



MEDIA ADVISORY

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New 2.3 Mile Addition to #LostCoast Trail Offers First Public Access in 100 Years

Who: Save the Redwoods League (League), California State Coastal Conservancy, Mendocino Land Trust, California Coastal Commission and California Conservation Corps representatives

What: The spectacular #LostCoast hiking trail, the longest roadless stretch of land in 48 contiguous states, will grow by 2.3 miles to 60 miles at its southern end in Mendocino County when new the Peter Douglas trail opens. Douglas was the former Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission for 26 years and co-authored the Coastal Act. This year is the 40th anniversary of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

When: Thursday, May 5, 2016

Program

10:00 to 10:30 AM	Arrive and consolidate cars for drive to Usal Road (<i>Scroll down to see map</i>)
10:30 to 11:30 AM	Drive north to Usal Road to get to the Shady Dell property
11:30 to Noon	Short hike to Peter Douglas trail (<i>level: moderate to difficult</i>)
Noon to 12:30 PM	New Lost Trail dedication
12:30 to 1:00 PM	Walk through “Enchanted” candelabra forest
1:00 to 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 to 3:00 PM	Narrative hike to Shady Dell Creek back to Usal Road led by representatives from the League and Mendocino Land Trust

Where: Lost Coast Trail in Shady Dell located 35 miles north of Fort Bragg on Usal Road in Whitethorn, Mendocino County, CA 95589. The meet up location for the event is a pull-off of Highway 1 located at (39.750444, -123.818694).

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Why: Save the Redwoods League protected the privately-owned, 957-acre Shady Dell property for \$5.5 million in October 2011. The League has worked collaboratively with the California State Coastal Conservancy, Mendocino Land Trust (MLT) and the California Coastal Commission. The League's local partner MLT, hired and directed NCCC Americorps, California Conservation Corps, local contractors and Coastwalk to help build the Peter Douglas Trail and:

- Restore damaged wildlife habitats for 250 species including endangered coho and silver salmon;
- Preserve "enchanted" Candelabra redwood forest featuring gnarly branches shaped by strong winds and salty air;
- Create 2.3-mile addition to spectacular 60-mile Lost Coast hiking trail;
- Add 100 feet of boardwalk, 25-foot bridge, six interpretive signs, viewing platform, benches, picnic tables, and parking areas;
- Connect public with Shady Dell coastline for first time in more than 100 years.

Total cost of improvements: \$550,000 funded by the California State Coastal Conservancy and Save the Redwoods League.

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About Save the Redwoods League

Walk through a redwood forest—home of the tallest, largest, and some of the oldest living beings on Earth—and you can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of awe and peace among these magnificent giants. Since 1918, Save the Redwoods League has led the effort to protect the coast redwoods and giant sequoias for all to experience and enjoy. To date, the League has completed the purchase of nearly 200,000 acres of redwood forest and associated land. For more information, please visit SaveTheRedwoods.org, or to sign up for monthly updates, please visit SaveTheRedwoods.org/signup.

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