THOSE WHO CONFRONT oppression and destruction often struggle with profound stress and disconnection. This intensive aims to help you access deeper wellsprings of strength through connection to wild mind. Imagine what it would be like if nature and dreams were your primary guides. Healthy, mature cultures emerge from the depths of our psyches and from the Earth’s imagination, acting through us through encounters on the land, dreams, and our visionary self.

The cultures of nature-based and indigenous peoples are rooted in their mythology and their relationship with Earth. Modern culture not only lacks these qualities, but actively mocks them. Yet, the revolutionary potential of our dreams, visions, and encounters in the other-than-human world await us nonetheless, for those who can break through these barriers. Through Bill Plotkin’s Nature-Based Map of the Human Psyche, a holistic model rooted in the four-directions, we can access our innate human potentials that we may not even have known existed, cultivate their powers, and integrate them into our everyday lives. We can also contact our fragmented and wounded subpersonalities which formed to protect us in childhood, but may now have become barriers to our authentic humanity.

In his book *Dreams*, the author Derrick Jensen wrote: “That we come to the earth to live is untrue: We come but to sleep, to dream...dreams are living, willful beings.”

Later in *Dreams*, Derrick Jensen asks “how would you live this life, if you fully internalized and realized the implications of participating in a vibrant, living, meaningful universe?”
IN THIS 5-DAY INTENSIVE, you can begin to reclaim and embody your original human wholeness and experientially explore your human psyche as a unique expression of the universal forces of nature. You will engage in nature-based practices to cultivate your fourfold wholeness, create more beneficial relationships with your sub-personalities, and commit yourself to the largest story you’re capable of living in service to the greater Earth community.

Discover new ways to resource yourself and inspire your defense of the more-than-human world. Enhance your resilience and adaptability for the challenges of these times. Converse with the natural world. Listen to your dreams. Track what arises in your body, heart, and deep imagination. Engage in the practices of council, creative expression, self-designed ceremony, wandering on the land, movement, and soul poetry. Become clearer about the particular gifts and purpose you were born to offer the world.

The land and our dreams support both evolution and revolution. By cultivating our wholeness and accessing our visionary capacities, we become co-creative partners with Earth.

“All human beings are descendants of tribal people who were spiritually alive, intimately in love with the natural world, children of Mother Earth. When we were tribal people, we knew who we were, we knew where we were, and we knew our purpose. This sacred perception of reality remains alive and well in our genetic memory. We carry it inside of us, usually in a dusty box in the mind’s attic, but it is accessible.”
~John Trudell

An all camping program
Costs: $175
(A scholarship for Deep Green Resistance members from Animas Valley Institute allows the cost of this program to be low.)

Meals and travel (not covered)
Participants bring their own lunches, snacks, and tea. Breakfasts & dinners are group meals; participants will be divided into meal teams and each team will be responsible for purchasing and preparing a certain number of group meals.

Riversong Sanctuary
is located in the Scenic National Columbia River Gorge along a secluded stretch of the Hood River. The land is comprised of three distinct ecosystems. A vibrant second growth forest of oak, big leaf maple, pine and fir is interspersed with wild flowers, medicinal herbs, open meadows and wetlands. Bald eagles, elk, deer, bears, mountain lions and many other magical creatures call this place home. The land resonates with aliveness. It is known as a place for healing, reflection and self-discovery.

Guest Speaker
Max Wilbert
Organizer, Writer, Revolutionary ~ Deep Green Resistance
“We need a revolutionary movement, rooted in ecology, anti-racism, feminism, and human/non-human rights, to forcefully dismantle the global culture of empire.” ~Max Wilbert
To read his bio: https://www.maxwilbert.org/

Rebecca Wildbear
Rebecca is a river and soul guide, compassionately helping people tune into the mysteries that live within the wild Earth community, Dreamtime, and their own wild Nature. She gently ushers people to the underground river of their greater story, so they may embrace their sacred gifts, live a life of creative service, and rediscover their deep belonging to the Earth community. A therapist and wilderness guide since 1997, Rebecca utilizes her training and experience with yoga, meditation, Hakomi, and somatic psychotherapy to support individuals in discovering and manifesting their soul gifts. A guide for Animas Valley Institute (www.animas.org), Rebecca is also the creator of Wild Yoga™, a practice of worship, veneration, and advocacy for Earth. www.rebeccawildbear.com

Doug Van Houten
Doug draws on the wisdom of the natural world, depth-psychology, eco-psychology, dreams, somatic knowing, poetry, and many pan-cultural, soul furthering practices that includes: The Way of Council, vision fasting, trance dancing and conversations with the more than human world. Doug’s true calling in life is to support others as they uncover their own unique gifts and in so doing, transform their lives in service to what Thomas Berry called “The Great Work” of our times. Doug is also a student of Refined Hakomi, an ardent beekeeper, a visual artist, a wily wanderer, a dream tracker, a deep ceremonialist, an activist, a budding yoga instructor interested in new forms of yoga and somatic practice, and a guide for Animas Valley Institute (www.animas.org). Doug’s website: www.bodyartsoul.org

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