



SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE

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Representative forests throughout the range of the redwoods are being set aside for all time so that the tempo of the forest will continue into the future.



*Katherine Anderton, Secretary and Executive Director
Ed Claassen, President
Photo by Ruskin Hartley*

To walk in the quiet of the redwood forest, to stand and look upward, to follow the shafts of sunlight into the forest canopy high above, is a welcome change from of the demanding, frantic tempo of life in today's world. It can rejuvenate our spirits and remind us of what is truly important and sustaining in our lives.

The tempo of the forest is set by the ancient monarchs whose lives reach back as much as two thousand years. But that tempo was abruptly interrupted by the arrival of settlers some 150 years ago. That interruption continues today with mechanization and technologies that allow logging at a pace that has cleared all but some 4% of the ancient forest.

Save-the-Redwoods League was founded in 1918 to protect and preserve the redwood forest from the saw and the axe by purchasing forest stands for permanent protection and enjoyment. Today, other pressures multiply the threats to the tempo of the forest. Working throughout the range of the coast redwood and the giant sequoias of the Sierras, the League buffers the forest from those pressures. We maintain our long-standing commitment to protection through the purchase of forest lands, informed now by a comprehensive *Master Plan* that prioritizes action to protect and link core reserves of ancient redwoods in key watersheds.

Success in saving the redwoods today requires use of new conservation tools as well. The League has begun to engage in restoration of vital logged lands, supporting research and monitoring progress to refine our strategies. And the League is expanding our investment in educational initiatives to stimulate a new generation of stewards committed to saving the redwoods.

We deeply appreciate your continuing support! It is essential for the League's effectiveness. Your commitment creates the hope that the tempo of the forest will survive. *Thank you.*

Katherine Anderton Ed Claassen



*Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
Photo by Howard King*

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To rescue from destruction representative areas of our primeval forests.

The tempo of our day to day lives – the pulsing energy of doing more and more, faster and faster – is in marked contrast to the tempo of the forest.



*California Tiger Lily
Photo by Howard King*

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To cooperate with the California State Park Commission, the National Park Service, and other agencies in establishing redwood parks and other parks and reservations.

Restoration of logged-over lands is a key League conservation strategy for linking old forest reserves and protecting their waters.



*Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
Photo by Howard King*

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To support reforestation and conservation of our forest areas.

The League's education program focuses on fostering the stewards of the future.



Photo by Evan Johnson

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To foster and encourage a better and more general understanding of the value of the primeval redwood or sequoia and other forests of America as natural objects of extraordinary interest to present and future generations.

The commitment and support of the League's members positions us to buffer the impact of human pressure on the forest through purchase of critical forest lands.



*Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park
Photo by Howard King*

LEAGUE OBJECTIVE

To purchase redwood groves by private subscription.

Ancient redwoods are irreplaceable.



Photo by Howard King



Photo by Department of State Parks and Recreation Staff

Many species cannot exist without the ancient forest's ability to strip water from foggy air to provide essential moisture to the delicate ecosystem.



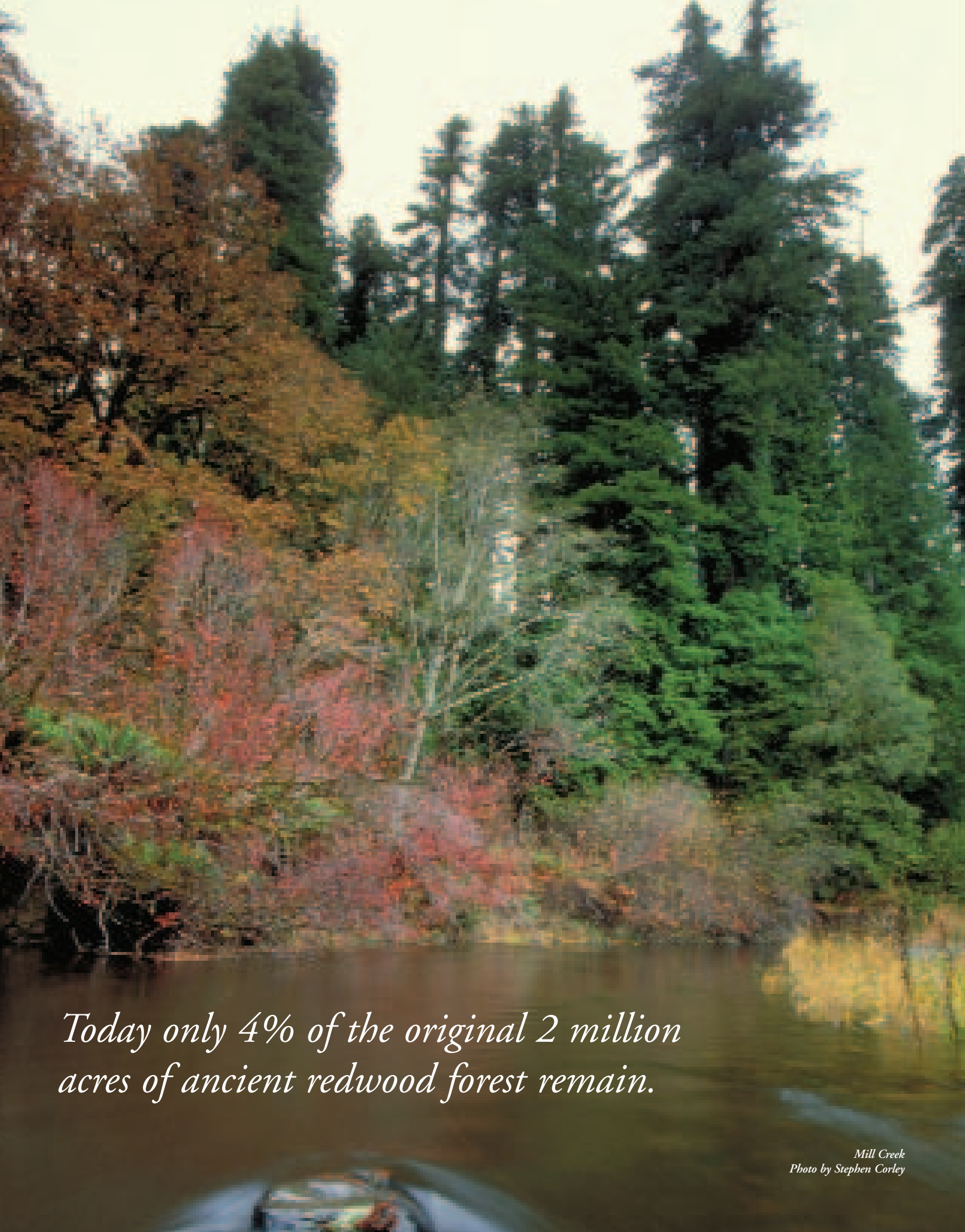
Photo by Ruskin Hartley

Residential development, new roads, domestic pets, pollution and exotic vegetation disrupt the natural processes of the forest.



Photo by Department of State Parks and Recreation Staff

Incompatible forestry practices replace the old complex forest with young, simple plantation forests.

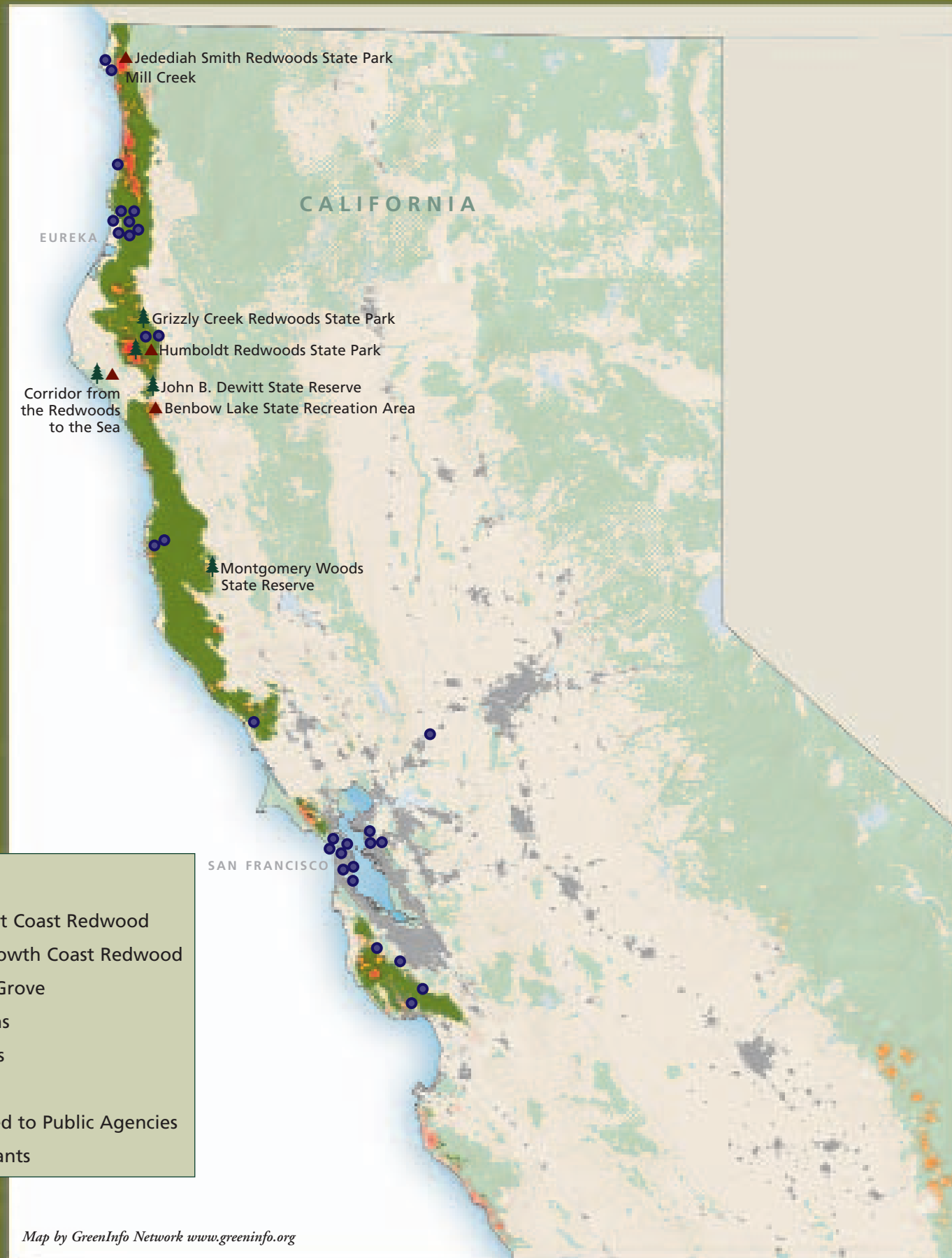


Today only 4% of the original 2 million acres of ancient redwood forest remain.

*Mill Creek
Photo by Stephen Corley*



Save-the-Redwoods League buffers the forces that alter the tempo of the forest. The League remains committed to a balance between the way we use the forest and the needs of the forest to support and sustain itself.



The League spearheaded purchase of the following properties:

- Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea: 965 acres
- Montgomery Redwoods State Reserve: 2 acres
- Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park: 33.5 acres (pending)
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park: 112 acres (pending)
- John B. Dewitt State Reserve: 581 acres

The League transferred the following properties to the California Department of Parks and Recreation and to the Federal Bureau of Land Management subject to land protection agreements:

- Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea: 784 acres
- Benbow Lake State Recreation Area: 167 acres
- Humboldt Redwoods State Park: 322 acres
- Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park: 546 acres

Conservation

The League is developing a *Master Plan for the Coast Redwoods* to ensure survival of the ancient redwood forest for the coming millennium. The *Master Plan* is a science-based tool to identify priority actions, determine appropriate methods for protecting critical lands, and identify conservation partners. It will enable the League to respond to opportunities within a planned context.

All conservation decisions made by the League are based upon the *Master Plan's* scientific principles and strategies. The heart of the *Master Plan* is identification of conservation strategies to foster protection of the ancient redwood forest.

This year saw completion of a detailed plan for the Santa Cruz mountain region, one of the seven regions in the natural range of the coast redwood.

Master Plan:

- Identifies remaining ancient redwood forest
- Assesses threats to the redwood forest
- Assesses the visitor experience
- Identifies potential conservation partners
- Recommends specific conservation strategies

Education

The League's Education Grants program is dedicated to inspiring a life-long love of the redwoods by partnering with schools, interpretive associations and park districts to provide opportunities for children and others to experience the majesty of the redwood forest, often for the first time:

- Twenty-four grants funded high quality education projects; 50% were in urban communities.
- Docents led tours of restoration work at Mill Creek Redwoods during the summer, and tours to view spawning salmon in the winter.
- More than 1,000 redwood enthusiasts visited the Hartsok Inn Redwood Visitor Center during the summer.
- 30 schools, 2,800 students and 90 teachers participated in the Redwood Environmental Education Fair held in Humboldt County.
- Over 1,000 children from low-income San Francisco families camped at the Boys & Girls Club in the redwoods of Mendocino County.
- Over 1,000 San Francisco students and 52 teachers participated in Muir Woods' "Into the Redwood Forest" program.
- The League supported development of curriculum material to teach students in Los Angeles about the ecology of the Giant Sequoia using art activities.

Research

The League's research program seeks to expand our understanding of the redwood forest:

- Initiated graduate research fellowships at California Polytechnical and Humboldt State Universities to support studies linked to redwood forest ecology and restoration.
- Co-sponsored the second Redwood Science Symposium attended by hundreds of researchers, students, academics, conservationists and timber industry representatives.
- Published research on the limits to tree height in the scientific journal, *Nature*.

Research projects funded included:

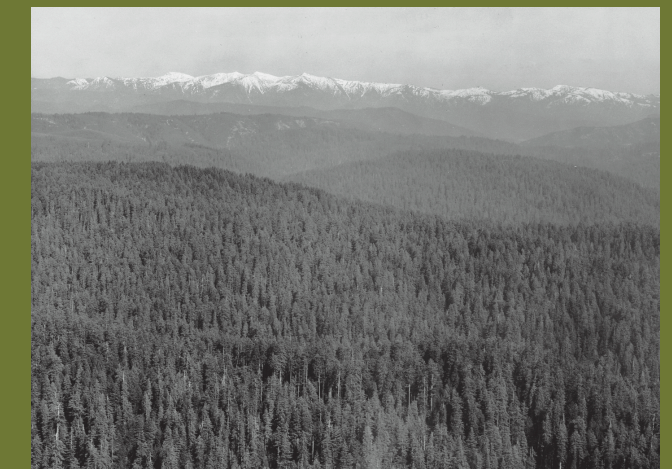
- An examination of prehistoric understory vegetation of giant sequoia groves in Calaveras State Park to inform forest management decisions.
- A comparison of changes in land use, ownership and forest structure in Mendocino County over the last 50 years and its effects on the sustainability of redwood reserves.
- An evaluation of the impacts of the 10,000-acre Canoe Creek fire in Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

Mill Creek Restoration Project

In 2002, the League spearheaded the purchase of Mill Creek Redwoods, a 25,000-acre stand whose tempo had been fundamentally altered by logging since 1966. Last year the League and its partners continued active restoration of the forest, thinning 100 acres to reintroduce light and increase space for young redwoods to grow, and completing a detailed, computerized road inventory that will advance plans to remove roads that damage the natural ecology.

Restoration will:

- Reintroduce the complexity of the ancient forest.
- Remove logging roads that scar the landscape and interrupt the natural flow of water.
- Enhance California's premiere wild coho salmon nursery.
- Provide the public an opportunity to experience the forest as it recovers from logging.



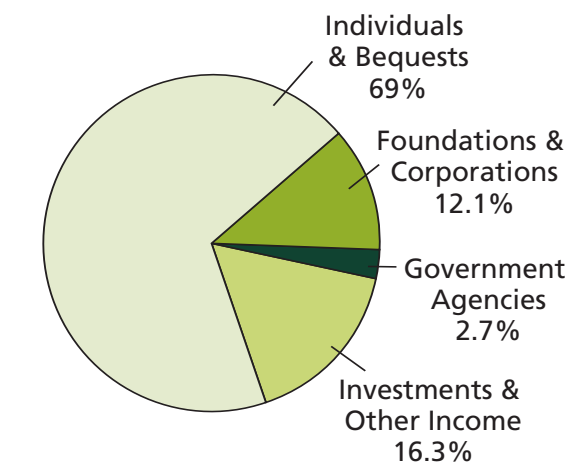
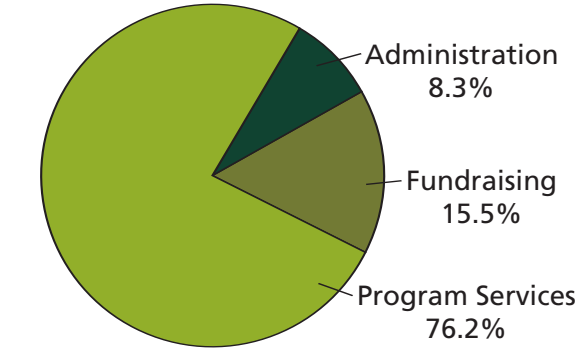
Mill Creek, 1966, before aggressive timber harvest. Photo by David Swanlund

Save-the-Redwoods League
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2004

Save-the-Redwoods League
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended March 31, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,679,134
Accounts receivable	97,373
Contributions receivable	2,254,573
Investments	34,649,685
Notes receivable	1,180
Real estate held	23,178,310
Contributions receivable from irrevocable trusts	1,900,662
Office equipment, net	104,881
Deposits on land purchase	89,000
Other assets	42,090
Endowment cash	349,342
Total assets	\$64,346,230
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$312,036
Notes payable	180,000
Total liabilities	492,036
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	33,662,582
Temporarily restricted	29,842,270
Permanently restricted	349,342
Total net assets	63,854,194
Total liabilities and net assets	\$64,346,230

REVENUE AND PUBLIC SUPPORT	
Contributions:	
Donations	\$1,926,670
Program and land acquisition contributions	3,748,065
Reforestation, restoration, research and other contributions	732,296
Change in value of irrevocable trusts	139,948
Grants from state and federal agencies	217,500
Income from investments	513,638
Gain on revaluation of land	604,330
Other income	194,993
Total revenue and public support	8,077,440
EXPENSES	
Program services:	
Land deeded to State of California	3,385,022
Land deeded to the United States of America	2,684,858
Redwood land program support	1,133,611
Redwood reforestation grants	60,000
Other grants	92,388
Research grants	87,725
Total program services	7,443,604
Support services:	
General and administrative	812,960
Fund-raising	1,515,397
Total support services	2,328,357
Total expenses	9,771,961
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$(1,694,521)



The financial information as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, has been derived from the League's 2004 financial statements, audited by Burr, Pilger & Mayer, independent auditors. The condensed financial information should be read in conjunction with the 2004 audited financial statements and related notes. Contact the League's office for copies of the complete audited financial statements.

Board of Councillors

Save-the-Redwoods League is governed by a 60-member voting Board of Councillors from which nine members are elected to serve as the Board of Directors. The Council advises the Directors, who set policy and have fiduciary responsibility for the League's operations. The Secretary and Executive Director, a non-voting member of the Board of Directors, is responsible for implementing and managing the policies established by the Directors.

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