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## **SAVE-THE-REDWOODS LEAGUE SECURES CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE CORRIDOR FROM THE REDWOODS TO THE SEA IN PARCEL FOR PARCEL LAND EXCHANGE**

SAN FRANCISCO – Save-the-Redwoods League announced today the addition of 1,200 acres of land in the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea in an equal parcel for parcel land exchange with a private rancher family. The exchange secures a conservation easement on the land which protects against subdivision of the property into units smaller than 600 acres. The Corridor is located in Humboldt County, 50 miles south of Eureka. The property was transferred to the Bureau of Land Management on March 21, 2006. The effort was made possible by a partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation.

The Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea is a protected area that spans from the longest unroaded coastline in the contiguous United States – the Lost Coast - to the biggest ancient coast redwood grove in the world – Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The area includes low elevation old-growth Douglas Fir and mixed hardwood-conifer forest, younger forest stands, grassland and streams that support salmon and steelhead trout.

Land acquisitions within the Corridor protect the habitats, and connectivity of habitats for wildlife travel. This area is important habitat for the northern spotted owl, golden eagle, marbled murrelet, goshawk, red tree vole, Pacific fisher, flying squirrel, pileated woodpecker, salmon, steelhead and southern torrent salamander. By permanently protecting the land, existing connectivity will not be lost through fragmentation.

Via the exchange, the League will obtain acreage of a higher ecological value that contains more mature forest cover, and the family will gain better access to and consolidation of their ranch. The exchange will be acre-for-acre with a cash payment to compensate for the difference in values.

“This part of the California ecosystem is exceptionally unique because the area creates such a tremendous block of protected land and extends across two watersheds,” said Katherine Anderton, Executive Director of Save-the-Redwoods League.

This acquisition puts into effect the League’s Master Plan for the Coast Redwoods. The Master Plan sets strategies in three arenas: securing protection of viable parks and preserves, protecting the last remnants of the ancient redwood forest that remain in private ownership, and protecting the connecting forest landscape.

Save-the-Redwoods League is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving ancient 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% remain. Since its founding in 1918, the League has completed the purchase of more than 170,000 acres of land. More than six of every ten acres in California’s state redwood parks have been protected by the League. For more information, visit [www.savetheredwoods.org](http://www.savetheredwoods.org).

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