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EARTH Reports on Fighting or Fleeing Forest Fires

Alexandria, VA – While homes are being lost and firefighters go about the dangerous work of fighting the Santa Barbara wildfires in California, EARTH magazine is reporting on new research that highlights a different approach: When fires near in, consider staying and defending your home instead of evacuating.

As fire season starts in North America, what can be learned from major fires on other continents and the losses of property and lives? “When Wildfires Attack,” published in the June issue of EARTH magazine, discusses the strategies and conditions that may make fleeing a forest fire the lesser option. Find out what citizens are doing in Australia to protect their lives and properties and how those techniques could be put into place in the United States as the 2009 wildfire season begins.

Look for the June issue of EARTH on newsstands near you.

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