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Date: Friday, March 10th, 2006

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & SW Yamhill, downtown Portland

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The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition*’s Friday rally and march marks the fourth of five themes for the large-scale rally and march set for the third anniversary of the US war on Iraq on March 19th, “End the Occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan, the West Bank and Gaza.” With barely more than one week to go, PPRC will be expanding its efforts to get the word out to include bus tours through the neighborhoods of Portland and other communities. “We’re very fortunate to have our courageous environmentalist allies and friends in *Back 2 the WALL* joining us with their famous bus named Cool,” explained Mikel Clayhold, a local veteran and artist active with PPRC. “We’ll be decorating this groovy school bus, reborn as mass transit for Mother Earth, with banners and signs and a message calling our community to action against the wars and occupations in Iraq and beyond.” The bus will travel down to Corvallis this Saturday for the *Pacific Green Party* convention, and in coming days may be seen cruising the neighborhoods of Portland and surrounding communities with news of the March 19th rally and march.

Back 2 the WALL is a local environmental organization devoted to protecting the forests of the Pacific Northwest. The group emerged from the work of *Witness Against Lawless Logging (WALL)*, a group formed to oppose the so-called “Salvage Rider” act, legislation that undermined laws that had traditionally defended national forests.

The final two Fridays prior to the March 19th event will see the weekly rally and march focused on commute traffic heading home for the weekend. With vibrant banners and signs proclaiming the date, time and place for the March 19th mobilization, the regular Friday ralliers will station themselves on the big commute routes of downtown Portland.

For more information about the March 19th peace rally and march, please call (503) 888-7455 or (503) 236-3065.