

Billboard


BLITZEN TRAPPER

Furr

Producer: *Eric Earley*

Sub Pop

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 For its Sub Pop debut, this Portland, Ore., sextet dials down the obscurity heard throughout last year's "Wild Mountain Nation." Rather, "Furr" is a more consistent body of work, a perfect fall soundtrack rife with woodsy imagery. Poppier rockers like "Sleepy Time in the Western World," "Gold for Bread" and the Wilco-esque "War Against Machines" match nicely against the backwoods tales of the title track and the rootsy "Black River Killer." Jaunty piano ditty "Saturday Night" would make the Scissor Sisters smile, and a creaky old piano ushers in

"Echo/Always On/Ez Con" before breaking into a trippy '70s keyboard jam. Following the breakthrough success of Fleet Foxes, Sub Pop scores again with this promising combo.—JM