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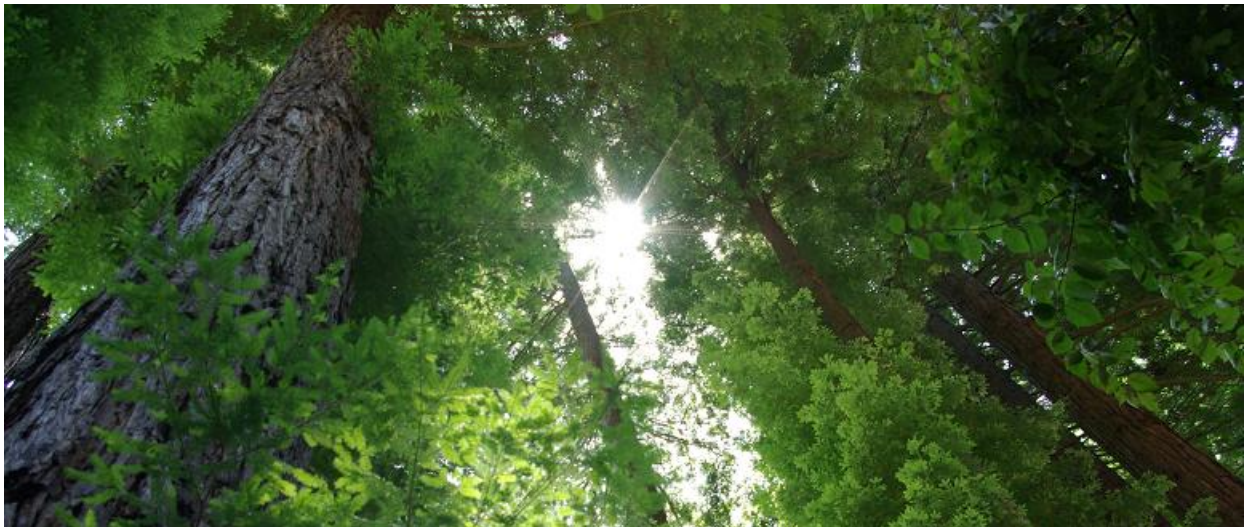
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BOHEMIAN GROVE LOGGING PLAN: Call for Comment

July 2007—Limited Time Remaining for Public Action/Demand for Environmental Oversight



Monte Rio, July 1, 2007: Over a year ago, San Francisco's Bohemian Club applied to the CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for approval of a plan (1-06NTMP-011SON) to double the rate of logging at the Bohemian Grove outside Monte Rio to **more than one million board feet per year**. Once approved, this timber-harvesting plan would allow logging the entire property every 15 years in perpetuity with no further public review-- ever. **The TIME IS NOW to take action by submitting your own much-needed public comments regarding this massive logging project!**

Why should the public care about the Bohemian Grove? The 2700-acre Grove is **one of the largest unprotected stands of mixed old growth and mature second growth redwood forest within 70 miles of the Golden Gate Bridge, five times larger than Muir Woods**. It is a rare and relatively undisturbed refuge of redwood forestland along the Russian River and is important habitat for numerous species of fish and wildlife. It represents a magnificent opportunity for redwood forest restoration. **For nearby residents the stakes are unquestionably high as the scope of this logging plan can potentially affect landslide geology, reduce drinking water quality, and cause more local flooding along with the increase in traffic, dust, and noise that timber harvests always bring.**

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Due to serious issues raised by state agencies, environmental groups, many experts and members of the public, the plan has been stalled in the administrative process and is still open for public comment. **This poorly conceived plan can still be stopped. If after reading this flyer you are concerned, please write:**

CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attn: Forest Practice 1-06NTMP-011SON
135 Ridgway Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov

Bohemian Club
Board of Directors
624 Taylor St.
San Francisco, CA 94102-1075

Here are some opinions about the logging plan from experts:

“The proposed activities under 1-06NTMP 06-011SON are exactly the opposite of what is needed for recovery of fish and wildlife in western Sonoma County and the lower Russian River.”

-- Patrick Higgins, consulting fisheries biologist

“This plan for the Bohemian Grove timber harvest is a hard industrial model – removal of slower growth trees, removal of “competing” non-conifer trees, herbicide use to enforce stand composition changes, maximization of growth and harvest and development of a heavy-use permanent road system.”

-- Don Erman, Professor Emeritus of Ecology, UCD

“It strikes me that the advice being given to the landowner committee and the RPF (forester) is outdated, out of touch with current scientific literature regarding coastal redwood ecology and will be responsible for a shift in management direction that is completely out of sync with the stated desired goals.”

--Gregory A Guisti, forest advisor, UC Cooperative extension

The Bohemian Club has rationalized the necessity to double the already destructive rate of logging at the Grove on the basis of fire hazard reduction, but again, forestry experts disagree with this motive:

“This is clearly a logging project, not a project to reduce fire hazard. It is only when these forests are thinned and light openings are present in the canopy that flammable shrubs and tanbark oak can invade these stands. As a result, fire intensity, the spread rate of fire, and flame lengths will be much higher after timber harvest than if these stands were left in their natural state.”

--Philip Rundel, Distinguished Professor of Biology,

UCLA

The Bohemian Club further states that it is pursuing this logging program to recreate the “historic forest” on the property. However, the plan admits that the resulting forest will be dominated by younger trees of 16-24 inches in diameter and 24-32 inches in diameter. Anyone who has taken a walk in Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve outside Guerneville, a 10-minute drive from the Bohemian Grove, will recognize that this description of recreating the “historic forest” is a myth.

The Department of Fish and Game wrote about this plan: “Contiguous stands of larger (and older) trees will be reduced in size and become highly fragmented...”

With your help, we can stop this plan. Please write now to protect the Bohemian Grove from further commercial logging!

Sponsored by the Bohemian Redwoods Rescue Club, a project of Forest Unlimited. For further information or questions about making public comment in this matter, and/or to send contributions that will help defray legal expenses relating to public oversight of the Bohemian Grove proposed logging plan, please contact John Hooper (see top of bulletin for contact information).