

**AKO DRVO PADNE: PRIČA O FRONTI  
ZA OSLOBOĐENJE ZEMLJE** IF A TREE FALLS:  
A STORY OF THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT



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Marshall Curry, Sam Cullman; zemlja / country of origin: SAD / USA;  
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U prosincu 2005. godine, savezni agenti uhitili su Daniela McGowana u potjeri na državnoj razini za radikalnim pripadnicima pokreta za okoliš koji su bili umiješani u Earth Liberation Front – frontu za oslobođenje zemlje – grupu koju je FBI nazvao američkim “brojem 1 među domaćim terorističkim prijetnjama”. Godinama je ELF – radeći u zasebnim anonimnim grupama bez centraliziranog vodstva – podmetao spektakularne požare protiv desetak poslovnih poduhvata koje su optužili za uništavanje okoliša: kompanija za sječu trupaca, SUV distributera, klaonica divljih konja, 12 milijuna dolara vrijednog ski-centara u Vailu, Kolorado. Uhićenjem Daniela i još treinaest članova, vlada je razbila vjerojatno najveću ELF ćeliju u Americi i uništila grupu odgovornu za prvi ELF podmetnuti požar u toj zemlji. *If a Tree Falls* istražuje najburnije razdoblje od 1995. do 2001.g. kad su se borci za okoliš sukobljavali s kompanijama za sječu trupaca i predstavnicima zakona, a 11. 09. još nije izmijenio riječ “terorizam”.

*In December 2005, Daniel McGowan was arrested by Federal agents in a nationwide sweep of radical environmentalists involved with the Earth Liberation Front – a group the FBI has called America’s “number one domestic terrorism threat.” For years, the ELF – operating in separate anonymous cells without any central leadership – had launched spectacular arsons against dozens of businesses they accused of destroying the environment: timber companies, SUV dealerships, wild horse slaughterhouses, and a \$12 million ski lodge at Vail, Colorado. With the arrest of Daniel and thirteen others, the government had cracked what was probably the largest ELF cell in America and brought down the group responsible for the very first ELF arsons in this country. If a Tree Falls explores the tumultuous period from 1995 until early 2001 when environmentalists were clashing with timber companies and law enforcement, and the word “terrorism” had not yet been altered by 9/11.*

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