



Press Release

Extinction Rebellion announces actions in Hesse and Berlin

“Stop the destruction of our livelihoods” is the main motto for the upcoming week-long Extinction Rebellion actions beginning on the 5th of October in the German capital of Berlin. Extinction Rebellion is also calling to support the Dannenrod forest in Hesse that the regional government plan to bulldoze and clear for a new motorway to be built.

Berlin, 15th September 2020 — The German movement Extinction Rebellion has announced their plans for actions and protests in Berlin from 5th of October onwards. The group plans actions for a week in Berlin and additionally, actions will start taking place in the Dannenrod forest in Hesse. The government plans to cut down the 300year old forest to build a motorway in its absence. With their actions, the climate justice movement Extinction Rebellion wants to highlight the ongoing climate crisis and ecological destruction. They demand that the federal government fully acknowledge the current catastrophe and implement a Citizens’ Assembly to deal with this existential problem.

Actions in Berlin

“We find ourselves at an existential crossroad. In order to prevent the collapse of our civilization, the government must protect our livelihoods, stop the mass extinction of species and ensure that we reach net carbon neutrality by 2025”, according to Annemarie Botzki, a political scientist and member of the press team of German Extinction Rebellion.

Extinction Rebellion (also known as XR) is planning peaceful Civil Disobedience against the government to highlight its inaction over the climate crisis. Thousands of scientists are profoundly warning society more than ever that humanity has to take decisive measures against the accelerating climate crisis and the increasing environmental destruction. Extinction Rebellion are thus asking for natural systems to be protected and regenerated. They also demand to stop all developments that are threatening forests and aquatic resources.

“We want to make clear that we strongly renounce the recent demonstrations related to the Coronavirus pandemic. In our protests we will wear masks and strictly keep a social distance from one another. Extinction Rebellion is a proponent of a participatory democracy. Our demand is the summoning of a Citizens’ Assembly, so that everyone can be involved in the important decisions.”, stated by Tino Pfaff, who is a social worker and member of the XR press team.

Actions in the Dannenrod forest

Furthermore, Extinction Rebellion are calling for people to join the peaceful protests in the Dannenrod forest, to protect the intact mixed woodlands from being destroyed. The woodlands consist of a protected aquatic reserve and trees more than 300 years old, the reserve also provides drinking water for about 50,000 people in Hesse. Sections of the woodlands are supposed to be destroyed from the 1st of October 2020. Activists of the alliance “Wald statt Asphalt”, which XR is part of, are peacefully occupying the forest. A protest camp has been set up on the 12th of September.

“By planning to destroy parts of the Dannenrod forest, the government clearly shows once again that it is incapable of dealing with the socio-ecological collapse. No government

acknowledging the scientific consensus on climate change would destroy living natural systems. The fate of the Dannenrod forest is emblematic of the failure of the government on climate and economic policy.”, notes Tino Pfaff.

“Leading scientists are projecting that the planet will most probably warm by more than three degrees within the next 80 years, society, as we know it, will not survive this. It is our responsibility for future generations to do everything possible, right now, in the year 2020.”, as stated by Susanne Egli, marine biologist and activist for Extinction Rebellion.

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More information on Dannenrod forest:

Protest camp at Dannenrod forest from 12 September onward

Telegram: https://t.me/waldstattasphalt_camp

Website: <https://camp.wald-statt-asphalt.net/>

News channel via Telegram: <https://t.me/DanniSoli>

Alliance “Wald statt Asphalt”: <https://waldstattasphalt.blackblogs.org/>

Vigil for Dannenrod forest: <https://www.mahnwache-dannenroederforst.de>

Press conference on 04-09-2020: <https://bit.ly/32X9Wko>