American Heritage Center / Collection Accretion Content Worksheet

Collection Title:	Friends of the Earth- United States	Accession / Accretion Number:	11733-10-12-08
Collection Subject Area (from A.o.R.):	Environment/Ecology		
RESTRICTED MATERIAL IS LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING CONTAINERS:	68-71		
RESTRICTION NOTE:	07/12/10. Boxes with a black dot on the label contain both restricted and unrestricted folders. Dated folders remain restricted until 25 years after the folder date. Undated folders are restricted until March 30, 2035. Folders marked with a green dot indicate that the restriction has expired for the folder's contents. Also, some formats of material are exempt from restriction. See Deposit Agreement for details. (WLH)		

Cubic feet in this accretion:	4.00	Number of boxes in this accretion:	4	Box numbers in this accretion:	68-71

Was Any Material Separated during accessioning?		No		Yes (see Separation Memo for this accretion)

Relevant Sage Records Entered:		Accretion (Level 2)	

Dates encompassed within this accretion:1968-2007

Preservation Needs Identified?	X	No		Yes (Please Specify)

Biographical Note: Friends of the Earth (FoE) and their cohort of 77 grassroots groups form one of the world's largest environmental networks. FoE campaigns on current urgent environmental and social issues. Former Sierra Cub director, David Brower, founded FoE in September 1969. FoE set up its headquarters in San Francisco with an office in Washington, D.C. (headquarters were moved to Washington, D.C. in 1986). FoE quickly expanded internationally with the 1971 creation of a loose federation of sister organizations designated "Friends of the Earth International." FoE expanded further when the Washington staff spun off to form two new organizations, the League of Conservation Voters in 1970 and the Environmental Policy Center in 1972, which later became the Environmental Policy Institute (EPI). Both organizations were founded by FoE staffer Brent Blackwelder, who in 1994 became director of FoE. A Large portion of the collection is Blackwelder's research material and correspondence produced during his years with FoE. After its founding, FoE was quick to take on existing environmental issues by campaigning against the Alaska pipeline, the supersonic transport airplane (SST), nuclear power, and the use of the defoliant Agent Orange in the Vietnam War. Later, FoE led the opposition to Interior Secretary James G. Watt's efforts to sell and lease public lands in the West and develop land adjacent to the National Parks. More recent issues have been cruise industry pollution, ozone protection, genetically engineered agricultural products, energy industry mining and drilling practices, and World Bank and International Monetary Fund funding of environmentally harmful projects worldwide. One of FoE's more enduring efforts is the Green Scissors campaign which was launched in 1993 to cut anti-environmental federal spending from the budget. Another is the publication of its news magazine, "Not Man Apart", which began in 1970 and continued until the 1990s. FoE has merged with other environmental organizations over the years including EPI and the Oceanic Society in 1989 and the Bluewater Network in 2007.

Scope & Content Note: (What is this accretion about?): Collection contains correspondence, research files, meeting minutes, and campaign papers all relating to the Friends of the Earth and its environmental activism.

Material Type-Paper:	**This Material is Located in the Following Containers:**												
Correspondence	68	69	70	71									
Maps	69												
Newspapers	69	70											
Other (Please Specify):	68	69	70	71									
Printed Material	68	69	70	71									