



Climate destruction
as a feature of
settler-colonialism

The Bison & The Olive Tree

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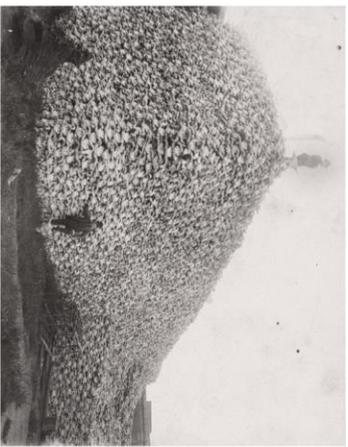


Photo taken in the mid-1870s of a man standing in front of a mountain of bison skulls.

dispossess them.

Settler-colonialists explicitly recognize this fact and act to rupture the network of relationships that sustain Indigenous people's connection to land and their ability to survive on it without dependence on the colonial state that seeks to control and

project.

is *integral* to every settler-colonial places. Environmental destruction happen to show up in the same and settler colonialism don't just degradation/climate catastrophe environmental destruction. Ecological relationships with the land *requires* Dispossessing people with embedded

Colonialism & Environmental Destruction

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In the 19th century the U.S. military and civilian settlers worked in concert to wipe out the Bison population in order to make the land uninhabitable for the Indigenous people resisting their settler colonialist project.

Bison in so-called North America once numbered more than 30 million. By the end of the 19th century there were only a few hundred bison left in the wild.

the West Bank, 2023

farmers trying to reach their farms in -message on Israeli leaflet given to who approaches will see burning trees." -You have reached the border! Entry is forbidden and dangerous, and anyone

Palestinian farmer of Khuza'a, 2023

for cultivation again." -Ahmed Qudeih, destruction, I return to prepare the land to destroy them. This caused me huge financial losses, but after each round of gunfire. The army has also bulldozed the types of violations from Israeli soldiers. I have been exposed several times to cultivate has been subjected to various

of Khuza'a, a town in Gaza, 2023

-Nisreen Abu Daqqa, Palestinian farmer trees using their missiles and tank shells," the Israelis have deliberately burned our which is the most beautiful season, but wait all year long for the olive season, "Our hearts burn over our lands. We

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"Kill every buffalo you can! Every buffalo dead is an Indian gone." - Colonel Dodge, 1867

"Make them poor by the destruction of their stock, and then settle them on the lands allotted to them." -Major General Phillip Sheridan, 1868

"Where there were myriads of buffalo the year before, there were now myriads of carcasses. The air was foul with a sickening stench, and the vast plain which only a short twelve months before teemed with animal life, was a dead, solitary desert." - Colonel Dodge

"Do the Indians make a living gathering these bones?" Yes, replied a railroad inspector, "but it is a mercy that they can't eat bones. We were never able to control the s***** until their supply of meat was cut off." Article in Harper's magazine, 1893

of the water resources under Israeli state control.

Israel also exerts total control over Palestinian water supply. All Palestinian water projects must be approved by Israel. Today Palestinians are allocated a mere 13% of the water resources under Israeli state control.

land for the harvest.

October and November. Israeli planes are dropping bombs and pesticides on Palestinian groves and farms, and shooting any who try to return to their

tend to them, spike during every harvest season. the trees themselves and the Palestinians who attacks from both the military and settlers, on which were hundreds of years old. Calculated Since 1967 more than 800,000 Palestinian olive trees have been prooted or burned. Many of

of Israeli colonialism since 1967. Uprooting, burning, and destroying any olive groves that cannot be easily appropriated by settler-colonialists has been a consistent tactic

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