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## State Parks Completes Acquisition Of Redway Parcel in Humboldt County

REDWAY, Humboldt County – California State Parks today announced its acquisition of a heavily-wooded, 581-acre parcel overlooking the community of Redway and the south fork of the Eel River.

Purchase of the parcel from the Pacific Lumber Company (PALCO) adds to State Parks' existing forested holdings in the area, as well as addresses efforts by local residents to preserve the property.

The property is adjacent to State Parks' John B. Dewitt Redwoods State Reserve, and contains stands of Douglas fir and redwood, including some old growth redwood. The new land will be managed in the same manner as surrounding state property. Steve Horvitz, Eel River Sector Superintendent will have management responsibility.

The acquisition was made with the assistance of the Save-the-Redwoods League. The purchase price was \$2.5 million, paid for with Proposition 40 parks bond funds. Escrow was closed on the property Thursday.

"Save-the-Redwoods League is very pleased to have worked with PALCO, the State and the local community to secure permanent preservation of these forestlands, expanding the protection of the beautiful ancient redwoods of Whittimore Grove and John B. Dewitt State Reserve," said Kate Anderton, Executive Director and Secretary of the League.

Robert Manne, President and CEO of PALCO, said, "The Pacific Lumber Company is pleased to once again complete a transaction with our neighbors in the state park that provides additional valuable parkland while at the same time provided fair compensation to our company."

Ruth Coleman, Acting Director of California State Parks, called the purchase "important for the people of California and the people of Humboldt County."

"Community groups have worked toward this day for years, and today we are proud to help them see their efforts come to fruition," Coleman said.