

# Branching Out

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## The Watering Hole: from the Trees collective

**Spring** Spring is in full blossom. All of nature is rebirthing, uncurling itself from a cold winter, shedding layers, and emerging renewed. For us at Trees Foundation, this is also a time of emerging. You will see in *Turning New Leaves* (page 15) that there have been many changes here. Several of us are embarking on new projects and ventures, stretching into unfamiliar shapes or exploring different ways of expressing our vision. We believe this will make Trees Foundation a richer soil and will help us to be more effective in our work to help you.

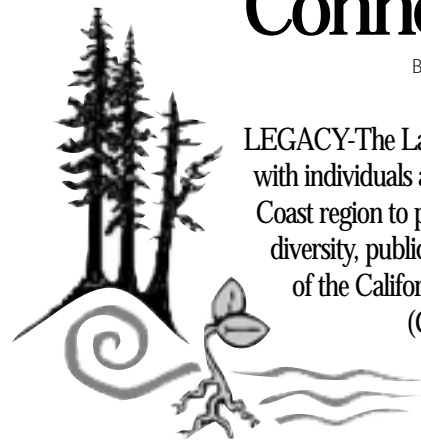
As we are challenged by these shifts, we have once again been confronted by the importance of taking care of ourselves personally, and of the holistic connection between the intentional act of self-care, and of healing the Earth. For many of us, working to restore, heal and protect the Earth is much more than a job; it is a way of being. But if in our efforts to "take care of the Earth" we forget that we are a part of that system that we are working to heal, then we have not addressed the issues on a personal scale. Mother Earth provides healing nourishment in all realms: physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental. What mother would not desire health in her creations, her children?

Spring is a time of sloughing off, rejuvenation, and blooming into newness. It is a perfect time to spend a quiet afternoon by the river, hike the Lost Coast, take a young person to discover new wildflowers or look for lizards, or watch the sunset. We are reminded to honor those sacred spaces we work so hard to keep alive, and to honor ourselves and the inseparable interconnection to this wondrous web. Take the time to get out there and let the Earth remind you of why you are doing what you are. May the Earth's love and wisdom fill you and charge you. 🌍

## Affiliate Spotlight

# Legacy - The Landscape Connection

BY STEVEN DAY



LEGACY-The Landscape Connection works with individuals and groups across the North Coast region to protect and conserve biological diversity, public trust resources and the beauty of the California North Coastal Basin (CNCB). The CNCB is the

coastal lowlands of Humboldt, Mendocino, and parts of Del Norte,

Trinity, Glenn, Sonoma and Marin Counties. The region is named after its state designation as a hydrologic unit with its own set of water quality standards. It has very few public land conservation opportunities. Legacy coordinates with conservationists in adjacent regions and works to document the vegetation communities, landforms, and all inhabitants of the North Coast.

LEGACY has its roots in the days of Redwood Summer and Forests Forever's Prop. 130, when MAP RAP was showing GIS (Geographic Information System) maps proposing an Ecological Reserve System for the CNCB. We received the only advanced package of computer hardware and software awarded last year by the Conservation Technology Support Program to continue building a citizen-based GIS, in cooperation with other GIS-equipped groups.

We want local watershed groups to continue leading the charge to protect our ecosystems. We'll concentrate on scientific analyses of all the best information available, then hand it over to you in GIS products tailored to your needs in defending your watershed. A well-run GIS contains a lot of

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information synthesized from dusty shelves and from continually updated knowledge about the landscape (see the Piercy Watersheds Association article). GIS' best feature is its ability to take in new information, process it, then help with the next presentation you need to make to the powers that be.

We have pulled together a "Long Range Strategy: Creating a Biodiversity Conservation Network Through Community Collaboration in the CNCB" to keep LEGACY growing and serving you over the coming years. Major tasks we're taking on are to develop community involvement; focus upon and analyze the health of rare species' populations; analyze the representation of diverse natural elements; create maps of the conservation vision for special places; formulate watershed Biodiversity Conservation Plans; and evolve a CNCB Biodiversity Conservation Plan (BCP).

LEGACY seeks funding to realize our dreams to permanently protect biodiversity in the region, and we're also looking for individuals and organizations to collaborate on funding. We want to join in projects that mutually benefit immediate conservation efforts and long-term strategies. The pieces of this great puzzle are being brought together by the work you are already doing!

Our major current project involves collecting as much data as possible to show the cumulative effects of human activity on the landscape of the Klamath Ecoregion as a whole. Another project is monitoring the presence of fishers and martens within the CNCB using track plate boxes. LEGACY is working with Redwood Science Lab to expand wildlife surveys into private lands and compile information to show habitat connectivity and the need to protect connectivity. This can be convincing evidence to influence proper care in proposed resource extraction projects on specific sites, or to secure assistance for watershed and larger-scale preservation and restoration.

An organizing tool set up in our GIS looks at the CNCB in a number of vicinities – recognizing ridgelines, sizes of watersheds and the distance and direction people travel for ordinary chores or to attend a community meeting. Following this concept in collaboration across the region, a Biodiversity Conservation Network can manage from the bottom up and not become overly centralized. Social factors need to be weighed for successful inventory, planning, implementation and monitoring of BCPs.

Communication is a daunting task! Even the Mateel vicinity is quite large and could benefit from the comprehensive integration of local knowledge with scientific information and a means of hands-on access in order to share it. Good potential exists for keeping nature

in the CNCB wild and free, but the dominance of private ownership calls for immense collaboration among land owners and many interest groups. We all have valuable experience and knowledge to contribute toward a regional conservation strategy. Our combined skills are greater than the individual effort any of us can exercise alone!

LEGACY is not a land trust organization. We recognize that conservation easements and acquisitions are very important in our region when arranged with land owners. A model with which private land owners can feel comfortable needs development and replication throughout the CNCB. Although a fair number of owners' land management practices may protect species vulnerable to human activities very well, perpetuity of that management is necessary. Legacy is here to work cooperatively with local conservation efforts in gathering and assimilating data, making recommendations, and implementing solutions.

Legacy has begun to compile a list of public lands within the CNCB that qualify for wilderness designation for a campaign to introduce a statewide wilderness bill in US Congress, and a companion bill for biodiversity protection of smaller areas. The campaign is called Wildlands 2000 (W2K) initiated by the California Wilderness Coalition (CWC). CWC is also conducting a long-term statewide campaign through The Wildlands Project (TWP) of North America. LEGACY is partnering with CWC on both ventures.

Your input will add places to the CNCB list to seek federal Land & Water Conservation Fund and other funding opportunities to "grow" small roadless areas to qualify as wilderness areas. These are places familiar to you where you might help arrange a willing sale or "stewardship" conservation easement. The California Watershed Coalition is creating a state Conservation Blueprint. It outlines scientific processes; identifies key partners and political support in the Resources Agency, State Legislature and the conservation community; and provides education for the public.

The State Senate Budget Subcommittee appropriated \$1 million for this effort and the companion Assembly subcommittee proposes \$2 million. When the joint Conference Committee works out the final budget bill, the Conservation Blueprint will be underway! 🌍

LEGACY's Arcata office will be glad to hear from you to discuss working together. Please contact us to help our CNCB list grow and keep people like you in the forefront to protect your home area.

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## Sharing Information

# Conservation Easements: WHAT, WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHY?

BY HERB SCHWARTZ

This article is the first in a series of articles intended to begin a dialogue in our community on land use – industrial, residential, social, and economic. This first article is intended to answer the “Ws” and provide a basic orientation on conservation easements.

Conservation easements are both simple and complex. They apply only to an individual landowner, yet impact everyone in the community. This article is the tip of the iceberg – everything discussed has a great deal of history and detail underneath it...social, economic and legal.

**WHAT IS AN EASEMENT?** It is an interest in the land of another which entitles the owner of the easement to a limited use of the other's land. Ownership is a bundled strand of different rights and responsibilities. An “interest” is a single strand in the ownership bundle. For example, in a road easement, the owner has given or sold to someone else an interest, a right to use the road.

**WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?** It is an easement (interest in the land of another) which the owner has given or sold to someone else to limit development. For example, in a conservation easement, the owner has given or sold to a qualified conservation recipient: the right to enforce restrictions on development of the land.

**WHO IS A “QUALIFIED CONSERVATION RECIPIENT?”** A qualified conservation recipient is a public agency or a non-profit land trust, or any non-profit that meets certain requirements detailed in the federal and state tax laws.

A qualified conservation recipient is necessary if the owner wants the tax benefits of a gift. A conservation easement can be sold for a price but then there is no income tax deduction. There is still a reduction in the value of the land because the owner has sold certain specifically described development rights. The owner has reduced the value of his/her estate that might be subject to federal estate tax when s/he dies. If it isn't sold or given to a “qualified conservation recipient” but to a specific person or entity, it isn't a “conservation easement” but it is still enforceable according to its term as an easement.

**WHEN DO YOU ESTABLISH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?** A conservation easement can be established at any time, including after you die. If you do it while you are alive, and it is qualified as a tax-deductible charitable gift, then you can get an income tax donation deduction. If it is a large donation relative to your income, you can extend the donation over a period of six years so you can deduct a portion of it every year.

**WHERE DO YOU ESTABLISH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?** The conservation easement can be established on an owner's land for many purposes: to maintain open space, save a historic land area or building, protect natural habitats of fish or wildlife, preserve land for outdoor education, etc. For example, the view across the Potomac River from the front steps of Mount Vernon has been protected by scenic easements donated to the National Park Service. The gardens down the most crooked street in San Francisco that snake down Telegraph Hill are protected by a conservation easement held by the City of San Francisco.

**WHY DO YOU ESTABLISH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?** Paradoxically, a conservation easement is created precisely because the land owner wants to maintain control over their property and protect the reasons why it was purchased. A conservation easement is a permanent and perpetual form of protection from development – whether it limits construction of structures, preserves a historic building, or limits and defines acceptable logging. It can be shaped to your needs. For example, with respect to timber harvesting, a forest protection easement can be written to define precisely the home and curtilage of the owner that is excluded from the easement and the precise kind of timber management practice that is consistent with sustainable ecosystem protection and enhancement. 🌍

*I would like to hear questions and comments and concerns from readers. Please email me at [herb@changemediation.com](mailto:herb@changemediation.com), or send snail mail to ChangeMediation, P O Box 370, Garberville, CA. 95542*



HEADWATERS FOREST. PHOTO GREG KING

# If Headwaters Forest is Saved, Then Why Will the Coho Salmon Go Extinct?

## THE HOLE IN HEADWATERS

BY JOSH BROWN

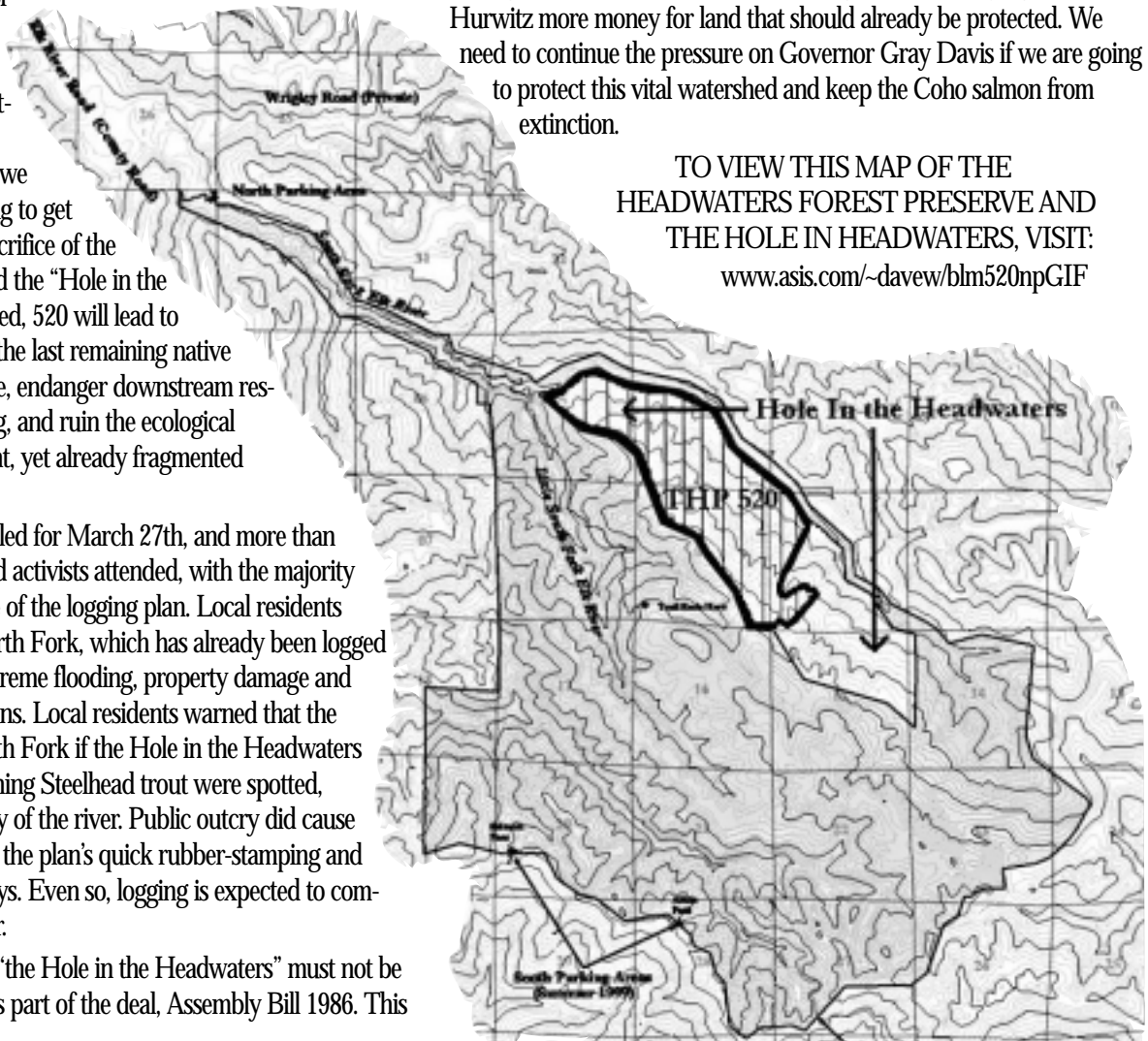
When the Headwaters Deal was finalized, the Headwaters Grove, Elk Head Springs Grove and a small buffer were acquired at the cost of more than \$480 million. Yet in a move that spoke purely of compromised political nature of the deal, an inholding downstream of the groves and upstream of much of the river corridor within the Preserve was traded to Maxxam/Pacific Lumber by Sierra Pacific. With the land transfer came THP 1-97-520, a logging monstrosity that would clearcut more than a square mile of forest on the South Fork of the Elk River, directly within the boundaries of the newly created Headwaters Preserve. No sooner did the Deal pass did we learn that Maxxam was trying to get quick approval of this first sacrifice of the Headwaters Deal, nicknamed the "Hole in the Headwaters Preserve." Logged, 520 will lead to the local extinction of one of the last remaining native Coho salmon runs in the state, endanger downstream residents with increased flooding, and ruin the ecological integrity of the very important, yet already fragmented Headwaters Forest Preserve.

An emergency rally was called for March 27th, and more than 120 community members and activists attended, with the majority hiking the 3 miles to the edge of the logging plan. Local residents spoke of the neighboring North Fork, which has already been logged out by Maxxam, creating extreme flooding, property damage and local extirpation of salmon runs. Local residents warned that the same fate will fall on the South Fork if the Hole in the Headwaters is logged. On the hike, spawning Steelhead trout were spotted, attesting to the life and vitality of the river. Public outcry did cause state officials to give pause to the plan's quick rubber-stamping and require further wildlife surveys. Even so, logging is expected to commence sometime this summer.

In the post-deal landscape, "the Hole in the Headwaters" must not be cut. One hope is in the State's part of the deal, Assembly Bill 1986. This

bill mandates that any state funds left over from the purchase of Owl Creek are to be used to acquire other lands in the South Fork of the Elk River and the Mattole, where thousands of acres of old-growth Douglas fir forest are on the chopping block. (Right now, the appraisal process to determine the value of Owl Creek had been rigged to pay Hurwitz the entire \$80 million, already allocated in the State budget, for Owl Creek alone.) Other options include legislative solutions or the long sought Debt-for-Nature swap (regarding Hurwitz's \$1.6 billion failed Texas Savings and Loan). It's stomach-churning to think of paying Charles Hurwitz more money for land that should already be protected. We need to continue the pressure on Governor Gray Davis if we are going to protect this vital watershed and keep the Coho salmon from extinction.

TO VIEW THIS MAP OF THE HEADWATERS FOREST PRESERVE AND THE HOLE IN HEADWATERS, VISIT:  
[www.asis.com/~davew/blm520npGIF](http://www.asis.com/~davew/blm520npGIF)



BY ANNE SEAQUIST

South of the greater Garberville area and the Avenue of the Giants, the terrain widens and views open. This place is Piercy. Less than 200 residents live in 100 square miles of mountain and forest, and ten watersheds drain into the South Fork of the Eel River. Nine of the creeks still host salmonid populations. To the east, west and south are 180,000 acres of very sparsely populated forest; 135,000 acres in timber production and 45,000 acres in protected forest, placing Piercy in the center of a vast potential of open space.

In 1996, Lancaster Logging literally moved into Piercy, trailing a history of conflict and destruction. At the same time there was rumor of an impending sale of 160 acres of BLM-managed ancient forest on McCoy Creek. Residents rallied and formed Piercy Watersheds Association (PWA).

As all forest crises and responses by human communities evolve, so did PWA. There were heroic efforts and a landmark legal victory. People gave generously of their time and money. A core group persisted and as necessity dictated, conceived for the target of destruction – the McCoy Creek acquisition plan. Our larger vision for a wildlife corridor stretches from 33055 acres of BLM's Management Area on Red Mountain in the east across McCoy Creek and Indian Creek to the 10,000-acre Sinkyone Wilderness State Park to the coast in the west. This is the natural low-gap wildlife migration route.

PWA found financing support to the amount of half a million dollars to be met with matching funds, and negotiated with Lancaster Logging to sell instead of cut the only remaining ancient forest on McCoy Creek. Lancaster's interest was piqued, and fate seemed on our side. The helicopter yarding company was all booked for the season too – no helicopters, no logging.

Pleas with Lancaster to sell were strengthened by concern as to whether a profit could even be made in cutting the forest. Then, in September 1998, disaster struck. A hole opened in Erikson Air Crane's schedule, and Lancaster jumped. Without proper notification, we only discovered the demise of the forest when helicopter company crews were seen in town. For weeks we watched as the logs were trucked from the landing down the mountainside. When the logs were tallied at the mill, it became apparent Lancaster had indeed landed in the hole. With either a BLM inaccurate timber cruise or missing logs, expenses and debt far exceeded Lancaster's profit. He filed for bankruptcy.

Lancaster's bankruptcy made the insanity of cutting an ancient forest even bleaker. The logging took place in September. On a gray afternoon in November, we hiked up the creek in eulogy. From the creek we could see only glimpses of the fallen forest. A two hundred-foot no-cut zone on the creek corridor had been apparently honored. In

## The Piercy Watersheds Association



McCoy Creek. PHOTO DAVID BERGIN.

what had been the densest forest in ravines filled with ancient firs uniformly 4-6 feet in diameter, the destruction was rampant. In other areas, the degree of damage approximated the aftermath of a forest fire. We offered our regrets and shed our tears before we fled homeward in the growing dark and raindrops.

What is an acquisition plan with the heart of the forest gone? It has taken months for us to regain our momentum. One jolt was a call in February from the American Land Conservancy (ALC) to visit. Our former adversary (they as note-holder sold the property to Lancaster) actually held forth the banner "new best friend." Perhaps ALC can be an ally of sorts. They filed foreclosure proceedings. Among their promises

is to write a grant proposal seeking restoration funds. With this potential grant and another in the works, our eyes, hearts and commitment are re-awakening.

The acquisition plan for the watershed remains the same, with one important quality gone. The North Fork of McCoy Creek no longer has an intact ancient forest. But McCoy Creek still has the wide variance of residual forest to cut forest, cobbled streambed to graveled streambed, intact luscious inner gorges to eroding slides— like all the human-impacted watersheds in the region. It is definitely still worth "saving."

The Trust for Wildland Communities has become involved in our efforts. The level of commitment is still being determined but we are thrilled to have found a conservancy that is willing to hold property or conservation easements in a wildlife corridor matrix. The Trust for Wildland Communities has funds to endow the conservation easements that they want to hold. PWA will continue to negotiate with owners on the parcels in the watersheds for which we have not yet reached agreement.

PWA's other goals are to establish and maintain an information base on the biological, geological, water quality, and other values in all the Piercy watersheds, and human impacts on those values. The surveys will create a baseline of data that otherwise is barely existent. We hope to see all the inner gorges of the creeks permanently protected and to restore anadromous fish habitat. To imagine a matrix of protected lands reaching from the BLM Red Mountain Management Area to the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, northward through the Mattole Ecological Preserve and the Kings Range returning eastward to Gilham Butte and the Humboldt Redwoods State Park is very exciting to us. What wonderful connectivity for our community!

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# THE Gienger REPORT...DIGGIN' IN

BY RICHARD GIENGER

I ended my last "Diggin' In" column with the exhortation, "We need a new process!" This new process is one that must be based on watershed conservation that supports a sustainable economy. Human nature, coupled with an ever-growing population and ever-diminishing resource base, makes it seem that the probability of achieving a new process is rather slim. It will obviously take stubborn persistence by enough people, with enough shared vision, to establish certain areas as viable models for watershed conservation and social/economic sustainability. If these models can be established successfully, then perhaps the models can and will be implemented over a much broader area. It's going to take a hell of a lot of "acting locally" for the establishment of successful working models.

Even though many, many people and organizations in this region have taken positive, pragmatic and/or emergency measures that work toward balance and conservation - there isn't enough shared vision and purpose yet to come up with an alternative model to the feudal/corporate model of Maxxam/Pacific Lumber or Georgia Pacific that gives people a real choice. Currently our choices are to work for a corporation, work for the government, or be an outlaw of sorts. There are various small business opportunities, but there really isn't an opportunity to live and work in the woods with some long-term viability and sanity. You can't make a living without traveling to 'wage-slave' it and/or be subjected to frequent periods of surveillance and oppression.

Many examples exist of communities working to achieve some necessities, ranging from achievements of the owner-built home/class K struggle, to Redwoods Rural Health Center, to a multitude of neighborhood volunteer fire departments and watershed associations, and protection for lands like Gilham Butte, Sinkyone Wilderness Coast, and parts of Headwaters Forest.

Numerous projects and programs exist to correct problems in damaged watersheds, from the California Conservation Corps (CCC), to efforts by non-profit watershed groups along the coast, in the major watersheds. Most are dependent on arduous preparation and chancy funding which can result in benefits to watershed problems and the project participants - but usually only result in a month or two of

employment, without the security of knowing which months that the project will operate. If it's a state funded non-profit project . . . sometimes it's so bad that people have put their homes up for collateral in order to make payroll to finish a project when the state is months behind in reimbursing invoices.

For about five years there has been an intensification of energy around the issue of our diminishing salmon and steelhead runs, mostly revolving around the listing of Coho salmon as endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Most state and industry energy has been spent either to try avoiding a listing or to prevent any significant changes in land use practices after the listing. The California Department of Forestry (CDF) and its continued chant, "The current Forest Practice Rules are adequate to protect Coho salmon," has been especially hard to take.

What should be a great, unified effort to heal damaged watersheds and recover the once-great salmon runs has devolved into bitter, intense and chaotic skirmishes over any small change or any 'chump change' that comes along for restoration. There are fights over returning water to the Eel River; fights over how to spend and administer federal funds; fights over whether or not logging on steep slopes increases sediment and temperature impacts on fish habitat; fights over disclosing basic information about watershed conditions; fights over protection standards for streams; fights between agencies over 'turf,' and on and on.

The states of Washington and Oregon, even though their forest practice rules have been thought to be far behind California's 'toughest rules in the world,' have expended far more energy to come to grips with the problem, at least acknowledging the importance of salmon. Their efforts are corrupted by the same forces that stonewall the process in California, but Washington's Governor called for and got a special legislative session to come to grips with the problem, and Oregon actually sent out high-ranking state officials to all the county fairs in the state to educate the public as to the situation and the kinds of changes that need to be made. Even though Washington's special session resulted in passage of a bill that is not the answer for protection and recovery of anadromous fisheries habitat and must be fought - they're taking it



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JUDI BARI. PHOTO TREES FOUNDATION ARCHIVES.

## Appeals Court Hears Bari Case


BY ALICIA LITTLEREE

On Thursday, April 15, 1999, supporters of Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney's civil rights lawsuit against the FBI and Oakland Police packed into the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. They came to witness oral arguments in the latest round of pretrial wrangling in the eight-year effort to bring the FBI and OPD to trial for trying to frame the Earth First! activists after unknown

assassins planted a motion-triggered pipe bomb beneath Bari's car seat. At issue was an appeal by the Oakland Police filed in December, 1997. The basis of Oakland's appeal was their contention that their officers had the right to rely on what they were told by the FBI, regardless whether the FBI lied, when they falsely arrested Judi and Darryl for transporting explosives. The testimony shows that, among other things, the FBI told OPD officers at the scene of the explosion that the bomb was on the back seat floorboard, when it was hidden beneath the driver's seat. According to the OPD, they had no obligation to question the FBI's obvious lies. But the Oakland Police were at the scene of the bombing, and when the FBI said the bomb was in the back seat, they

could see for themselves the hole that went right through the driver's seat. Because of this, there is no real doubt the court will rule in our favor and deny Oakland's immunity appeal. Oakland's appeal clearly has no merit, and it was most likely filed only to delay trial in this case. We expect the court will issue their written ruling in two to six months.

In the meantime, our legal team will be questioning ex-MAXXAM Corporation board member Stanley Rosenberg about a conversation he had with then FBI director William Sessions in June of 1990 regarding the "militancy of Earth First!." They are also set to question an FBI secretary about the renumbering of the FBI's bombing investigation file.

Our legal team continues to push on toward trial past the roadblocks set up by the FBI and Oakland Police. In their effort they have political support from the Redwood Summer Justice Project, and the financial support of community members who keep the effort moving forward with their contributions. Viva Judi Bari! Earth First! 

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOMBING OF JUDI BARI AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE FBI AND OAKLAND POLICE, VISIT OUR JUDI BARI WEBSITE AT <http://www.monitor.net/~bari> OR CALL Redwood Summer Justice Project AT (707)887-0262. OR WRITE TO: RSJP, P.O. BOX 14720, SANTA ROSA, CA 95402.

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seriously and are getting to the 'nitty-gritty' about conservation easements for permanent protection of riparian areas, special attention for the needs of small landowners, programs for replanting riparian areas (for federal lands anyway), and watershed assessments.


Oregon's attempt to not list Coho in much of the state, relying on assurances of some future adequate program and funding (that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) went along with), was thrown out in federal court as a result of action by a coalition of fisheries and environmental groups. We've gotten fairly adept at saying NO, but getting to where we can say YES is a very big problem.

We all have to insist, insist loudly, insist persistently, that our lawmakers and public agencies come up with a viable blueprint for watershed and fisheries recovery that benefit the resources and provide real, long term opportunities for people to be meaningfully employed or engaged in that effort. Right now, the state government is allocating funds for increased

state personnel for enforcement of the Forest Practices Act and Rules - that's only part of the picture. Right now state and federal officials are hassling with the restoration community over how restoration monies that may be available this year, may be spent.

Right now state officials are looking to make an essentially moribund government entity (consisting of some 36 state, federal, and local representatives) with no real authority, the "Biodiversity Council," into the forum for watershed and fisheries recovery in California. This group meets June 10, 1999 at Eagles Hall in Fort Bragg (scene of the famous off-shore oil drilling hearing). A half-day field trip is planned for somewhere around the Noyo River on the 9th. Call CDF's Karen Hirsh at 916-227-2661 for more information. Your presence or input in this will be vital in preventing another sham process. Stay tuned!

We all must demand, with even temper and persistence, of all our legislators, bureaucrats and local officials that they give the people - and the fisheries a positive plan for the future. This plan must engage our spirit and commit-

ment. People need to be employed in the multitude of tasks for the evaluation and repair of watersheds and fisheries habitat. Small businesses should be formed to further this effort. People need to be employed in real on-the-ground models for fisheries recovery and sustainable forestry. This means real outlay of money, materials, and training. The payment of the true cost of decades of over-extraction is due. Check it out: one bridge on some obscure highway can cost \$40 million -- and people are fighting over \$25 million of federal money for one year for watershed restoration in all of California's Coho country as if it's a big deal. State budget related discussions involve 100 billion dollars over 10 years for California's 'infrastructure' repair (roads). The infrastructure of streams that provide the clean, cool, and clear water for the lives of humans and salmon alike deserve similar attention. Speak up! Help out! 



## AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS UPDATE



JULIA BUTTERFLY HILLS HANGS A BANNER IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA. PHOTO: MICHAEL VAN BROEKHOVEN, JUNE, 1999.

### GREETINGS FROM THE BRANCHES OF LUNA

BY JULIA BUTTERFLY HILL

With the last-minute completion of the Headwaters Forest Agreement between Federal and State authorities and Pacific Lumber/ MAXXAM Corporation many people have been led to believe that the forest and environmental issues here on the North Coast are resolved. Others are trying to figure out exactly what to believe and how to separate truth from fiction and so-called science from actual biological needs for forest and watershed survival and integrity. In the midst of it all, I am still being asked, why am I still up here?

The Luna tree-sit continues, as does the work of many other activists, because the Headwaters Forest agreement is based on politics and profit instead of the true needs of all interconnected species. Under this deal, steep slopes and streams still lack necessary protection, Luna



BONNIE RAITT  
AND  
STEELWORKER  
JOHN  
GOODMAN  
ON THE HIKE  
TO LUNA.

and this hillside along with thousands of other acres just as magnificent and vital are slated to be destroyed, and devastating clear-cutting and subsequent herbicide spraying practices are locked into place for the next 50 years. There is also a

700-acre parcel known as the "Hole in Headwaters" (THP 520), that was traded to Pacific Lumber to log, seriously jeopardizing the health of the forest and the species that require it to be intact in order to survive.

On top of all of this, local communities are continuing to suffer devastation of water quality, air quality, and property value because of our government's refusal to address their needs and serious concerns in the final Headwaters agreement. Obviously, we still have much work to do.

We are continuing to call upon our legislative leaders to enact laws that will provide for the true sustainability of life for all species as well as to implement emergency rules for the areas that have been seriously impacted by the continuous and blatantly destructive logging practices here on the North Coast.

Please get involved NOW! We have the power to change our world. It is not an issue of whether or not can we make a difference. The truth is that we do make a difference. Everything we do, say and think shapes our reality. It is time that we join our bodies, minds, hearts, spirits, and voices and call for peace on the Earth and peace with the Earth. Please get involved in whatever ways you can, but please, do it now. The legacy of all life depends on it. Thank you. Love and Light, Julia Butterfly. 🌍



### FRIENDS OF THE EEL RIVER OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS

BY SUZELLE

Saturday, June 5th marked the opening celebration at the new headquarters of Friends of the Eel River on the north end of the main street of Garberville. In addition to a brief presentation on the Living Eel River Campaign, music, poetry, and river and fishery-related art were displayed in the new space.

Volunteers have focused on beautifying the space and making it an attractive and comfortable

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place to work, following the lead of Nandananda, prime energy mover. Nandananda has a gift for directing people's talents, skills, and other offerings toward meaningful projects to further the cause of returning the headwaters to the Eel River, a major step toward reestablishing the Eel River fish populations.

New neighbors have welcomed the good energy of FOER: Southern Humboldt Builders Supply gave us materials for the beautiful new sign, painted by Linda Wilson. Amy Shadwell has brought vibrant color in the form of spring flowers to the sunny front porch. Many people are already walking in with donations for our current campaign: to raise necessary funds for the study by internationally known experts on exactly how to go about bringing the river back to a state of vitality.

Volunteers Sharon Sullivan and Judy Van Horn are helping to organize the office: filing the many informational papers and answering the phones. Aside from some days which are spent at hearings, etc., outside the office, the doors are open five to seven days a week, generally from 10 am to 5 pm.

Since its formation, Friends of the Eel River has been focused on gathering legal and scientific data to support our stand: to decommission the Potter Valley Project and return all of the water to the Eel. The in-depth information assembled can now be readily accessed on our web site at [www.eelriver.org](http://www.eelriver.org), created for FOER by John Rogers of Lost Coast Computing. Watch for the June issue of the *Eel River Reporter*, which will highlight the important declarations made by river experts to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

We welcome watershed groups to use our large, conveniently located space for meetings. FOER headquarters are available for forums and workshops, and to be used as a research library and information center about the river and on-going restoration efforts. 🌱

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## EEL RIVER SALMON RESTORATION PROJECT

BY HARRY VAUGHN

The Eel River Salmon Restoration Project is busy! The new moon of May 15 marked salmon beginning their smolting process, getting ready for their journey to the estuary and then on into the ocean. We will soon be finished with marking the 22,000 Chinook salmon now growing in our small-scale natal broodstock hatchery. Local school children have been busy; releasing the salmon that they incubated, hatched and cared for back into Redwood Creek. We have also been splashing around in local creeks monitoring wild salmonid and amphibian populations.

During the first week in May the Eel River Salmon Restoration Project assisted the Eel River Watershed Improvement Group and the Institute for Sustainable Forestry in putting on the first-ever Creek Days Eel River Environmental Education Fair at Bull Creek in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. This successful event was coordinated by Americorps Watershed Stewards members Stuart McMorrow and Randy Turner, who have also been assisting each of our three groups this year. This five-day event was attended by more than 500 students, teachers and parents from Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties. Between their walks in the woods and splashing in the creek they learned about old growth forests, streams, fish biology, aquatic insects, erosion, wildlife, fire ecology and restoration techniques. The focus that these local students had concerning their natural environment offers hope for a sustainable future in the watersheds that we call home. 🌱

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## EPIC UPDATE

BY CYNTHIA ELKINS

EPIC and twelve other organizations submitted a formal notice of intent

to sue the California Resources Agency, the Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry for permitting logging operations that kill Coho salmon in violation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Logging operations have been permitted by the state on more than 150,000 acres of land within the range of the Coho since it was first listed as threatened under the ESA, and the notice contends that the rules governing these operations allow serious damage to occur to Coho habitat. The notice gives state officials 60 days to correct the violations and protect the Coho as the law requires, or else EPIC and others will seek justice for the Coho in Federal court.

The Sierra Club and EPIC also filed a lawsuit on March 30, challenging Pacific Lumber Company's Sustained Yield Plan and the state-level permits which authorize the killing of endangered species. These documents were approved on March 1 as part of the recently completed "Headwaters Deal." The lawsuit points to serious biological and legal problems with the plan and permits and claims that state agencies ignored evidence that this legalized killing might drive at least one of California's native species, the marbled murrelet, to extinction. 🌱

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## Keeping Abreast

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES, NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

### THE ECOLOGICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION EDUCATION PROGRAM (Eco-PREP)

BY PATRICK OLIVER

This group is a collective of environmental educators that provide forty students at Humboldt Bay High School in Eureka, CA, with a curriculum that focuses on salmonid biology, watershed restoration, and career opportunities in natural resources. Eco-PREP offers an interactive approach to environmental education by providing students with field trips, slideshows, reading and writing projects, and by bringing natural resource professionals into the classroom. Field trips have included a visit to the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) hatchery in Blue Lake; students not only planted trees along the Mad River, but also took steelhead trout eggs back to their classroom where the fish were successfully raised! Eco-PREP educators and students also visited the Freshwater Farms Native Plant Nursery in Freshwater: this field trip focused on native plant propagation techniques, and was covered on the front page of the Eureka Times-Standard as well as by the Channel 6 television news. We also traveled to the the Manila Dunes where students worked with California Conservation Corps (CCC) members to remove non-native plant species that threaten this delicate ecosystem. Eco-PREP educators also brought students to the Prairie Creek State Park for a look at ancient forests and salmonid restoration efforts. The end of this school year was capped by a day-long rafting trip down the Trinity River.

Eco-PREP works to create partnerships between local private industry, governmental agencies, and community groups to benefit North Coast students by introducing them to career opportunities in natural resources. We work with professionals from the AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project, EPIC, the Simpson Timber Company nursery, the Institute for Sustainable Forestry (ISF), the California Conservation Corps (CCC), and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. 🌍

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### NMFS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY AGREE TO KILL PINNIPEDS

BY KEN MILLER

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has unanimously agreed with NMFS that seal and sea lion predation on salmon stocks is a crime that can be punished by death, because salmon populations have dwindled to the point at which they cannot sustain further impacts without threatening their very existence. The Supervisors' acknowledgement of the high probability of salmon extinction is laudable.

However, killing pinnipeds, the natural predators of salmon, will not fix the problem. It only gives us a new target to blame rather than addressing the real issue, which is the industrial logging-caused destruction of the ecosystem that once provided us all with an abundance of food, shelter, and rearing habitat. The Supervisors have steadfastly refused to become involved in either Timber Harvest Plans or forest herbicide issues, passing the buck to the state and federal authorities. Yet the NMFS plan draws their unanimous support, and points the blame for the disappearing salmon to another victim of logging gone mad, neatly ignoring the fact that logging and related activities is the primary cause of the death of our watersheds and their inhabitants.

### NORTH COAST EARTH FIRST!

BY JOSH BROWN

North Coast Earth First! resistance to the Headwaters Deal has been ongoing throughout the spring. The beginning of March found us hanging banners and packing public hearings in Sacramento, while dozens of people crossed the line at Fischer Gate in Humboldt County to oppose the Deal and call attention



BANNER HUNG IN SACRAMENTO BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE DEAL. CLIMBERS ARE PRIYA AND SOMA. PHOTO JASON OWL

to the areas left to be sacrificed to MAXXAM'S chainsaws.

Other THP monitoring by Earth First!ers has been ongoing in the Mattole watershed (another sacrifice zone) and a constant vigil has been maintained by NCEF! on Gypsy Mountain, where EF! activist David Chain was murdered by Pacific Lumber faller A.E. Ammons on September 17th, 1998. As we move into summer we will no doubt host more basecamps, and organize further direct action to focus public attention to the fact that compromise politics and the bottomline of Charles Hurwitz's greed is still the order of the day.

Earth First!, other environmental groups and downstream landowners are working to protect the area that Maxxam plans to log in THP 520 (see page 4, "If Headwaters is Saved, Then Why Will the Coho Go Extinct?"). EF! will host a series of hikes to the THP 520 area, also known as the "Hole in Headwaters."

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GYPSY FREE STATE. PHOTO LORI SISMONDO

## Keeping Abreast

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES, NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS continued...

### AMID PONDEROUS MARBLED WHEELS – A PEPPER SPRAY UPDATE

BY NOEL TENDICK

The slow, soul-withering violence of the legal system grinds its ponderous marbled wheels while we dance defiance, lodging our protests in its gaping maw and escaping before it consumes us as well. What began when Humboldt County sheriffs brutalized nine peaceful demonstrators in three incidents by smearing pepper spray into our eyes has been transmogrified into abstraction woven in reams of legal papers. The jury in our trial deadlocked last summer, and our chance to argue the case to a new jury was preemptively aborted when U.S. District Court Judge Walker threw the case out on summary judgment.

So we climb a few steps higher in the halls of justice and walk through the doors of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals with our heavy appellate brief. Earthlaw, a firm in Colorado headed by Mark Hughes, and our trusty companion and attorney extraordinaire Brendan Cummings, have entered a long battle to see reversed Walker's summary judgment and the qualified immunity decision. All briefs from plaintiffs and defendants will be filed with the 9th Circuit by the end of June. An appearance for oral arguments will occur late summer/early autumn. We hope for a decision by the end of the year and to return to trial sometime after that.

The courts are designed to suck up unfathomable amounts of time, energy, resources, and hope, but we plaintiffs have been able to carry on the fight elsewhere as well. We spoke on the 'Police Brutality for Corporate Profit' panel with other survivors of police brutality at the LAW Conference in Eugene, Oregon. We have made presentations to college students and elementary school students, teaching them songs of resistance and inspiring in them the commitment to protecting the Earth. *Fire in the Eyes*, a documentary by HAVC of the Humboldt pepper spray incidents of 1997 and 1998, has reached thousands of people. We connected with other groups across the country who have suffered at the hands of law enforcement and who wage their own struggles for the Earth.

We have opposed the institutionalization of police pepper spray brutality contained within the Crowd Management and Civil Disobedience Guidelines drafted by the California commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). Petition signatures, letters, and phone calls have sped their way to POST to demand that the report, which legitimizes police brutality, be rejected. This report contributes to the increasing nationwide trend of chemical weapon use to punish peaceful people, particularly activists. We have requested that POST produce a report critiquing police tactics based on pain compliance, pepper spray, excessive charges, and other forms of repression that offers law enforcement methods to respectfully facilitate the expression of civil rights (e.g., mandatory nonviolence trainings).

Whatever the result of our legal and grassroots actions, we continue to demand vindication for the brutality against not only we nine plaintiffs, but for all of those who have been assaulted for expressing their beliefs, for those who will one day speak out and stand up, and most importantly for the Earth and all beings.

Great thanks to all those who have given donations to us in the past. 🌱



### YOUR PHOTO HERE...

Last year Trees Foundation produced our first Annual Report. One of the most popular features was the photo collage that pictured many hard-working North Coast activists. Trees Foundation is once again looking for photos to reproduce on the pages of our upcoming 1998-1999 report...mug shots, work shots, banner shots, restoration shots. We want this collage to represent the broad range of interests and methods that characterize the collective efforts of our community. Please send (or drop off) photos, slides or negs to Trees Foundation clearly marked with the sender's name and phone number, no later than July 1, 1999. Photos will be credited if you submit the information. Give us your mug!

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## NEW AFFILIATES AND FISCALLY SPONSORED PROJECTS

The Trees Foundation Board and staff formally welcome our new Affiliate Organizations and fiscally sponsored projects. We are honored to add them to the network of grassroots forest organizations that we serve, and we look forward to working together.

### Human Nature




Human Nature has been producing theater and dance about critical environmental, political and social issues since 1985. The company is founded on the belief that theater, and especially musical comedy, offers a unique capacity to help reconcile human culture to

the natural world, especially if it does not flinch from taking on potentially divisive issues with studiously even-handed humor.

Musical comedy attracts people by its capacity for fun and, at its best, for exaltation. Add to that capacity the moorings of real content and an urgency to promote transformations necessary to society's survival, and a potent tool emerges. Imagine, if you will, an equivalent of a shamanic healing ritual couched in the chutzpah, bawdiness and exhilaration of Broadway musical comedy. Human Nature has tried to create a theatrical form that can merge the earthy with the profound, the popular with the politically astute.

Human Nature's first full-scale musical, *Queen Salmon*, was based on the often-painful real-life efforts of diverse residents of the remote Mattole Valley to come together to try to save their Chinook, or 'king,' salmon runs.


The show was a great hit throughout the Pacific Northwest, gaining accolades for conveying complex ecological and social realities through hard-hitting humor and powerful songs. A scathing musical comedy critique of Clinton-era environmental politics called *The Wolf at the Door* followed. Based on the reintroduction of wild wolves back into Yellowstone National Park, this show toured throughout the United States and in Europe and was performed by invitation in 1997 in Istanbul, Turkey before an audience of environmental leaders from 42 countries.

Company founders Jane Lapiner and David Simpson have been collaborating since the mid-1960's when they met as members first of the San Francisco Mime Troupe and then of the social self-help activist family soul-group known as the Diggers. They were participants, also, in first efforts to establish the intellectual underpinnings of a North American bioregional movement in 1973-75. They moved to Humboldt County in 1970. David helped establish the Mattole Salmon Group, the Mattole Restoration Council and the Institute for Sustainable Forestry. (Human Nature is based in Petrolia, California.) 

### The Circle of Life Foundation



The Circle of Life Foundation is a newly created organization formed by Julia Butterfly Hill. It is an Affiliate organization and fiscally sponsored project of the Trees Foundation. Circle of Life's long-term mission is to provide a foundation to work with people across the world in developing a sustainable culture of life on Earth


that is rooted deeply in love and respect for the interconnectedness of all life. This mission has emerged from Julia's experience of living 180 feet up in a redwood tree, Luna, in what has become the longest tree occupation in U.S. history. Julia has inspired and mobilized people from all walks of life to take action and show their commitment to these goals. Circle of Life operates as Julia's on-the-ground organizing and support base, providing the public with updated information about the Luna tree-sit and helping her to bring international attention to the plight of our world's forests. 

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### Citizen Forest Watch

CFW is an ad hoc group developing a timber harvest plan monitoring and wildlife detection manual. Our manual, "Fundamentals of Groundtruthing," will outline our program for our volunteer Citizen's Monitoring Project. Citizen Forest Watch will teach participants to spot indicator species, and organize field surveys to augment the often-insufficient work of the government agencies assigned to these responsibilities. Volunteers in this program will be trained to participate in the process of THP inspection and review, submit comments, and inform community members of pending local THPs. 



## From the Trees Foundation...

# Donor Advised Program *update*

In the last issue of *Branching Out*, we introduced an exciting new service at Trees: our Donor Advised Program. The goal of the Donor Advised Program is to get organizations funded by providing information about Affiliates and fiscally sponsored projects to foundations and individual donors. Although the program is still in its infancy, it has already enabled us to distribute nearly \$100,000 to Affiliate and ad-hoc groups! Trees Foundation extends many thanks to the Cereus Fund for working with us to develop the Donor Advised Fund and policies - and for generous support to so many deserving efforts.

Like Trees Foundation itself, there are many individual donors and foundations that support the organizations and individual activists that work for the protection of the North Coastal California forest ecosystem. Through the umbrella of the Trees Foundation, potential donors can receive information about the North Coast's many environmental groups while dealing with only one liaison: one-stop shopping for grantmakers.

We have developed the Donor Advised Program with the intent that it grow into an ongoing service at Trees Foundation. A Donor Advised Fund policy has been developed to facilitate the distribution of funding from the larger donor to the many small groups. We encourage those interested in this program to give us a call to request a copy of our policy or to talk with us at (707) 923-4377.

## SB 271 Grant Guidelines Available

As a service to local watershed organizations, Trees Foundation makes available the guidelines for SB 271 watershed restoration funds. This state granting program is managed by the California Department of Fish and Game and makes public funds available for planning and assessment as well as on- the-ground improvements for salmonid-bearing streams in our region. The next funding cycle deadline is February 2000. Now is the time to consider applying for a planning or improvement grant in your watershed, organize your watershed association, build up landowner support for restoration work, and attend skill-building workshops to bring the salmon home. 🌍

## Changes in the Trees Staff

# Turning New Leaves

*Honoring Trees' Transitions*



For nearly two years, Trees Foundation has been implementing new programs for North Coast forest activists. We have been blessed with a core group of dedicated and visionary people to plan and carry out work including technical and GIS support, organizational development, events, campaign and activity development, fundraising assistance, skill-building workshops, public event support and, of course, the production of your newsletters, brochures, maps, flyers, posters and other outreach materials. We have helped people to plan, carry out and publicize their work, gain financial support, and achieve their goals. Trees Foundation has been proud and happy to assist the many people working to protect our beautiful home. Now, for a brief time, the face of Trees is changing.

Tryphena Lewis, who stepped in and made the Affiliate Support program such a success, has taken a leave of absence to work closely with Julia Butterfly and the Circle of Life Foundation. Nancie FourWaters and Scott

LaMorte are both also taking a leave of absence through this summer. They're taking a much-needed vacation to tour Europe. We expect all three back at Trees by the beginning of September. Fiona Burgess is now our Design Coordinator and Media Designer. Bay Montera has moved from Administrative Coordinator to Development Coordinator, and Kate Crockett is now devoting her time to Affiliate development advising and assistance, writing and editing. Anne Seaquist is our new Affiliate Support Coordinator. Lori Sismondo has come on board as Administrative Coordinator and Media Project Coordinator, and Francine Allen joins the team as our Administrative Assistant. Michael Eastwood joins us for Technical support internally, and plans to expand outward to aid our Affiliates as summer progresses. He will be focusing on work on the Trees web page.

We are also pleased to introduce you to our two new Board members, Mary Giardino and Susy Barsotti, who join Suzette Nyokka, Chivo Fellion, Kevin Bundy, and Tryphena Lewis in guiding the growth and vision of Trees Foundation. Welcome! (and come back soon, you three!) 🌍

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## HUMBOLDT WATERSHED COUNCIL DATES

Wednesdays, June 30 and July 14, 28

### HUMBOLDT WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETINGS

6pm-9pm. Liu's Oriental Cafe, 4th and D Streets, Eureka.  
Come meet residents of many Humboldt watersheds and help  
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Call the Humboldt Watershed Council at 443-7433 for details.

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### "WATERSHED EVENTS"

ON ACAT (ARCATA PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL), CHANNEL 12  
SUNDAYS (DEBUTS) AND THURSDAYS (REPEATS) 9PM-10PM  
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### WATERSHED COUNCIL'S WEEKLY TV PROGRAM

Tune in for the Humboldt Watershed Council's weekly TV  
program featuring watershed residents speaking at public hearings,  
other prominent meetings, educational videos on watershed protec-  
tion and restoration, and more. You just may find yourself a  
"Watershed Events" star!

CALL THE HUMBOLDT WATERSHED COUNCIL AT  
(707) 443-7433 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES WITH SANCTUARY FOREST

Sanctuary Forest, Inc. invites North Coast residents and visitors to  
explore the beauty of a temperate rain forest and learn about the  
Mattole River headwaters ecosystem. Currently, 3,500 acres of forest  
lands are protected, including seven salmon and steelhead bearing  
tributary streams. The ancient forests of the Mattole headwaters con-  
tain unique and diverse plant life that support a wide variety of animal  
species.

This summer, Sanctuary Forest is offering a variety of interpretive  
hikes with specific ecological themes guided by volunteer docents and

guest expert leaders. Open-topic hikes will be offered on the second  
Saturday of every month this season.

The hikes vary from easy (E), moderate (M), to rigorous river to  
ridge top explorations (R). Although no fee is required for these  
activities, participants are given the opportunity to make a donation to  
support ongoing work in the reserve. We are limiting the number of  
people at each event to ensure the best experience for everyone, and  
the forest. For more information and to make required advance reser-  
vations, contact Sanctuary Forest at 707-986-1087.

### INTERPRETIVE DAY HIKE SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 1999

- NATIVE HERB WALK - Nancy Peregrine (E) • Sun. June 20
- STREAM ECOLOGY HIKE - Stuart McMorro (M) • Wed. June 23
- PLANT AND LICHEN IDENTIFICATION HIKE - Darrell Wright (R) • Sat. June 26
- WATER HIKE - Terry Roelofs & Margaret Lang (M) • Wed. June 30
- MORNING BIRD WALK - Helen & Alan Ridley (E) • Wed. July 14
- FOREST ECOLOGY HIKE - Tim Metz & Steve Horner (M) • Sat. July 17
- MATTOLE SALMON GROUP STREAM RESTORATION HIKE -  
Gary "Fish" Peterson & Ray Lingel (R) • Sat. July 31
- GEOLOGY HIKE - Tom Brundage (M) • Sat. August 28
- RESTORATION FORESTRY HIKE - Tim Metz (R) • Sun. September 12
- NAMING CEREMONY • Sat. September 18
- SECOND SATURDAY FOREST WALK (OPEN TOPIC) • Sat. August 14, September 11

# T H E B A C K P A G E

PUBLIC FORUM

## the HOLE in the HEADWATERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

at the

HOTEL ARCATA

7:30-9:30 pm

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**Elk River residents,  
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Video and Photos of the  
"Hole in Headwaters"  
and more.**

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## HEADWATERS ACTION VIDEO COLLECTIVE presents **TREE-SIT**

A new film is nearing completion about the modern-day struggle to save the redwoods. It will highlight the heroic marathon tree-sits of Julia Butterfly Hill and other forest activists. One of our videos, "*LUNA-The Stafford Giant Tree-Sit*" has been shown all over the US and the world as a grassroots organizing tool. LUNA featured some of the first footage of Julia Butterfly to be seen by the world. The new film is being made for the same reason that Julia has stayed up in the tree: to raise public awareness and prompt action to halt ecological destruction. People from all walks of life have been inspired by the creative acts of civil disobedience that people have undertaken in the Headwaters issue and the Luna tree-sit. We hope to inspire and motivate even more people with this next film/video.



### "Tree-Sit" Includes:

- THE ECOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL HISTORY THAT SETS THE SCENE.
- CLIPS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKING ABOUT NON-VIOLENCE AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.
- HOW CHARLES HURWITZ AND MAXXAM RAIDED AND LOOTED PACIFIC LUMBER AND THE REDWOODS.
- BACKGROUND ON THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE HEADWATERS FOREST.
- NATURE IN ITS PRISTINE STATE - ALONG WITH THE DEVASTATION OF CLEARCUTS.
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- INTERVIEWS WITH JULIA BUTTERFLY AND MANY OTHER TREE-SITTERS.
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- A LOOK AT THE SUPPORT TEAMS THAT HELP SUSTAIN THE MARATHON TREE-SITS.
- THE EQUINOX/100<sup>TH</sup> DAY LUNA RALLY AT WHICH MICKEY HART LED A DRUM CIRCLE ATOP THE HILL NEXT TO LUNA.
- A COLLAGE OF MEDIA COVERAGE THAT SPOTLIGHTED JULIA AND THE FOREST ISSUE.
- HOW POLICE USE PEPPER SPRAY UPON NON-VIOLENT PROTESTERS.
- THE UNITED STEELWORKERS ON STRIKE AGAINST MAXXAM IN SOLIDARITY WITH ENVIRONMENTALISTS.
- WHY THE HEADWATERS DEAL WAS A BAD DEAL.
- WHY THE STORY AND THE STRUGGLE ARE NOT OVER YET!!

For the past four years, producer James Ficklin has been involved in forest activism and provided video support and video witnessing for the Headwaters Forest campaign.

*Tree-Sit* will be a broadcast quality film/video production, approximately one hour in length. Our intended audience will be PBS and cable TV viewers, schools, colleges and the grass roots network of environmental and social justice activist groups. We are looking for sponsors for our new film. Sponsors will be thanked in the credits!

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