Bark, the watchdogs for Mt. Hood National Forest, filed suit in federal court on August 14 to protect wildlife, hikers and bikers from the Forest Service's proposal. However, the court set no date for actually hearing the case and due to a little-known loophole in the system, if logging in Eight Mile Meadow occurs BEFORE the case is heard, the decision becomes moot as the trees would no longer be standing. In this case, Bark asked the Forest Service and the timber company who has bought the sale, South Side Enterprises out of Washington state, to delay logging until the courts deemed the timber sale legal. The Forest Service and timber company refused, and Bark was forced to file for a temporary restraining order from the court. Alex P. Brown, Bark's Executive Director, was

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There are few things that I am certain of, but this one truth should be self-evident, "When the government shuts down all avenues of addressing problems; revolution is the end result."

Look back to history and you will find that the catalyst for revolution has always been a minor event, someone is shot and WW1 was the result--broken promises and the Vietnam War murdered millions. How many Americans even know why we went to war in Vietnam? When did it start, what was our reason for going to war, sacrificing 58,000 young and noble citizens? The number of Vietnamese killed was somewhere between two and three million--no one knows for sure. What did we win? What was the real cost? Did you know that in WW2 Ho Chi Minh was our ally fighting the Japanese and was promised that at the end of the war his country would be independent of France. We lied and the war started when the French tried to return to Indo-China. Sound familiar? I don't want to fight the Vietnam War again, but it is important because we are doing the same thing again in Iraq.

Someone once told me, and it is not a rare statement, that "Insanity is repeating the same thing and expecting a different result." We are repeating what we tried in Vietnam and expecting the people of the Middle East to love us for it; that is why our leaders are insane.

Well, back to the rumbling. We have just lost our ability to be vocal critics against our government, this has been coming for some time, but on September 29, 2006, it was complete. We are now a nation who exports S and M (torture.) We have said to the world, our President will interpret the Geneva Convention any way he sees fit. We have said that anyone whom the President decides is an enemy of the state can and will be arrested. We have said to the world that our press from time to time aid and help the terrorists and will be jailed. Our Attorney General has told the judiciary not to interfere with a President during war or they too will pay a penalty. Can you feel the rumbling yet? I think of the riots in our cities during the sixties and seventies.

The beatings, hangings, and arrests in the south did not happen because one person refused to move to the back of a bus, it happened because people had enough of generations of repression and indignities. Segregation was just the ignition, the powder was shutting off any avenue of address---no place to seek justice---violence is sure to come. There will be violence, I may not live to see it, but it will come. This country is headed towards a reckoning and it will be very bad! Our Constitution is now just a piece of hemp, worthless.

The Bill of Rights, (First ten amendments to the Constitution) has been so damaged that it should now be called The Bill of Agonies. We have lost our ability to speak freely to our politicians. Go to Sen. Smith's office and try to present a grievance and you will be first told you cannot enter and then arrested if you try. The journalists have long gone or are so few that their voices are drowned out by the stooges of the state. CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, CBS and the Fox network are all bought and paid for by the corporations. The avenue of investigating journalism is all but gone, freedom of the press, gone.

When you go to work or school tomorrow, before you get to your destination, you will be on camera at least 30-50 times, big brother and his sister are watching everything you do and say. Your phones can be tapped at any time, your e-mails are subject to searches without warrants, buy a book or check one out and our government will be able to see what you are reading and sending. Our government now uses our money to put ads on the TV to encourage one neighbor to inform on another, they call it helping in the fight against terrorism.

We are building a great wall of the Americas, to keep out starving people, but that's OK, they are not citizens. The wall will be a moneymaker for friends of friends in Washington, it will stop nothing. Bush loves to say, "We have not been attacked since I invaded Iraq." Our ports are wide open, we have millions of people who are in this country with no identification, our nuclear plants are vulnerable, trains and buses are all easy targets. You should know that it was 9 years between the first attack on the towers and the final one on 9/11. Stand by--we will be hit again and Bush is doing nothing to stop it.

My great hope was the democrats would take back the House of Representatives after the November election. In the last week or so that hope has been smashed. There are only a few democrats who I trust; my fear is that they will be silenced by the corporate leaders in the Democratic Party. Hillary is not a democrat, Biden is the worst kind of opportunist, and Emmanuel is making deals with the lobbyists before the election even happens. We will have a greater fight if the democrats win in November, our heartbreak will be severe if they do nothing to stop this madness. I will continue to fight for the America I served in the Navy. There is one light at the end of the tunnel---we, as a people, love democracy. It has been part of our history for so long maybe, just maybe, we will have the guts to fight for it every day from now on and learn that we can never relax our vigilance.

The explosion to come

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Can you feel it yet? There is rumbling underground and soon there will be an explosion that will end life, as we know it—here in the good old US of A.

The explosion has started again.

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unapologetic in pursuing the court order, "How is the public supposed to keep the Forest Service accountable if they can avoid going to court by simply logging our forests faster?"

Bark claims that the Forest Service is breaking its own rules. According to the Forest Service's Mt. Hood Management Plan, they are required to protect the visual quality of hiking trails with a 660-foot buffer. In the case of the Eight Mile Meadow Timber Sale, the Forest Service will leave less than 75 feet between the clearcuts and the trails. Despite these clearly illegal plans and a pending court case, the judge announced this week that he will not issue a restraining order. Paula Hood, single mother and long-time lover of Mt. Hood was one of the concerned citizens who noticed the plans to cut next to the trail, "I remember thinking, how can the Forest Service clearcut so close to a hiking trail."

The Forest Service claims that because many of the trees have been killed by bark beetles that the forest is useless and logging is necessary to protect it from insects. While this statement is gaining popularity with the Bush administration and their timber industry allies, this is contrary to a wealth of science on the subject. According to a 2005 study released by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, "There is no evidence that logging can control bark beetles or forest defoliators once an outbreak has started." The study concludes that logging has even exacerbated Fire suppression and logging have led to simplified forests that may increase the risk of insect outbreaks."