

Beyond Extreme Energy is Looking for a New Paid Organizer

Apply Now

Are you an activist who is passionate about fighting fracked gas infrastructure and other forms of extreme energy? Do you have ideas about how to catalyze the creation of an exploitation-free energy system? Are you interested in working to make sure addressing issues of colonization, patriarchy, white supremacy, and capitalism/corporate domination remain at the forefront of an organization dedicated to the struggle for climate justice? If you answered yes to these questions, and also don't mind some administrative work, please consider applying to Beyond Extreme Energy as a paid organizer. .

Beyond Extreme Energy-- Who We Are

Beyond Extreme Energy (BXE) is an activist network of organizations and individuals that came together in 2014 to organize a successful, week-long nonviolent direct action campaign in Washington DC. We focused our actions that week on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the agency responsible for rubber stamping fracked gas infrastructure across the country. We took action to raise public awareness about the corruption and violence behind FERC's permitting of extreme energy infrastructure, as well as to physically disrupt business as usual at the agency as much as possible

Since 2014, we have continued to organize against FERC, aiming to slow and stop their rubber stamping of fracked gas infrastructure, and to build a national campaign to replace it with an agency dedicated to a just transition off fossil fuels. In addition to our FERC-focused work, we are dedicated to supporting frontline communities, building relationships across movements, educating the public about our struggles, and increasing our collective capacity for direct action and nonviolent civil disobedience. In our work, we are guided by a set of agreed upon principles and practices which can be found [here](#).

Although BXE has no formal membership, our network includes thousands of people across Turtle Island, known to many as North America, with our heaviest concentration being on the East Coast, including members of frontline communities. We are organized into working groups that meet via conference call during the week. Major decisions happen through modified consensus on our once-weekly general call. Our funding is self-generated through solicited donations, monthly sustainers and grant applications. We are organized as a non-incorporated association and are partnered with Earthworks, which serves as our fiscal sponsor.

What Would it Mean to Be a Paid Organizer?

BXE has been supporting two paid organizers since 2015. We currently have one opening. Paid organizers with BXE are officially classified as contractors, not employees. As such, paid organizers are not defined by the number of hours worked. Work is ongoing and often requires many hours per week. Although BXE paid organizers are free to supplement their income elsewhere, they have historically dedicated most if not all of their working time to BXE and BXE-related activities. They bring their own passions and priorities to the group, but are expected to work in partnership with BXE on certain agreed upon tasks and objectives. These tasks and objectives are consistently being re-evaluated and re-defined by the group in a collective process.

What will you do?

Although the exact nature of your work will depend in part on your own passions, priorities, and ideas, likely tasks and responsibilities could include:

- Helping to sustain strong and growing networks of front-line and activist groups.
- Maintaining and coordinating organizational infrastructure (email listservs, sign-up forms, endorsements, website, etc.)
- Facilitating internal and external communication, scheduling conference calls, and setting up meetings
- Helping to maintain a direct action campaign focused on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Assisting with media, messaging, recruitment, and educational outreach
- Writing a regular-scheduled newsletter to share movement news, events, and resources (click [here](#) for examples)
- Supporting frontline infrastructure fights when and as requested, including potential travel to sites of frontline struggle
- Assisting with organizational fundraising, including updating BXE monthly donors about BXE's work
- Helping maintain BXE's active role in the broader struggle for collective liberation to which the realization of our mission is inextricably tied.

We expect that this organizer can live and work anywhere in the country. Provided you have access to a reliable phone and internet connection, and a willingness to travel to support front line communities and actions in Washington DC, you can do this job.

What are the main qualifications we are looking for?

Requirements for this job include: good writing skills---some experience working on an issue, in a group and/or on a campaign---appreciation of interconnections between groups working against injustice and oppression--an ability to work cooperatively and collectively--self-starter when you take on something you believe in.

It would be a positive to us if you have experience with nonviolent direct action, fighting fracked gas and other fossil fuel infrastructure, and working across different justice-oriented movements..

We are expecting a commitment of at least one year of work with BXE from the person we would contract with.

What are the benefits?

Paid organizers are offered a negotiable monthly salary based on need and past experience. Historically, they have been paid \$2500/month. This is a contracted position that does not include insurance or other financial benefits.

Application Process

Please send a resume, cover letter, and relevant writing sample of no more than 500-700 words to Actions@BeyondExtremeEnergy.org. BXE's Hiring Working Group will review applications and interview, via Zoom, applicants considered to be a good potential match. We aim to make our final decision by the end of August or early September.

Women, people of color, indigenous people, members of the LGBTQ2 community, and youth are highly encouraged to apply. We welcome applicants who have experience as activists with other social movements, such as those related to Black Lives Matter, Anti-colonialism, Prison Abolition, Immigrant Rights, Mass Incarceration, Housing/Homelessness, Peace, Labor, and others.

Please spread the word if you know people who might be interested!

--The BXE Crew
BeyondExtremeEnergy.org

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Upcoming Events (from friends and allies)

1. NO PIPELINES! VA STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD MEETING. Tuesday, August 21st. Richmond, VA. Tell the State Water Control Board to revoke the permits for the Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast Pipelines. Click [here](#) to learn more.
2. 350 LOUDOUN BI-MONTHLY MEETING. Wednesday, August 22nd. Leesburg, VA. Regularly scheduled meeting open to all of an active Northern Virginia group dedicated to climate justice. Click [here](#) to learn more.
3. ROCKWOOL PUBLIC FORUM IN SHEPHERDSTOWN. Thursday, August 23rd. Shepherdstown, WV. Click [here](#) to learn more about the event, and [here](#) to learn more about the toxic being proposed.
4. BACK TO PIPELINE SCHOOL WITH GOVERNOR NORTHAM. Saturday, August 25th. Virginia Beach, VA. Let's let Governor Northam know that we have not yet begun to fight and we will not forget how he and the Democrats are allowing these pipelines to be rammed down our Commonwealth! Click [here](#) to learn more.
5. CIRCLE OF PROTECTION. Sunday, August 26th. Buckingham, VA. Circle of Protection is an Interfaith Prayer Vigil to protect Buckingham County from the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the proposed Union Hill ACP Compressor Station. Expect neighbors, prayer, story, poetry and song. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Action Items

1. On May 24th, FANG blockaded both vehicles entrances to Morgan Stanley's annual shareholder meeting in New York. Morgan Stanley is a major investor in Energy Transfer Partners, the company behind projects like DAPL, the Mariner East Pipeline and the Bayou Bridge Pipeline. Three people were arrested as part of the action, including myself. A video of the action can be found [here](#). If you can, please donate a few dollars to help support our legal fees. Each of the three arrestees have a \$200 fine, though one paid their fine out of pocket. Click [here](#) to make a donation, BUT please be sure to click "add special instructions" and put Morgan Stanley Action so the funds can be properly allocated. Sending much gratitude.
2. From [L'eau Est La Vie Camp](#): This is an open call for all water protectors, kayaktivists, radical sailors and water going folk to join us on the frontlines as we fight the tail end of the Dakota Access Pipeline in the swamps of Louisiana. If you are interested in stopping the Bayou Bridge Pipeline, make plans to come to Louisiana NOW. Because of the urgency of the situation, we are pausing the application process to join Camp and instead are asking all protectors to come to Camp as soon as possible. Please EMAIL US at resist@nobbp.org with your name, phone number, why you want to come to camp, when you will be arriving and how long you plan on staying. We will respond with the directions to camp and what to bring.** Please note that if show up to camp without emailing us first and without receiving an email invitation, you will not be allowed to enter

camp. **In the face of ETP's escalated tactics, for 31 consecutive days we have disrupted and stopped construction in the Atchafalaya Basin on the water, on the ground and in the air. The more protectors here on the ground, the more we can stop construction. Join us.



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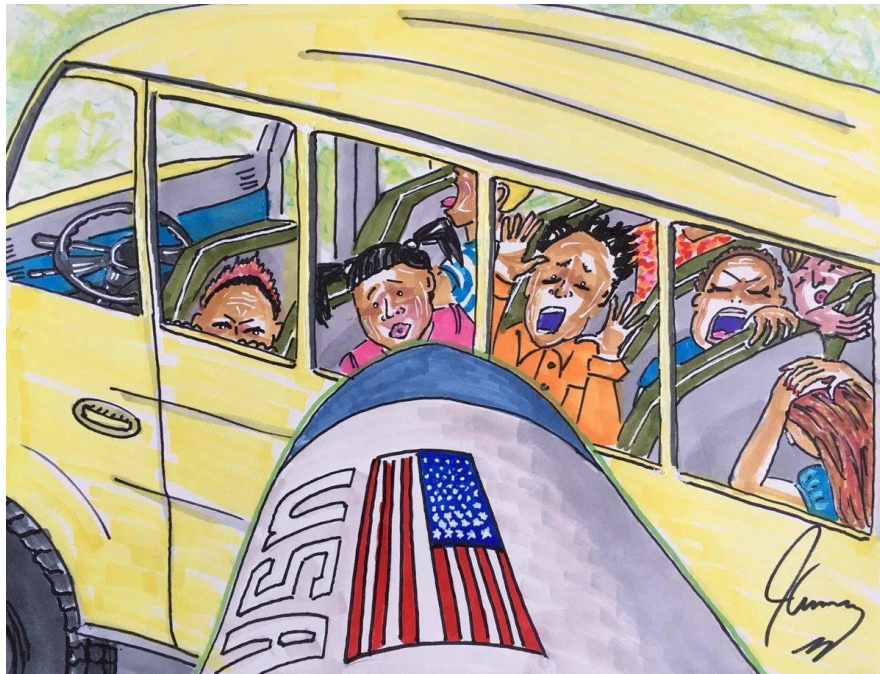
**THIS IS AN OPEN CALL FOR PROTECTORS
TO JOIN US ON THE FRONTLINES**

Reading Material

1. "The Baptists and the yogis join to fight a pipeline." Click [here](#) to read more about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline fight in Buckingham County, VA.
2. "FERC Deadlocked After Powelson Departure, Pipeline Approvals Likely to Slow." Click [here](#) to read more.
3. "Glick 'at a loss' over FERC role in Trump coal and nuclear bailout: The Democrat commissioner said he has no knowledge of FERC's efforts to assist the Trump administration in supporting money-losing coal and nuclear plants." Click [here](#) to read more.
4. "Federal Court Overrules Trump and Calls For Full Environmental Review of Keystone XL in Nebraska." Click [here](#) to read more.
5. "An inversion of nature: how air conditioning created the modern city." Click [here](#) to read more.

6. “We Can’t Confront Fascism Without Addressing White Settler Colonialism: Why Indigenous resistance is central to the fight against white supremacy.” Click [here](#) to read more.
7. “The Dangers of Shunning ‘Bad’ Protesters: The narratives that painted Black Lives Matter activists as “violent” have turned into legislation that targets black people, leftists, and other marginalized groups.” Click [here](#) to read more.
8. “More than two million Muslims begin Hajj pilgrimage.” Click [here](#) to read more.
9. “The Literary Canon Is Mostly White. Here’s an Alternative Latin American Reading List.” Click [here](#) to read more.

Art Piece of the Week



“Forty innocent children killed on a bus in Yemen. Our ally. Our missile. Our crime.” —Jim Carrey in a tweet that can be found [here](#), along with his drawing. Read an article about the tweet [here](#).

BXE Call Schedule

FERC Vacancies: Tuesday (8/21), 5pm ET
Call-In: 302-202-1108, code: 950727

General: Thursday (8/23), 4pm ET
Call-In: 302-202-1108, code: 950727

Budget & Fundraising: Friday (8/24), 11am ET

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