

Monkey Wrench Gang

The anarchist book *The Monkey Wrench Gang* was written by, now deceased, author Edward Abbey. In this book the character Hayduke represented the Environmentalist's outlook on life and advocated eco-terrorism as a political tool. This character was modeled after the real life person Doug Peacock, now an author as well. Doug Peacock lives in northwest Montana, perhaps the Libby area.

The book *Backcountry Pilot* by Thomas Bowen published by The University of Arizona Press, is a story about Arizona backcountry pilot Ike Russell. A chapter of the book was written by Peacock and he retells adventurous stories that he and Abbey took with Ike to Old Mexico in his Cessna 185. They landed on backcountry and off-airport airstrips in Mexico. This is documented in chapter 32.

We are documenting this as an interesting contradiction between what Environmentalists say and what they do. They have long held the position that backcountry airstrips are an unacceptable and inappropriate method of accessing wilderness and backcountry areas.

(See also [Advanced Aircraft Ecotage](#))