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SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE ACQUIRES OVER 200 ACRES OF LAND TO PROTECT REDWOODS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Three acquisitions by the League will protect ancient redwoods and threatened coho salmon
in Humboldt and Sonoma Counties*

SAN FRANCISCO (November 10, 2008) – [Save the Redwoods League](http://www.savetheredwoods.org), the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting redwoods throughout their natural range, today announced the acquisition of three parcels totaling 226 acres in Sonoma and Humboldt Counties. These [land acquisitions](#) protect old-growth [redwoods](#) and ecologically sensitive habitat in Humboldt Redwood State Park, King Range National Conservation Area and Sonoma County.

- **Miller-Pulis Property**

Save the Redwood League's acquisition of 46 acres adjacent to Humboldt Redwoods State Park will provide watershed and habitat protection for the park's historic Bolling Grove, an old-growth redwood stand that was protected by the League in 1921 and helped lead to the establishment of the state park. Surrounded by Humboldt Redwoods State Park and located upslope of both Elk Creek and the South Fork of the Eel River, the property provides critical watershed protection for streams that drain directly to old-growth redwoods in Bolling Grove. The acquired land also lies within the watershed of Highway 101, making it a key acquisition for preserving visitor experience at Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

- **Ozard Property**

The League's acquisition of 160 acres of land in southern Humboldt County enhances protection of the King Range National Conservation Area, as well as critical coho salmon habitat. The acquired land provides vital watershed protection for the Mattole River by increasing protection of two tributaries to the river. The Mill Creek tributary is a high priority area for endangered coho salmon, according to the Federal Coho Recovery Plan. The acquisition creates a more natural wilderness boundary based on

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the ridgeline of the Mill Creek watershed and helps ensure the natural dispersal of plants and animals within the King Range National Conservation Area.

- **Annapolis Milling Company Property**

Save the Redwoods League negotiated a conservation easement with The Annapolis Milling Company to protect a 20-acre stand of old-growth redwoods on the company's property in Sonoma County. This new conservation agreement will ensure that these ancient redwoods are protected from possible timber harvest and vineyard conversion.

"These land acquisitions represent critical new progress by Save the Redwoods League toward securing permanent protection for all remaining old-growth redwood forest in California," said Ruskin Hartley, executive director of Save the Redwoods League. "Since its founding in 1918, the League has purchased more than 181,000 acres of land to help protect ancient coast redwoods and giant sequoias. The League's land acquisition program will continue to be a key component in the effort to ensure that current and future generations can enjoy these towering natural treasures today, tomorrow and beyond."

As with all land acquisitions, Save the Redwoods League aims to ensure permanent protection for the land in partnership with public stewards, such as California State Parks and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The League's land acquisition strategy is guided by its scientifically based Master Plan for the Redwoods, which identifies protection priorities for sensitive redwood habitat. To learn more, visit savetheredwoods.org.

About Save the Redwoods League

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2008, Save the Redwoods League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting ancient redwood forests so that all generations can experience the inspiration and majesty of these towering giants. In 1850, there were nearly 2 million acres of ancient coast redwood forests in California. Today, less than 5 percent remains. Since its founding in 1918, the League has completed the purchase of more than 181,000 acres of land. For more information, visit savetheredwoods.org

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