

male with a small child and teenager. The adult would not speak to me other than to say that she did not have to put up with Gestapo government officials. I asked for her driver's license several times. She started to scream out to her family. I handcuffed her, and while I attempted to search her for weapons, I noticed Mr. [redacted] on top of the hillside, yelling, "Hey, get the fuck away from my wife." He repeated this several times, his rifle held at shoulder height and pointed at me.

On November 1, 2011, the White River National Forest district ranger handed me 117 pages written in cursive and signed by [redacted]. In his letter, [redacted] rambles repeatedly about murder conspiracies and refers to virtually everyone listed as "homosexual freaks" or part of a "faggot bastard secret society." He refers to a female U.S.F.S. employee hundreds of times as "Little Smokey Bear Girl." He repeatedly accuses the district supervisor of placing "Little Smokey Bear Girl" to entice him with her "sex" for the purposes of murdering him. I contacted Detective [redacted], who stated that he gets calls from around the country about [redacted] and his letters.

A lands and realty specialist near Elk City, Idaho, had been inspecting an unauthorized road

[Confrontations]

THIS LAND IS MY LAND

From accounts of threats made against employees of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management since 2010, featured last October in High Country News. (See "The Great Republican Land Heist," by Christopher Ketcham, on page 23, about Cliven Bundy's two-decade standoff with the BLM.)

On patrol near West Hopley, Montana, I noticed a Ford parked near a ROAD CLOSED sign. The truck was occupied by a middle-aged fe-

[Pretexts]

SHIRKING 9 TO 5

From a list of reasons given for missing work, collected by CareerBuilder in a survey completed by 2,303 hiring managers and human-resources professionals.

got stuck in the blood-pressure machine at the grocery store
just put a casserole in the oven
sick to stomach because her girdle was too tight
ate laced brownies
caught uniform on fire by putting it in the microwave to dry
needed to stay home to tend to depressed cat
had to go interview for another job
at the casino all weekend and still had money to play with on Monday morning
wife took the kids and moved, and did not tell him still drunk from the night before
accidentally got on a plane
woke up in a good mood and didn't want to ruin it