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REDWOOD RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE

Research proposals examining the impact of global climate change on redwood forests due Friday, October 30, 2009

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 24, 2009) – [Save the Redwoods League](http://www.savetheredwoods.org) announces its annual [request for redwood research proposals](#) (RFP) from organizations interested in advancing knowledge of coast redwood and giant sequoia trees, forests and ecosystems. Grant candidates can apply to receive up to \$15,000 to further scientific research promoting the understanding and conservation of redwoods.

For the third year, Save the Redwoods League is requesting proposals to examine the potential impact of global climate change on redwood forests. Scientific research in this area will help the League continue to protect the redwoods in the face of new threats such as rapid climate change. Earlier this year, Save the Redwoods League awarded [Dr. Healy Hamilton](#), Ph.D., director, [Center for Biodiversity Research at the California Academy of Sciences](#), with a \$15,000 research grant to develop “climate envelopes” that will help predict the possible migration of coast redwoods and other plant and animal species in response to climate change over the next 50 to 100 years.

“Global climate change is challenging the conservation community to evolve traditional protection models that focus on acquiring habitat and protecting it from development,” said Ruskin Hartley, executive director of Save the Redwoods League. “The League’s research grants program encourages critical new research that will help us develop the most effective long-term strategies to protect redwoods.”

Since 1997, Save the Redwoods League has awarded 54 research grants totaling \$771,000 to researchers, individuals and organizations seeking to improve the understanding of redwoods and their ecosystems. For more information on the League’s research grant recipients, please visit the League’s Web site at SaveTheRedwoods.org/research.

Research grants will be awarded to universities, schools, nonprofit organizations and public charities. **Research proposals should seek to expand our understanding of the coast redwood, giant sequoia or the ecosystems in which they are key components.** Grants are awarded to study redwood biology, redwood ecosystem maintenance or restoration, potential effects of global climate change and/or sustained public use for redwood areas. Applied research or research that informs redwood conservation, restoration and/or public use is also desired.

In addition to advancing scientific knowledge related to redwoods, the League aims to make research findings available to the public to increase awareness of these unique resources. Applicants are expected to provide a final report, suitable for posting on the League's Web site, plus a brief synopsis suitable for a broad public audience. Guidelines and applications are available online at: <http://www.savetheredwoods.org/research>.

Completed applications must be received by the League on or before October 30, 2009.

About Save the Redwoods League

For more than 90 years, Save the Redwoods League has been dedicated to protecting the ancient redwood forests so all generations can experience the inspiration and majesty of redwoods. In 1850, there were nearly 2 million acres of ancient coast redwood forests in California. Today, less than 5 percent remains and faces threats from unsustainable logging practices, poorly planned development and global climate change. Since its founding in 1918, the League has protected more than 181,000 acres of land. For more information, visit SaveTheRedwoods.org or to receive monthly updates please visit SaveTheRedwoods.org/signup.

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