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National Park Service Presents Grant For Addition to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park

Save-the-Redwoods League Provides Added Funding to Complete Deal

WHO: Jonathan B. Jarvis, National Park Service's (NPS) Pacific West Regional Director, Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks and Ruskin Hartley, Executive Director of the Save-the-Redwoods League.

WHAT: Jarvis, Coleman, and Hartley will meet in the newest addition to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park to celebrate the purchase and transfer of this unique 307 acre tract of land. Jarvis and Coleman will present a \$900,000 check from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to Hartley, who has combined this generous contribution with the League's own private funds and significant support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to purchase this property of chaparral, pine, evergreen and redwood. Hartley will present the land deed to Coleman. The land, worth \$2.5 million, will be integrated into the state park with the creation of trails and facilities.

The federal LWCF program provides matching grants to states and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate private investments in the protection and maintenance of public lands across the U.S.

Save-the-Redwoods League is a non-profit organization which has been dedicated to purchasing and protecting ancient forests since 1918. With donations from members, the League has protected over 177,000 acres of forestland in 57 California parks and reserves. More than 6 out of 10 acres of redwoods in California State Parks have been protected thanks to the League's efforts.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 19, 2007. Ceremony to begin at 10:45 a.m., additional information below.

WHERE: Two options for press:

1. Shuttles departing from the Henry Cowell State Park day-use parking area (101 N. Big Trees Road, Felton, CA 95018) at 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for drop-off at the entrance

of ceremony site and an interpreter guided return hike back to park headquarters to be followed by a hosted picnic lunch.

2. Meet across from parking lot at Juvenile Hall Community School (3650 Gram Hill Road, Felton, CA 95018) at 10:45 a.m. for a guided ¼ mile walk to the ceremony site. Parking available in Juvenile Hall Community School lot.

VISUALS: Jarvis, Coleman and Hartley will stop at the promontory to make brief comments on the unique features of the transferred property and the importance of the multi-agency partnership that made the project possible. The project partners will exchange the \$900,000 LWCF check and property deed. The unique landscape of the property offers stunning views of the city of Santa Cruz, redwood forest, sand hills and striking visual examples of the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in preparing the land for public use. Approximately 60 supporters and partners will be in attendance for the ceremony and celebration.

MORE INFO: There will be a ¼ mile walk to the vista peak for an 11 a.m. event led by State Park Superintendent Dave Vincent. A picnic lunch will begin after a short hike to park headquarters with Save-the-Redwoods League staff and members, Jarvis, Coleman, Hartley, and Vincent.

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