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PARTNERS AND GUARDIANS FOR A SECOND CENTURY

**THE LEAGUE AND THE NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE RECOMMIT TO PROTECT AND
RESTORE THE REDWOOD FOREST AND
INTRODUCE NEW GENERATIONS TO THE
TRANSFORMATIVE JOY IT INSPIRES**



Our Mission: Save the Redwoods
League protects and restores redwood
forests and connects people with their
peace and beauty so these wonders of
the natural world flourish.

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THIS PAGE: The ancient giant sequoias of Case Mountain are easier for the public to enjoy since the League transferred the neighboring Craig Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management. *Learn more on page 10.*

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Left, Neil Kornze, Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Sam Hodder, President and CEO of Save the Redwoods League, explore Headwaters Forest Reserve, an ancient redwood forest owned and managed by the BLM that the League is helping to buffer and restore. We're also working to enhance public access to the reserve. *Learn more on page 10.*

Dear Save the Redwoods League Friends,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service (NPS)! In 1916, the very idea of a parks system was in its infancy – and now, our world-class parks system is a treasured and fundamental part of our national identity. Save the Redwoods League is thrilled to congratulate the NPS on their centennial and proud to start a second century of work shoulder to shoulder with them on protecting and sharing truly special places. In addition to the NPS, our many other generous, passionate partners and donors contributed to the success of our redwood parks, and we couldn't do our work without them.

This issue of the *Bulletin* celebrates our successes with these partners and donors. Together, we assembled our protected redwood forest landscapes over the last century – but our work is just beginning. We will increase our land protection efforts, set young redwood forests on the path to old-growth conditions for new generations, and tell the story of the forest that sustains and inspires us today and into tomorrow. You'll read this story of the forest next year in a new magazine to replace this *Bulletin*.

It's with our founders' visionary spirit in mind that we and our partners fully commit to a second century of our work together. Please join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Hodder".

Sam Hodder President and CEO





Protect

Partners and Guardians for a Second Century

The League and the National Park Service recommit to safeguard and restore the redwood forest and introduce new generations to the transformative joy it inspires.

Roots of ancient giants in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park filter sediment, keeping this part of Prairie Creek running clear and providing ideal spawning habitat for imperiled salmon. The League is working with the National Park Service in Redwood National and State Parks to restore the stream's lower reaches, which were damaged by historical land uses that altered the creek's natural course.

For nearly 100 years, Save the Redwoods League and the National Park Service (NPS) have created parks that inspire awe and wonder in the hearts of visitors like no other place on Earth, including parks that protect nearly half of the world's remaining old-growth redwood forest.

This year, as the NPS celebrates its centennial, we reflect on our partnership and look toward an inspiring future for the forest. Our shared history and partnership stem from the vision of the pioneering conservationist Stephen Mather. A California businessman, Mather loved the outdoors and greatly admired the work of his contemporary, John Muir.

In 1917, having set the National Park Service in motion and accepted the post as the first NPS Director, Mather played a central role in bringing the ancient redwood forest onto the conservation agenda. Three of his colleagues — John Merriam, Henry Fairfield Osborn and Madison Grant — visited the Northern California redwoods in 1917.

Their first reaction to such awe-inspiring beauty was to remove their hats and speak only in whispers. Their next reaction, after witnessing the destruction of ancient giants to make grape stakes and shingles — a choice they likened to “chopping up a grandfather clock for kindling” — was to commit themselves to founding an organization to help save these remarkable forests.

The trio reported their findings to Mather, who enthusiastically endorsed their idea of forming Save the Redwoods League. He provided a founding donation, and was among the first to join the board as a founding member.

This year, the League and NPS begin a second century of partnership that will be even more inspiring than the first, starting with heightened collaboration at Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP).

Recently, we celebrated the NPS's centennial on our Orick Mill Site, which the League purchased with our donors' support. On this site at the



gateway to RNSP, where ancient redwoods were milled, we have the opportunity to restore pavement to pasture, to put the meander back into Prairie Creek, to bring the salmon, elk, and, of course, redwoods, back to this keystone location. And in response to the NPS's need to remove the Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center from the tsunami zone and estuary floodplain, we can create a gateway facility that will inspire new generations not only to admire the park's ancient trees but also to help us restore the park's young forest. The League has been leading a process to design the new facility with input from the local community and other partners.

"While there is still a long way to go, including substantial unanswered public and private funding questions, this is an incredible opportunity to redefine how we welcome visitors to this region," said Sam Hodder, League President and CEO.

Together, at the gateway to the world's tallest trees, to the park that is a designated World Heritage Site because it shelters 45 percent of the world's ancient redwoods, the League and RNSP are developing a comprehensive vision for

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— Steve Prokop, Superintendent
of Redwood National Park

From left, Laura Joss, Regional Director for the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service (NPS); Michael Muir, great-grandson of America's visionary conservationist John Muir; Steve Prokop, Superintendent of Redwood National Park; League President Sam Hodder; and volunteer Vince Hangman celebrate the NPS's centennial with the public on June 26, 2016, at the League's Orick Mill Site property. The League and the NPS plan to create an inspirational visitor center on the site.

our work to protect and restore the redwood forest and connect people to its peace and beauty.

"Because of League research, now we know how important the redwood forest is," Hodder said. "We know that the redwoods are the most powerful lungs on the planet; that this landscape, if allowed to heal and function naturally, is among the most resilient habitats in the world."

"As ecological systems across the globe continue to change in the coming decades, what we do here in the forest that we steward together, will be our sustainability, our refuge, our resilience," he said.

This is America's forest, saved for the world through America's greatest idea, our national park system.

JOINT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LEAGUE AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Over the last century, Save the Redwoods League and the National Park Service have created and expanded the following parks, enabling life-changing moments of awe among visitors from around the world.

- » Golden Gate National Recreation Area
- » Redwood National and State Parks
- » Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

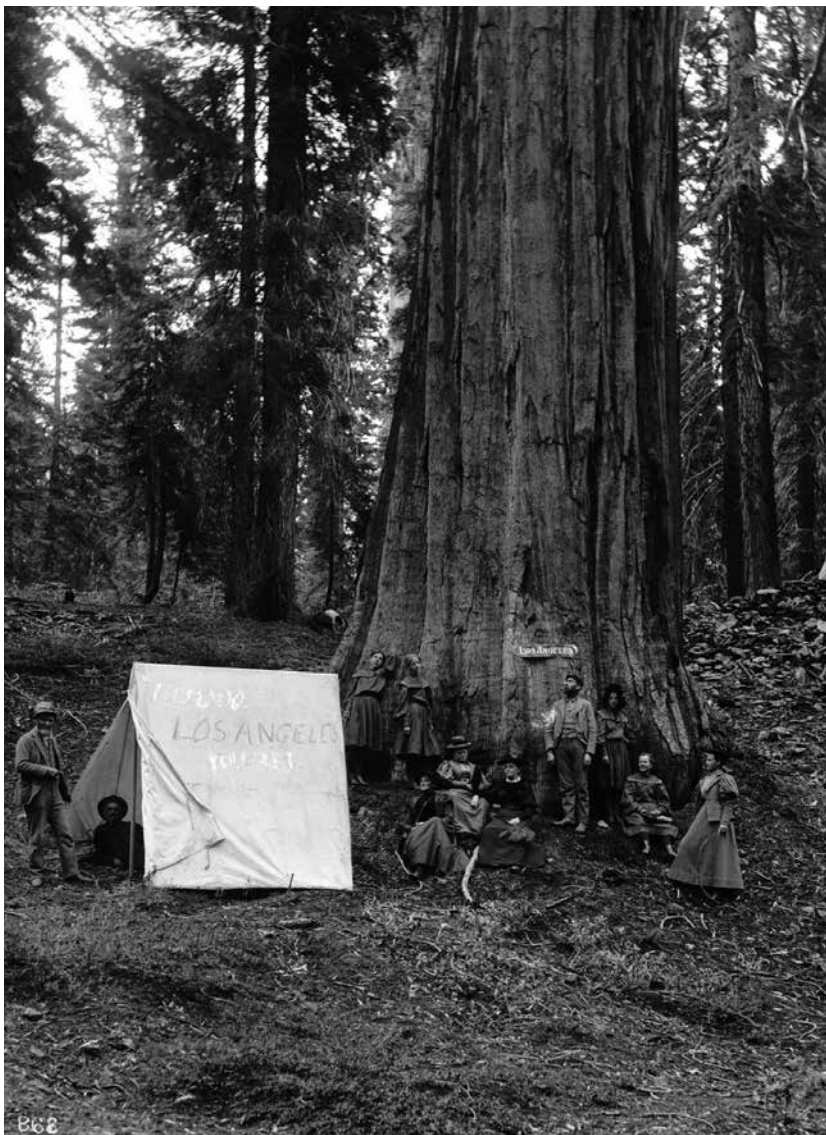
The League also continues to help enrich visitors' experiences at Muir Woods National Monument and Yosemite National Park through interpretive, outreach, scientific and restoration projects.

Recommitting to the partnership between the NPS and the League is the key to realizing this vision, said Steve Prokop, Superintendent of Redwood National Park. He said that at a recent meeting, Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and Deputy Secretary Mike Connor, concurred.

“We all agreed that partnering with groups such as Save the Redwoods League is absolutely essential in meeting our mission to preserve and protect the nation’s natural and cultural resources,” Prokop said. “In the case of the redwood forest, it’s very simple — we need the League to fully accomplish our mission.”

Reflecting on the NPS’s centennial and the League’s 100th anniversary in 2018, Prokop is inspired. “Together, we’ve accomplished remarkable things in the past century, and we believe that’s going to continue through the next hundred years.”

See a map, photos and a video of the Orick Mill Site at SaveTheRedwoods.org/OrickMill.



The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias shelters bygone campers in this undated photo. While the Yosemite National Park grove is closed for restoration in 2016, the League’s Redwoods and Climate Change researchers will study the health and climate change response of the mature trees, and League staff members are assisting the park in developing ways to teach visitors about the species’ tree rings. You can learn more about giant sequoias, including more about the League’s work, in a new book, *King Sequoia: The Tree That Inspired a Nation, Created Our National Park System, and Changed the Way We Think About Nature*, by William C. Tweed. League members are invited to meet Tweed and League President Sam Hodder on October 17, 2016, for a discussion of the book. We’ll send invitations soon.

Community

Three Generations Share Love of Forest

Mae Carter agreed that she and her husband Bob qualify as world travelers, having visited 150 countries. Of all the wonders they've seen, the longtime members of Save the Redwoods League count the redwood forest among their favorite places.

"In addition to the redwoods' beauty and serenity, they place current problems in perspective," Mae said.

The couple is so committed to protecting the redwood forest that they dedicated two groves through the League. The first is in rugged Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.

"We wanted something special to mark our 60th wedding anniversary," Mae said. Their second grove dedication is next to Portola Redwoods State Park in the League's spectacular Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest, one of the most beautiful ancient redwood forests still standing less than an hour's drive from the bustle of the South San Francisco Bay Area.

By dedicating a redwood grove, the Carters support the League's work to purchase and restore redwood forestland; study the redwoods and learn how best to protect them; and teach children and adults about these magical expressions of life.

"It is a lifelong joy knowing that we helped preserve something that is irreplaceable," Mae said of their grove dedications.

Now living in Delaware, Mae retired from her post as Assistant Provost in Women's Affairs for the University of Delaware. The third-generation Californian grew up around redwoods in Berkeley. Her family originally arrived in the state by covered wagon.

Bob was born in Boston and moved to Los Angeles when he was seven years old. In 1956, his job as a chemist brought the couple to Delaware.



Elizabeth Su and Andrew Lee celebrate their engagement in Redwood National Park with sticks that say "Stick by me ... I'll stick by you." Elizabeth's family has a long history of dedication to the redwood forest.

The couple's love of redwoods runs in the family. Their daughter Cathy also dedicated a grove in Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest, and their granddaughter Elizabeth got engaged to Andrew Lee in August 2015 in Redwood National Park's Tall Trees Grove.

"We see the redwoods as symbolizing strength, resilience, longevity and beauty, so it was the perfect spot to celebrate the seven years we've been together and the beginning of our next chapter," Elizabeth said.

Learn more and view the full list of over 1,000 redwood groves dedicated since 1921 at [SaveTheRedwoods.org/GrovesList](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/GrovesList).

Conservation

Partnership
Brings Awe
Within Reach

In two iconic landscapes, our donors have brought us closer to realizing our vision of connecting people to the peace and beauty of the California redwoods through a network of world-class parks and protected areas.

Now open to the public, Craig Ranch is the gateway to a kingdom of 101 ancient giant sequoias. The League purchased and recently transferred to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the \$300,000 Craig Ranch property southeast of Three Rivers, with assistance from Sequoia Riverlands Trust. Now hikers, mountain bikers, anglers, equestrians and others can travel 10 miles through the 66-acre ranch to reach the Case Mountain giants, some measuring as wide as your dining room. Along the way, they can enjoy the ranch's rich habitat for rare plants and animals, a seasonal waterfall and a creek threading between rolling hills.

Another recent project is our purchase of the \$1.1 million Westfall Ranch to buffer the 3,088 acres of primeval redwood forest in the 7,472-acre Headwaters Forest Reserve. The League will hold the 77-acre property until federal funding is available for acquisition by the BLM.

"Save the Redwoods League's acquisition of this land will provide great opportunities for river restoration," said Ben Blom, manager of Headwaters Forest Reserve. "The project also will provide new opportunities for recreation and environmental education at Headwaters. Many members of the public have expressed a desire for more trails."



More than 3,000 donors helped the League purchase Westfall Ranch, which now buffers the enthralling ancient redwood forest of Headwaters Forest Reserve, pictured here.

We thank our donors for making these projects possible.

Learn more and see more photos of the ranches and maps at SaveTheRedwoods.org/CraigRanch and SaveTheRedwoods.org/WestfallRanch.

Projects Transform Visitors' Experiences in Two Parks

Along the spectacular Big Sur coastline, two projects are helping to immerse visitors in the spellbinding landscapes of League-protected Limekiln and Pfeiffer Big Sur state parks. This work moves us closer to realizing our vision of connecting people to the majesty of California redwoods through world-class parks.

In Limekiln State Park, you'll find towering Limekiln Falls and redwoods lining Hare Creek in exquisitely beautiful landscapes. These captivating natural features motivated Save the Redwoods League and California State Parks (CSP) to protect and open the park in 1995. Last year, Limekiln closed a failing old footbridge connecting the camping area to all of the park's trails. When CSP couldn't fix the bridge because of budget constraints, the League helped to rebuild it. Completed this year, the new bridge serves the nearly 16,000 annual visitors who enjoy the park's 27 campsites and 3.4 miles of trails at the southernmost edge of the redwood range.

"This truly was a great partnership project that will hopefully be replicated in the future. I really do appreciate the League's support,"

said John Hiles, Maintenance Chief of CSP's Monterey District.

At Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, most visitors find the Big Sur experience: big views of sea, sky, redwoods, mountains and the Big Sur River along 15 miles of trails. The Pfeiffer Falls Trail was the park's most popular footpath, renowned for cool redwood groves and an up-close view of the waterfall. But in 2008, a fire destroyed the trail, cutting off hikers from the falls. When budget limits prevented CSP from rebuilding the trail, the League helped restore access to the falls on an interim path. We also created an additional short path and interpretive panels. Meanwhile, we're working to rebuild the Pfeiffer Falls Trail by fall 2017.

With our donors, we can continue to protect the state's iconic landscapes, natural resources and cultural heritage, and make these parks accessible to current and future generations. Thank you for your support.

Learn more about these projects at SaveTheRedwoods.org/BigSur2.



A Limekiln State Park visitor enjoys the view from the new footbridge that the League helped build.

CURRENT PROJECTS

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 **ORICK MILL SITE***
Planning new visitor center, trails, restoration
- 2 **HEADWATERS FOREST RESERVE,*
WESTFALL RANCH***
Restoring, buffering forest; planning trails
- 3 **SHADY DELL***
Built trail, restoring forest
- 4 **MAILLIARD RANCH**
Protecting vast landscape
- 5 **CRAIG RANCH***
Improved access to giant sequoias, protected rare plants, animals

Redwoods State Parks

IMPROVEMENTS

- A **HUMBOLDT**
Restoring trail, upgrading day-use area
- B **PORTOLA**
Rebuilding popular ramada
- C **PFEIFFER BIG SUR***
Restoring trails, installed interpretive signage
- D **LIMEKILN***
Replaced bridge that reconnects camping area to trails

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Your help is crucial for protecting and restoring redwood forests and connecting current and future generations to these magical places. Please donate through our secure website at [SaveTheRedwoods.org/Bulletin](https://www.savetheredwoods.org/Bulletin). Alternatively, you may use the attached envelope. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts.



* Described in this newsletter. Learn more about these projects and others at [SaveTheRedwoods.org](https://www.savetheredwoods.org).

Education

Kids Learn About Trees' Role in Clean Water

The future of the redwoods eventually will rest in the hands of today's children, so it's up to the forest's current supporters to cultivate kids' concern for these magnificent places. But getting to the redwoods and learning about them can be difficult for many kids who normally don't visit these parks.

That's why Save the Redwoods League created the Exploring Your Watershed Program with the East Bay Regional Parks District. This year, the program introduced more than 100 fourth-graders from two schools to their watershed, demonstrating the connection between local redwood forests, the San Francisco Bay, and the neighborhoods in-between using hands-on, science-based activities.

"By understanding this connection, students recognize the importance of taking action to keep their watershed clean and healthy, from

the treetops to the rocky shore of the bay," said Deborah Zierten, the League's Education and Interpretation Manager.

Janet Jackson, a teacher at Allendale Elementary School in Oakland, participated in the program with her fourth-graders.

"You can see Redwood Regional Park in the East Bay hills from our school," Jackson said. "But a lot of my students have never seen a redwood or the ocean. They're like any other kid — when you get them into nature, they just blossom."

"The program was incredible," Jackson said. "We took field trips to the forests and the bay, and the kids learned firsthand about the impacts of pollution from the upper watershed to the estuary. They were tremendously excited, and because they were excited, they learned. Programs like these make a real difference in the lives of these children."

In a new League program, children learn about redwoods and how they filter sediment and pollution to keep water clean.





Ways You Can Help

A great gray owl makes a rare appearance in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park early this year.

DONATE

to Save the Redwoods League.

INCLUDE

a gift in your will or trust for Save the Redwoods League.

TALK

to your friends about the League's work.

VISIT

the redwood forest with your friends and family.

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volunteer opportunities in redwood parks.

To learn more, visit SaveTheRedwoods.org, or call us at 888-836-0005.

SUPPORT THE REDWOOD FOREST

Your tax-deductible contribution supports the work of Save the Redwoods League to protect the forests for current and future generations! For more information or to donate, visit our secure site, SaveTheRedwoods.org/Bulletin, or call us at 888-836-0005.

Renew Your Membership with an annual gift of \$25 or more. The collective support of more than 18,500 members made possible everything you've seen in this *Bulletin*. Your continued membership is vital to protecting and restoring the forests.

Become an Evergreen Partner with a monthly gift of \$10 or more. Make each month matter for the redwoods. Your gift is an important commitment to the forest, and gives us the stability to plan for the future.

Make a special gift to dedicate a place in the redwoods in honor of someone you love or to mark an important occasion. Gifts start at \$2,500 for tree dedications and \$35,000 for grove dedications.

Connect

Deepen
Your
Commitment
to the Forest

Join the Redwood Leadership Circle: With an annual gift of \$1,000 or more, you can join our most dedicated supporters and play an instrumental role in protecting and restoring forests. In appreciation of your generosity, you will receive exclusive benefits, including invitations to events, recognition in our annual report, a beautiful calendar and other offerings. Call us at 888-836-0005 to donate or learn more.

Join the Redwood Legacy Circle: You can leave a long-lasting legacy by remembering the League with a gift from your will or trust. Your help will ensure these magnificent forests are protected for generations to come. Visit MyRedwoodsLegacy.org for information today or call us at 888-836-0005.

Save the Dates for These Special Events

We'll send invitations soon.

For Members of the Redwood Leadership Circle and Redwood Legacy Circle

Wednesday, September 7, 2016: Mary Ellen Hannibal, celebrated environmental journalist and Stanford media fellow, will discuss her new book *Citizen Scientist*, featuring the League programs Redwood Watch and Fern Watch. She will explore how citizen scientists contribute to cutting-edge research by gathering data on our redwood forests.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016: The League's Annual Lecture for Redwood Leadership Circle and Redwood Legacy Circle members will be held at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. This special evening features a thought-provoking conversation with Emily Burns, League Director of Science, Planning and Education, and Meg Lowman, renowned canopy scientist.



Members of the Canopy Club, the League's leading circle of donors, enjoyed a special evening at Mailliard Ranch this summer. You too can join the club with a minimum donation of \$10,000, and play a major role in forever protecting keystone redwood landscapes like the ranch.

For All Members

Monday, October 17, 2016: Meet League President Sam Hodder and William C. Tweed, naturalist and historian, in San Francisco for a discussion of Tweed's book, *King Sequoia: The Tree That Inspired a Nation, Created Our National Park System, and Changed the Way We Think about Nature*.

Onto the Trail

A new extension of the Lost Coast Trail, the Peter Douglas Trail, showcases ancient candelabra-shaped redwoods. Save the Redwoods and partners created the path that crosses the League's remote Shady Dell forest at the southern border of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Learn more at SaveTheRedwoods.org/ShadyDellTrail.







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- Arcata Community Forest
- Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve
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- Baltimore Canyon Open Space Preserve
- Benbow State Recreation Area

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