://www.restore.org> (207) 626-5635

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, ME <http://www.friendsofmerrymeetingbay.org> 207-666-3372

Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice
Hartford, CT 860-548-1133 <http://www.environmental-justice.org>

Cape Cool, Cape Cod, MA <http://www.capecool.org>

Mid-Atlantic

WE ACT (West Harlem Environmental Action) New York, NY <http://www.weact.org>
(212) 961-1000 Peggy Shepard

United Against Fracking www.unitedforaction.org www.nyagainstfracking.org
(917) 514-0700 David Braun

For a Better Bronx <http://www.forabetterbronx.org>

Love Canal Medical Fund, Niagara Falls, NY <http://www.lcmf.org> (716) 773 - 6578

Protecting Our Waters, Philadelphia, PA www.protectingourwaters.com (215) 840-6489 Iris Marie Bloom

Allegheny Defense Project, PA <http://www.alleghenydefense.org>

Cassleman River Watershed Association, PA <http://www.casselmanriver.org>

Climate Ground Zero, WV <http://climategroundzero.net> 304-854-7372
opposition to mountaintop removal coal mining

Coal River Mountain Watch, WV <http://crmw.net>

Friends of Blackwater, Charleston, WV <http://www.saveblackwater.org>

West Virginia Environmental Council, Charleston, WV <http://www.wvecouncil.org>

West Virginia Highlands Conservancy <http://www.wvhighlands.org>

Southeast

Wild Virginia, Charlottesville, VA <http://www.wildvirginia.org>

Virginia Forest Watch, Ashland VA <http://www.virginiaforestwatch.org>

Wild South, Asheville, NC (828) 258-2667 & Moulton, AL (256) 974-6166
<http://wildsouth.org>

Dogwood Alliance, Asheville, NC <http://www.dogwoodalliance.org> alliance of forest groups

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Glendale Springs, NC
<http://www.bredl.org> (336) 982-2691

Appalachian Voices, Boone, NC <http://appvoices.org>

Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition, Asheville, NC <http://www.safc.org>

Stop Titan Action Network, Wilmington, NC <http://stoptitan.org> fighting against cement plant

Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, Franklin, NC <http://www.ltlf.org> 828-524-2711

South Carolina Environmental Law Project <http://www.scelp.org>

Environmental Community Action (ECO-Action) GA <http://eco-act.org>
(404) 584-6499

Environment Georgia Research and Policy Center, Decatur, GA
<http://www.environmentgeorgiacenter.org>

Ogeechee Riverkeeper, Statesboro, GA <http://www.ogeecheeriverkeeper.org>

Palm Beach County Environmental Coalition, FL <http://pbcec.blogspot.com>

South Florida Wildlands Association, Fort Lauderdale
<https://www.facebook.com/southfloridawild>

BURNT (Bring Urban Recycling to Nashville Today), TN
<http://burnttn.wordpress.com>

Cherokee Forest Voices, Johnson City, TN <http://www.cherokeeforestvoices.org>

LEAN (Louisiana Environmental Action Network) Baton Rouge <http://leanweb.org>
(225) 928-1315

Advocates for Environmental Human Rights <http://www.ehumanrights.org>
Monique Harden, New Orleans, LA 504.799.3060 Michele Roberts, Washington DC
202-775-0055

Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, New Orleans, LA
<http://www.dscej.org>

Air Alliance Houston <http://airalliancehouston.org>

Southwest Workers Union San Antonio, TX <http://swunion.org> 210.299.2666

TEJAS (Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services)
<http://www.tejasbarrios.org>

Galveston Baykeeper (281)639-3503 <http://galvestonbaykeeper.org>

Canada

Council of Canadians <http://www.canadians.org>
National office (613) 233-2773 inquiries@canadians.org
British Columbia and Yukon (604) 688-8846 bc-yukon@canadians.org
Prairies-NWT (780) 429-4500 prairies@canadians.org
Ontario, Quebec and Nunavut (416) 979-5554 ontario-quebec@canadians.org
Atlantic (902) 422-7811 atlantic@canadians.org

Burns Bog Conservation Society, Delta, BC <https://www.burnsbog.org>

Save The Cedar League, Robson Valley, BC <http://www.savethecedarleague.org>