

## Turning up the heat on TXU



Activists demonstrate outside of Merrill Lynch headquarters in New York as part of an international week of action to stop global warming.

Texas utility company TXU is hoping to build 11 new coal-fired power plants as part of an expansion strategy that would make it the single largest corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emitter in the United States. Once built, the plants will emit 78 million tons of carbon dioxide per year over their 50 year projected lifespan. Furthermore, they will cause major environmental health problems for communities across the Lone Star State, compromising air and water quality while emitting thousands of pounds of toxic mercury into the air.

TXU claims that these plants are needed to meet Texas' growing energy needs, but independent analysis has shown that energy efficiency, renewables and demand management are quicker, cheaper and cleaner alternatives that could meet all of the state's current and future needs.

The TXU plants will rely on outdated pulverized coal-fired technology, which is widely recognized by regulators and scientists as the highest greenhouse-gas polluting source of electricity available today. Although GHG emissions are a leading contributor to climate change, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are currently unregulated in Texas and at the federal level in the United States. Texas already produces the country's highest rate of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, while the U.S. generates the most GHG emissions in the world.

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## Weyerhaeuser's SFI certification on the ropes

Logging giant Weyerhaeuser cannot hide its destructive logging practices, even in its own backyard. Allies of RAN filed challenges in two states last month that cast light on phony environmental claims made by Weyerhaeuser and Plum Creek Timber under the logging industry-backed Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). The two complaints show how loggers used the forest industry's green-labeling program as cover while violating federal laws protecting endangered spotted owls in Washington and limiting environmental impacts in Maine.

The challenges expose the huge difference between SFI certification and the far superior Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) label. For three years, loggers have fought to dismantle the explosive influence of "Green Building" on North American wood markets and dupe consumers into choosing SFI over FSC. If they win, they will have convinced the U.S. Green Building Council to reward SFI-certified wood products under its LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard for new home construction. Under this scenario, nearly all wood products manufactured in North America would get the green stamp, and loggers like Weyerhaeuser could freely supply new LEED-certified homes built from Spotted Owl habitat.

If they lose, the LEED standard will remain strong and continue to reward only wood products certified by the independent FSC. This would ensure that only the most ecologically and socially responsible of North America's logging industry get access, and companies like Weyerhaeuser would be given new incentives to log responsibly and stop harming endangered species.

The complaints are the first major challenges to SFI since it split from the American Forest and Paper Association in a move to appear more credible. Under the new SFI rules, companies have 45 days to respond to the complaints, but the responses are not guaranteed to be made available to the public.

It looks like checkmate for Weyerhaeuser: if nobody sees the response from Weyerhaeuser and Plum Creek, there's no transparency in the system; but if the responses are released, they will show that the SFI certifies law breakers.

*Stay tuned by visiting the new and improved Don't Buy SFI website, [DontBuySFI.com](http://DontBuySFI.com).*



SFI-certified clearcut on Weyerhaeuser's Millicoma tree farm, southwest Oregon.

## TXU, continued from cover

While governments and corporations around the world are starting to confront the global climate crisis by reducing GHG emissions, TXU is boldly proposing one of the most destructive ventures this planet has seen. But before it can move forward, TXU must secure \$11 billion in project financing from leading global financial institutions.

That's where RAN enters the picture. RAN's Global Finance Campaign has been urging banks to prevent this project from ever leaving the ground. On Dec. 14, RAN wrote an Investor's Briefing on TXU and sent letters to 54 private banks around the world, outlining the dangers posed by the project and asking them to reject financing. The letters called the project a "risky transaction" and warned that in addition to the significant climate concerns, the expansion of the coal industry "is associated with destructive and unsafe methods of extraction, as well as the harmful local impacts of mercury and nitrogen oxide pollution."

The letters challenged banks to implement climate and energy policy protections that would ensure that they reduce the GHG intensity of their investments, and to support energy efficiency and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar while shifting financial resources away from dangerous energy sources such as coal and nuclear.

Merrill Lynch, with offices in 37 countries and total assets of more than \$1.5 trillion, is one of the project's underwriters and a lead arranger responsible for helping TXU secure the \$11 billion in funding it needs to proceed. In addition, Merrill Lynch operates without comprehensive social and environmental safeguards. Merrill Lynch must choose whether to fund the same dirty energy of the past, or fund the future by investing in clean energy.



**Tell Merrill Lynch CEO E. Stanley O'Neal to stop helping to finance TXU's dirty coal plants and instead adopt climate-friendly environmental and social policies. Write to: 4 World Financial Center, 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10080 or call (212) 449-8320.**



The 78 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> pollution from TXU's proposed project will be:

- Greater than the GHG emissions of 21 U.S. states.
- Larger than the total GHG emissions of several countries, including New Zealand, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden.
- Larger than Japan's entire emission reduction commitment under the Kyoto Protocol.
- Twice as large as Canada's Kyoto emission reduction commitment.
- More than 80 percent of the UK's Kyoto emission reduction commitment.
- Equivalent to the annual GHG emissions of adding 14 million new cars to U.S. roads.

## World Bank, G8 Nations pressured to end oil aid

On Nov. 14, RAN and a broad coalition of environmental and human rights groups purchased a full page ad in The Financial Times calling on the World Bank and G8 nations to end subsidies for the international oil industry that come at the expense of the environment and impoverished countries. The coalition also called on policymakers to help fight global poverty by supporting broader debt cancellation.

The ad criticized the World Bank for having provided more than \$5

billion in subsidies to the oil industry since 1992, while devoting only five percent of its energy budget to clean, renewable energy sources. The U.S. government has spent even more on subsidies for Big Oil, a policy which has fueled global warming; encouraged oil dependence; and increased conflict, poverty and debt around the world.

**To view the ad and learn how you can stop direct and indirect subsidies to the oil industry, visit [EndOilAid.org](http://EndOilAid.org).**

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# The Beginning of the End for Big Coal

By Michael Brune, RAN Executive Director



Dear friends,

We were all set. The newsletters were printed, the envelopes were ready, and our quarterly update was about to hit the mail. But then we got wind of an extraordinary (still pending) leveraged buyout of TXU – the controversial Texas utility company that had plans to become America's largest greenhouse gas emitter. Consider this a last minute update to the update.

First, some background. Taking advantage of Texas's unregulated electricity market, Dallas-based TXU proposed to build 11 new pulverized coal-fired power plants. Just one of these plants would have immediately become one of the country's largest sources of mercury poisoning. As for their effects on the rainforests, the plants would have emitted 78 million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year – which is more than the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 21 different U.S. states and twice the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> reductions that Canada committed to under the Kyoto Protocol. Think about that: one new set of coal plants would wipe out, two times over, an entire country's efforts to protect our climate and our planet.

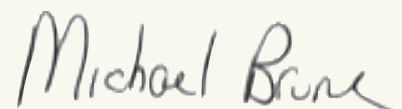
RAN has proudly fought the TXU proposal alongside a diverse coalition of political and business leaders, environmental organizations and religious activists. Last week, it was announced that two private equity firms – Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Company and Texas Pacific Group – were attempting to buy out TXU. In an attempt to stifle environmental opposition, the buyout firms canceled plans to build eight of the 11 polluting coal plants and abandoned a proposal to build new pulverized coal plants outside the state.

There's much to be happy about with the potential buyout. Whereas TXU once proposed 11 new coal plants in Texas, eight are now off the table. TXU's plans for an additional 12-13 plants in other states have been shelved as well. As a supporter of RAN, pat yourself on the back. The tough, persistent activism of RAN members and a wide coalition of allies compelled TXU to scrap most of these dangerous plans.

But we're just getting started. Even three new coal plants is three plants too many. Dr. James Hansen, the chief climate scientist for NASA and one of the nation's top authorities on climate change, gave a major address on Feb. 26 in which he proposed a full moratorium on new coal plant construction. Dr. Hansen suggested that we "take a bulldozer" and dismantle the dirtiest plants by mid-century unless new technology could eliminate their greenhouse gas emissions.

RAN supports the Hansen Plan, and we are calling on U.S. corporate executives and policymakers to join us in a serious effort to combat climate change. We can meet our energy demands more quickly, more cheaply, and much more cleanly by investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy. With as many as 150 new coal plants proposed and under review as part of the Bush Energy Plan, we have no time to waste. I hope you'll continue to be a part of our effort to achieve a clean energy future for our country.

For a better world,



Executive Director

*For the latest on TXU and RAN's work to stop coal-fired power plants from being built, visit [DirtyMoney.org](http://DirtyMoney.org).*



## RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK TO WALL STREET:

# NO NEW COAL

On Feb. 26, TXU announced that it may be sold to private equity firms Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Company (KKR) and Texas Pacific Group for \$45 billion, and now new bids are coming in for the Texas utility. The announcement followed a nationwide RAN Day of Action targeting the lead finance arrangers for TXU's plans to build 11 coal-fired power plants in Texas. Actions took place at Merrill Lynch branches in the financial centers of Boston, Washington, D.C., Houston, New York, Portland and San Francisco. KKR and Texas Pacific Group announced their intention to scrap eight of the proposed TXU plants and the firms have canceled plans to expand pulverized coal power generation outside the state. The news represents a major turning point marking the beginning of the end of Big Coal's dominance over America's energy future, and RAN will continue working to ensure that Wall Street stops investing in new coal plants and starts funding our future. Stay tuned!



## FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF ACTION PHOTO GALLERY

**TOP and ABOVE RIGHT:** Activists confront Merrill Lynch at a branch located in the Citigroup Center in New York City. *Photos by Andrew Stern.* **RIGHT (top to bottom):** Executives are confronted with a strong message demanding no new coal investments in San Francisco's financial district. *Photo by Toben Dilworth.* The Billionaires for Coal added some humorous street theatre to the demonstrations, New York City. *Photo by Andrew Stern.* Activists staged a die-in at a Merrill Lynch branch in Boston to demonstrate the hazards of coal-fired power plants. *Photo by Jonathan Macintosh.* Activists and the Billionaires for Coal visited three Merrill Lynch branches in Houston. *Photo by Ben DeSoto.*





## Protect-an-Acre Program

### Empowering Forest Communities

RAN established the Protect-an-Acre program in 1993 as a tool to protect the world's forests and the rights of their inhabitants by providing financial aid to traditionally under-funded organizations and communities in forest regions. The PAA program prioritizes projects that secure specific and measurable tracts of forest for protection, which are typically implemented by local forest communities, Indigenous federations or non-governmental organizations.

The PAA program is an integral part of RAN's dynamic approach to halting further destruction of the world's forests while supporting the livelihood of forest communities. Traditional communities are the stewards of fragile rainforest ecosystems around the globe. Indigenous communities possess an intimate knowledge of and relationship with these forests. Any real solution to the crisis of rainforest destruction must begin by recognizing the rights and traditions of these communities. PAA projects are designed to work in concert with RAN's primary campaigns to end old growth logging and destructive oil and agribusiness projects in forest areas.

Recent projects Include:

#### **Sarayaku Tribal Government (Ecuador) - \$5,000**

For ten years the Sarayaku have successfully resisted oil development on their land. Now, Houston-based oil conglomerate ConocoPhillips has partnered with Argentine company CGC in an attempt to move forward with oil drilling on ancestral territory belonging to the Sarayaku. PAA funds will help the Sarayaku mobilize a national defense campaign and increase capacity for

public education and organizing.

#### **The Borneo Project (Malaysia) - \$5,000**

This project will help three Indigenous communities establish their native, customary rights to their land while protecting more than 3,000 acres of primary forestland within three watersheds. Activities include participatory planning, proposal development, watershed mapping training, land demarcation, and the introduction of sustainable technologies that will provide clean drinking water.

#### **Grassy Narrows First Nation (Canada) - \$5,000**

Support for a three-day gathering of youth from Grassy Narrows and other First Nations communities in northern Ontario. The Grassy youth were the catalysts and initiators of the historic four-year blockade against logging giants Weyerhaeuser and Abitibi Consolidated. The gathering consisted of workshops on traditional skills and leadership building, as well as strategic discussions on tribal and treaty history and Indigenous land rights.

*To find out how you can support RAN's Protect-an-Acre Program, please visit [www.ran.org/what-we-do/protect-an-acre/](http://www.ran.org/what-we-do/protect-an-acre/)*



*Rainforest of Borneo / photo: Erik Wakker / INSET: Corissa Swain, Grassy Narrows First Nation / photo: David Sone*

## Victory! Achuar resistance brings Big Oil to a stop in Peru

The Achuar people of the remote northern Peruvian Amazon have endured more than three decades of oil exploitation and contamination by Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum and, more recently, Argentina-based Pluspetrol. In October, more than 800 community members occupied oil wells and joined a peaceful blockade of every navigable river, road and airstrip in a 1 million acre region of rainforest. The 14-day peaceful blockade brought half of Peru's oil production to a halt and led to a landmark victory for the Achuar. The negotiated agreement with Pluspetrol and the Peruvian government effectively ends 35 years of oil drilling waste being dumped into rivers and streams throughout their homelands at a rate of more than a million barrels per day. The agreement also secures much needed health and social services for the communities and formally acknowledges a unilateral declaration by the Achuar in opposing all new oil

concessions on their territories. Shortly after the victory, Occidental Petroleum announced that it would abandon all of its oil concessions throughout the Peruvian Amazon.



*Gonzalo Payma, Vice President of the Federation of Native Communities of Rio Corrientes, points out Achuar territory in the lobby of ConocoPhillips headquarters on a recent visit to the U.S.*

*photo courtesy of Amazon Watch*

RAN has supported the Achuar over the years with grants through Protect-an-Acre, and this victory is testament to the program's ongoing success in support of Indigenous communities.



# LA AUTO SHOW 2006



ABOVE: Activists with the Oil Enforcement Agency inspect this Ford Explorer for potential tailpipe emissions that contribute to global climate change.  
BELOW: Freedom From Oil Campaigners Mike Hudema and Matt Leonard present GM CEO Rick Wagoner with a pledge to become the industry's most fuel-efficient automaker by 2010.

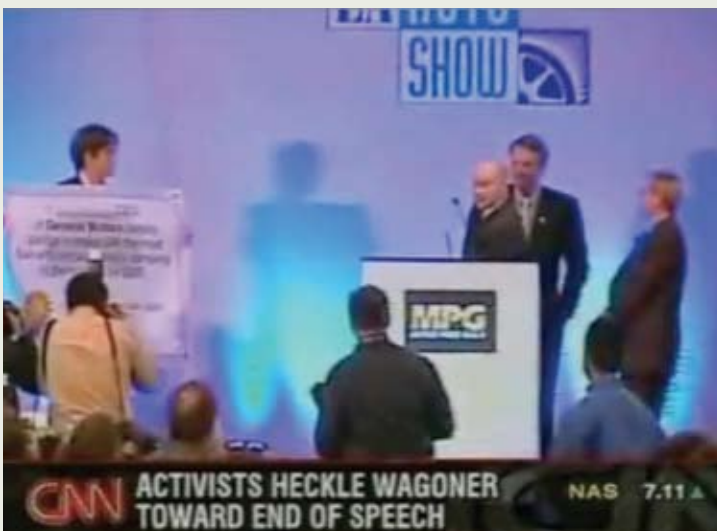
## Clean car activists crash the LA Auto Show

Last month, RAN and its allies crashed the Los Angeles Auto Show in classic fashion. RAN campaigners and concerned citizens staged a series of creative actions throughout the show to pressure automakers to improve fuel efficiency and offer more than just green PR campaigns full of empty promises.

The highlight came during the show's opening speech by General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner. As Wagoner concluded his remarks, RAN and Global Exchange campaigners presented him with a giant pledge committing GM to being the industry leader in fuel economy by 2010. Wagoner's refusal to sign the pledge was broadcast on CNN,

NBC, ABC and more than 700 other media outlets around the world, highlighting the contrast between the auto industry's environmental spin and their reluctance to mass produce fuel efficient vehicles.

Other highlights included the convening of an "Oil Addicts Anonymous" meeting outside the auto show to help the American auto industry confront its destructive addiction to oil; a "greenwash car wash;" giant balloon banners; and other public education efforts focused on the auto industry's contributions to global warming.



## The road to recovery begins in Detroit

**“Improved fuel economy fleetwide is the key not just to Detroit’s survival, but their success.”**

**- Walter McManus, auto industry expert from the University of Michigan.**

- A 2004 study by the Apollo Alliance showed that federal policies favorable to renewable energy could yield up to three times as many jobs as policies that promote fossil-fuel development.
- In a 2005 report, the Union of Concerned Scientists estimated that increasing fuel economy to 40 mpg would employ 161,000 more people in the United States within ten years. 40,800 of those jobs would be in the automotive sector—10,000 more jobs than Ford proposes to cut this quarter.

## Campaign expands to include Big Six automakers

RAN’s Jumpstart Ford Campaign has widened its focus to include the Big Six automakers (Ford, GM, DaimlerChrysler, Honda, Nissan, and Toyota) and has been renamed the Freedom from Oil campaign to reflect this broader reach. While we will continue to target Ford Motor Company, it is time to encourage a green race to the top for the whole auto industry, and no automaker should be left behind. With our recent success at the L.A. Auto Show, we are moving into a new era for the campaign. Rather than trying to convince the world that the auto industry is driving oil addiction, we are now shaping the debate and laying out the steps the auto industry must take to get on the Road to Recovery.

We’re no longer merely trying to convince the auto industry that ultra-fuel-efficient vehicles are a necessity for the future. Rather, we are blazing a trail to implement the solutions we want to see. In dealerships, cities and campuses across Canada and the United States, we are pushing for and building a sustainable, oil free energy future.

*To learn how you can involved in the campaign to jumpstart the automakers, visit [FreedomFromOil.com](http://FreedomFromOil.com) today!*



TOP: Members of the Oil Enforcement Agency warn auto show patrons of the dangers posed by gas guzzlers. ABOVE: Freedom From Oil Campaigner Nile Malloy rallies the crowd at the ‘Greenwash Car Wash’ - an event aimed at exposing auto industry PR. RIGHT: Mike Hudema of Global Exchange comes clean with his oil addiction while impersonating Ford CEO Alan Mullaly at the Oil Addicts Anonymous meeting outside the LA Auto Show.



## Rainforest Heroes take a stand against coal pollution

RAN joined activists from Coal River Mountain Watch to hand-deliver hundreds of letters from schoolchildren around the world to the office of West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin calling on him to rebuild Marsh Fork Elementary School away from a polluting coal silo that currently stands just 225 feet from the school building.

RAN helped organize more than 500 schoolchildren worldwide to write to Manchin as part of a Holiday Letter Drive. Marsh Fork Elementary sits next to a coal processing facility, and an earthen dam permitted to hold 2.8 billion gallons of toxic coal waste sludge is 400 yards upstream. Independent studies have confirmed that coal dust permeates the school and is inhaled by children. The letter delivery was part of a week of action against global warming organized by Energy Action's Campus Climate Challenge with student groups from across the U.S. and Canada.

*Visit [RainforestHeroes.com](http://RainforestHeroes.com) to view the letters and to learn more!*



photo courtesy of Mountain Sustainability Project

*Marsh Fork Elementary School sits a mere 225 feet from the loading silo of a coal manufacturing plant in West Virginia.*

## UN report warns of climate impacts

The long-awaited Fourth Assessment Report of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that global warming is destined to have a far more destructive and earlier impact than previously estimated. The report combines the work of several thousand climate experts around the world and confirms growing fears that we are nearing the point at which carbon dioxide levels will cause irreversible change to the planet.

## Kayapó go FSC-certified

The Kayapó of the Bau Indigenous Territory in Brazil have been granted Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for 3.7 million acres of primary tropical rainforest in the central Amazon, making it the largest area of tropical forest to receive FSC certification in the world. The Kayapó met a rigorous set of environmental and social standards, balancing the need for income from Brazil nut harvesting with biodiversity conservation and water and soil protection. In addition to being the only indigenous group in Brazil with FSC-certified forestlands, they also received organic certification for their Brazil nut production.

## Australian Federal Court protects species from destructive logging

A landmark ruling in the lawsuit brought by Australian Senator Bob Brown found that logging operations in Tasmania are not exempt from laws protecting endangered species, throwing the legality of nearly all of Gunns' destructive logging into doubt. The judgement will help protect key populations of rare species such as the Wedge-tailed eagle, the Swift parrot and the Wielangta stag beetle.

## RAN's Launches New Youth Program Young Activists 'RYSE Up' for the Planet

Created with feedback from students across the country, RYSE (RAN Youth Sustaining the Earth) is the new middle and high school branch of Rainforest Action Network. The RYSE network consists of youth working to create climate-neutral campuses, protect endangered forests, and support the clean energy revolution by breaking our addiction to oil and coal. RYSE also features its own web site, [RYSEup.org](http://RYSEup.org), which provides young activists with tools, resources, and a way to connect with other activists around the world.

*If you know a student who's ready to RYSE up and get involved, encourage them to check out [www.RYSEup.org](http://www.RYSEup.org)!*





# Mining in Venezuelan Amazon

## Biodiversity, Indigenous groups threatened

By Rhett Butler, MONGABAY.com | Photos by David S. Hammond

Troubles are mounting in one of the Earth's most beautiful landscapes. Deep in the Venezuelan Amazon, among ancient forested tabletop mountains known as tepuis, crystalline rivers, and breathtaking waterfalls, illegal gold miners are threatening one of world's largest remaining blocks of wilderness. The area is home to Indigenous people and strikingly high levels of biological diversity. As the situation worsens -- a series of attacks have counted both miners and indigenous people as victims -- a leading scientific organization has called for the Venezuelan government to take action.

The drama is playing out in the southern Venezuelan state of Bolivar, near the border of Brazil and Guyana, in the Caroni and Caura River basins separating the highlands between the Orinoco and Amazon River basins. Characterized by lowland tropical rainforest, the Caura basin has impressive levels of biological diversity and stores some 700 million metric tons of carbon, or about the amount released by 162 million cars in a year.

The region is also home to indigenous groups -- including the Ye'kwana, Sanema and Hoti -- who rely heavily upon local rivers for drinking water, food, and transportation. Being one of the most isolated parts of Amazonia, these Indians live in mostly traditional ways.

### A golden problem

An accident of geography has put this unique area at risk. The region is incredibly old, with exposed rock dating back to the Precambrian period some 600 million years ago. This geology, like that of parts of West Africa, Western Australia, and the Brazilian Shield, produces rich deposits of gold, diamonds, iron, and bauxite. Since the early 1990s the region has experienced a gold rush rivaling those of The 19th century in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa.

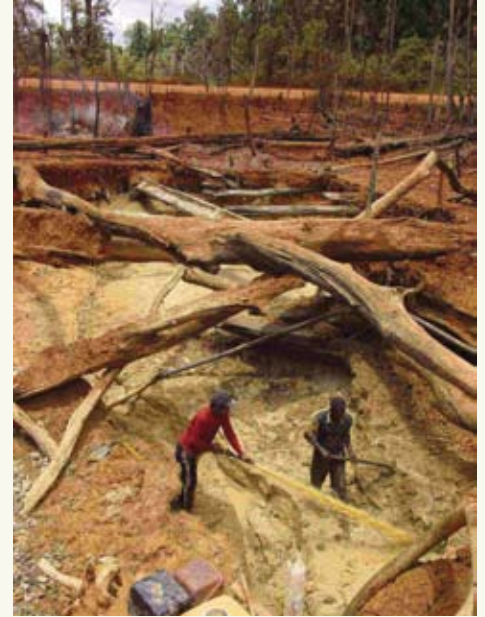
Experts say that the shift is driven by two significant events; a crackdown on illegal mining in Brazil and a global surge in gold prices.



The Caura river basin, still pristine.

### Environmental destruction

Miners relying on heavy hydraulic mining techniques blast away at river banks with high-powered water cannons and clear forests to expose potential gold-yielding gravel deposits. Gold is extracted from this gravel using a sluice box to separate heavier sediment and mercury used to amalgamate the precious metal. While the mercury is removed for reuse or burned off, some invariably ends up in rivers.



Miners in the Caroni river basin

Mining can also wreak other forms of havoc. Dissolved sediments stirred up by mining activities cause detrimental effects on aquatic flora and fauna, interfering with river navigation and posing risks to hydroelectric operations. On land, recovery of the cleared forest can be impeded by damaged soil and areas formerly forested may be transformed to fire-prone savanna as trees fail to recolonize once tough grasses take hold. Jaqueline Farías, Venezuela's Minister of Environment, said last month that it will take 300 years to re-plant destroyed forest in the area and 70 years to decontaminate areas polluted by the miners.

Given these developments, the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC), the world's largest scientific organization devoted to the study and protection of tropical ecosystems, has passed a resolution calling upon the Venezuela government to take action on illegal mining in the Caura Basin. ATBC hopes that by highlighting illegal incursions in Venezuela it can bring attention to similar developments across the Guiana Shield region.

Now is the time to support ATBC's resolution and urge the Venezuelan government to enforce existing Venezuelan law, which requires it to protect forest ecosystems and biodiversity while defending the rights of indigenous groups currently threatened by miners. Visit [Mongabay.com](http://Mongabay.com) today to learn how you can get involved.

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*To read this article in its entirety as well as many others, including a recent profile on RAN Executive Director Michael Brune, visit [www.Mongabay.com](http://www.Mongabay.com).*



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## A kid the earth can count on



Meet Charlie, age 11, one of RAN's youngest and most energetic donors. Charlie recently donated nearly \$1,500 to RAN, which he raised from a hike-a-thon that he organized through the Adirondacks. Charlie was so inspired that so many people were interested in protecting endangered forests and supporting the Indigenous communities that inhabit them, that he is planning another hike-a-thon this summer! While Charlie's passion continues to be learning about rainforests, he is equally concerned with finding solutions to global warming and the peak oil crisis.

***"This is why we must act now! Every dollar counts!" - Charlie***

## Dialing for dollars

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***Visit the Working Assets 2007 Donations Ballot today at [www.workingassets.com/voting/](http://www.workingassets.com/voting/) and cast your vote for RAN!***

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