

# Arizonans can help stop destruction of rainforests

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The rainforests are the richest areas of life on earth but they are under attack, according to the Rainforest Action Network.

They are located in a band around the equator which crosses the Amazon, Southeast Asia and west Africa (see map).

Forty to 50 percent of all living things live in the rainforests. However, industry is rapidly consuming these forests. Less than half of the original rainforest area survives.

The rainforest region is home to many tribes which are struggling to survive the onslaught of the 20th Century.

ronmental planning from San Francisco State University. His master's thesis was "The Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area?" This film has been shown nationally and internationally. It was the first comprehensive examination of the devastation of the Southwest by uranium mining and milling.

The Rainforest Action Network is now an international organization with members in 12 countries. There are now more than 15,000 members in the U.S.

Hayes said once the forest is destroyed it can never be replaced. It is important to end the destruction of rainforests now because if it continues the rainforests will be

that many people have already written in, so now we're aiming for two million signatures," he said.

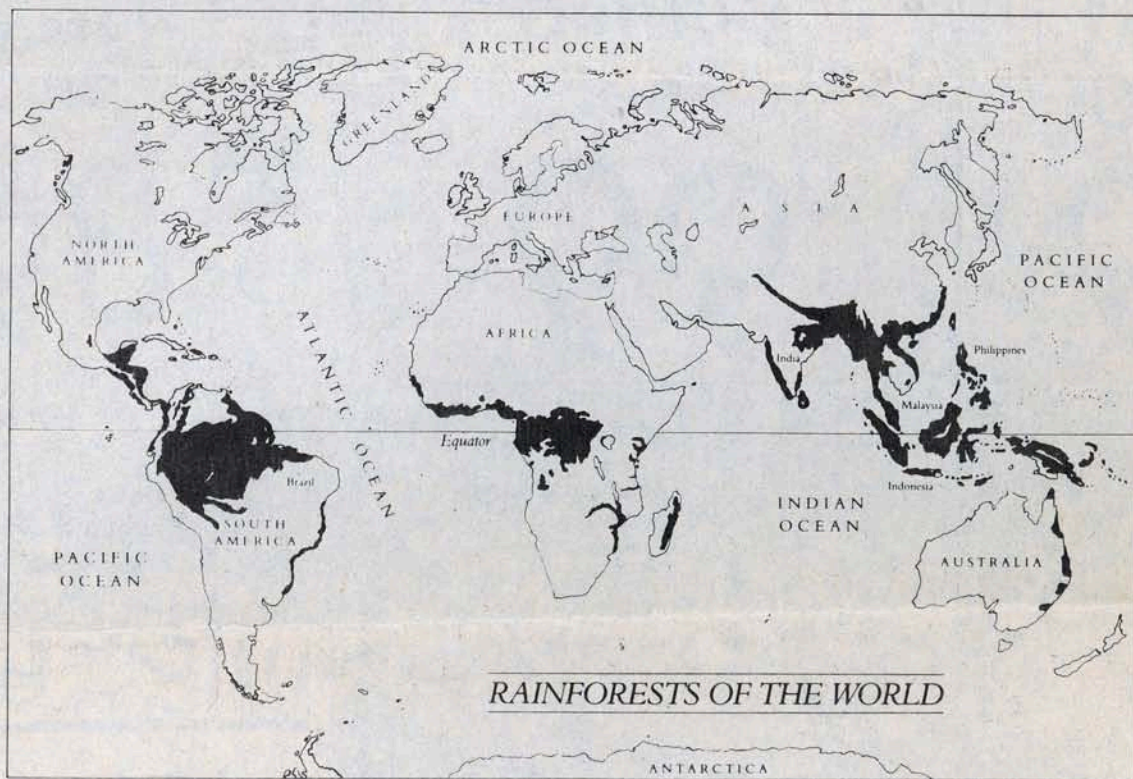
Spataro and Sweet William's trek through the U.S. will help to raise funds for this campaign.

In Flagstaff, Perry Berling works on rainforests with Students for Environmental Responsibility at NAU.

People need to begin to understand that what they consume here often has serious effects on other parts of the world, he said.

"People in the so-called developed countries create the demands for products which cause rainforest destruction," Berling said.

"These products include the



Map courtesy of the Rainforest Action Network

In Brazil, the Kayapo Indians are opposing the Brazilian governments' plans to build hydroelectric dams funded by loans from the World Bank. Bepkoroti, a Kayapo Indian, was charged with treason by the Brazilian government for his work in opposition to the hydroelectric dam. The Brazilian government dropped the charges

gone by the middle of the next century, he said.

In 1985, the Rainforest Action Network organized a boycott of fast food chains which were buying beef from lands in Latin America where rainforest was destroyed to ranch the cattle.

Hayes announced Sunday that the nationwide boycott of Burger

tropical hardwoods like teak and mahogany which are used for furniture, floors and things like guitar necks," he said.

According to U.S. News and World Report, rainfall is growing less and less in deforested areas.



Some of the organizers and participants in the cross-country horse ride for the rainforests were in Flagstaff recently. They are, from left, Randy Hayes, national coordinator of the Rainforest Action Network; Bayzie Tankersley, owner of the Hat Ranch; Sweet William, Lucien Spataro, and Grant Johnson, president of the International Arabian Horse Association.

## Horse lovers and organizers join to fight for rainforests

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Lucien Spataro is riding across the U.S. to alert people that the rainforests are in danger, but added people can do something about it.

Last week, Flagstaff celebrated Spataro's arrival on the horse Sweet William. Also present at the Sunday celebration and chili fundraiser were Bozzie Tankersley, owner of

the Hat Ranch; Grant Johnson, president of the International Arabian Horse Association; and Randy Hayes, coordinator of the national office of the Rainforest Action Network.

Tarkersley ranches cows at the Hat Ranch and houses Arabians from Tucson in the summer. Johnson is a breeder of Arabians in addition to being the president of the Arabian Association. He said he became involved in this 3,000 mile

journey for two reasons.

"First, it's a very good promotion of Arabian horses. Second, Arabians are from the desert. That will be the fate of the rainforest—it will be turned into the Sahara if this massive destruction is not stopped," Johnson said.

The horse Sweet William seemed to enjoy the attention of all of the children at Sunday's event. They in turn were fascinated by him.

## Tuba City health services hearing scheduled

A public hearing on health education services has been scheduled at Tuba City Chapter House June 22 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. and running until 4:30 p.m., said DeAnne Hardy, a spokeswoman for the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to generate the input of local community residents, within the Tuba City Service Unit, about the current and future health education services, Hardy said.

The hearing is sponsored by the

Navajo Health Education Program, located in the Tuba City Community Health Services building, Hardy said.

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