All of us must be aware and working more together right now...

To stop U.S. Navy planned war games for weapons testing off our coasts, deliberately allowing the extermination of 11.7 million mammals over the course of 5 years, a program initially permitted under Bush and continued under Obama,

We ask, how could this have been proposed, let alone reached this level and about to happen, where the public comment period is coming to an end Nov. 30, 10', without allowing input on the most recent and worst of weaponry to be tested. All this in the hands of government officials who simply find it "normal" to use terms like "mitigations" (more mild, softening, to soothe) as if to alleviate unimaginable losses, the word "take" rather than "kill" to rationalize the massive extent of these exterminations of species life.

War exercises along 122,400 nautical miles of air, surface, and subsurface space in Northern California, Oregon, and Western Washington, Idaho, called the the Northwest Training Research Complex (NWTRC). These war games include "a total of 7,588 sorties...[of] fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles ("drones"), and naval vessels conducting exercises for 6,940 hours"... for each of the next five years.
This means the worst of consequences to marine mammals, fish and birds, in the very midst of the most precious of their national marine sanctuaries, marine reserves, biologically sensitive marine habitats...no longer to be protected by any government agency at this time including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

This has got to sound alarmist, but it's simply the reality of what these weapons testing mean.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDnTcbxnLHM&feature=player_embedded
(see other sources at bottom)

This, only the latest update on this massive issue of Naval testings, suppressed by this government's refusal to initially broadcast such information where it would be most noticed, first announcing in the smallest communities they could find in northern California, Oregon, and Washington...avoiding the big cities.

The Agricultural Defense Coalition of Mendocino was among the first to discover, read the volumes of the report and decipher the extraordinary impact of what the Navy planned. Activists began reaching out to larger newspapers, TV stations to have it broadcasted, but were turned down, for months... thus forced to continue on the phone and begin travelling to surrounding population centers and walking it through, knocking on doors of environmental groups, bringing it to the attention of Boards of Supervisors and others involved in government... anyone they felt might be able to understand the scope of this and help stop it!

(NRDC) National Resources Defense Council, finally took it on, but their legal suit covered only a portion of sonar effects. That suit was settled and NRDC was sidelined and legally bound not to take on this larger case of weaponry being used. Thus their legal work is not of any use in this larger picture of ocean weapons testing, beyond sonar, while their presence in the public eye has led many people to feel all this has been covered.

Activists are still attempting to inspire further legal work and build an extensive coalition of those who hear this message. This has included reaching out further to native tribes, environmental groups and caring peoples everywhere who acknowledge this madness and step up!

We're not simply asking for delay, but an abrupt stop to this madness.

In the state of Washington, the Navy talked with Indian tribes and it became obvious the tribes had been deceived by the concessions they
had made for allowing the tests to proceed, only lately becoming aware of the greater consequences of all this.

A look at governments way of speaking:
In one breath they say; The Navy requests authorization to "take" (kill) individuals of 32 species of marine mammals….and when confronted with this we hear them reply: "nothing of consequences is happening . . . and how . . . people have "misperceptions", . . stating how their safety measures "will reduce the number of animals affected". Still not in the loop, is the impact of their newest arsenal of weapons of 'shock and awe'… and how the Navy acknowledges some testing is highly classified therefore the tests will not be shared with the public, at all. We always face the curtain drawn by "national security" of anything deemed "highly classified".

We're told sonar will not be used if marine mammals are spotted near training. But a good proportion of the public, including a great many children in school, already know the least of sonar effects are immediately felt by these great mammals even hundreds of mile away. The Navy plans to test sonar weapons with such extreme intensity as "to deafen whales, but..."their hearing eventually is (expected) to return" we're told.

Volumes of public rage over these plans seemed to have been heard back in 09; and Navy plans, we were told, would be re-evaluated, yet the present plans suggest nothing whatsoever has changed, assuring no protection, nor even making mention of their newest most devastating weapons to be tested, mostly re-tested . All this brought into the plans only recently and never part of what should have been open to public comment!

This is not all. A whole other dimension of this is the inclusion of air bombardments in the summary of what will happen, with testings going on across several states,. . . overhead and targeting parts of Idaho.

According to Navy Public Relations Officer Sheila Murray the United States Navy is already conducting warfare testing programs throughout the United States.

Finally, the EIS Socioeconomics segment concludes, "the Proposed Action would result in no significant impacts. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required."

That's it! And that's why this message is in our hands now

We are not being asked, but simply led through formal procedures,
then told what power will do.

A final ROD (Rule of Decision) was issued on October 25, 2010, to proceed forward despite thousands of filings with them against taking this action. No National Marine Sanctuaries, biological sensitive areas, marine habitats, fish, breeding and feeding habitats, birds or human health are to be preserved or protected at this time within this area from sonar use, toxic chemicals, bomb blasts, and other warfare testing.

The Navy Warfare Testing Program will... "utilize mid-to high frequency active sonar sources and explosive detonations... during Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW), Mine Avoidance Training, Extended Echo Ranging and Improved Extended Echo Ranging (EER/IEER) events, Missile Exercises, Gunnery Exercises, Bombing Exercises, Sinking Exercises, and Mine Warfare Training."

The list of toxic chemicals is a long one as noted in the Navy E.I.S. Depleted uranium, red and white phosphorus, and a whole host of chemicals known to be toxic not only to man, but to marine life, are being served up on the "Navy Warfare Chemical Menu" that will contaminate our air, water, and soil."

Fish, habitat, mammal life, human health, toxic chemical usage and dumping, bomb blasts, airborn explosions and overall use of our atmosphere as a physics laboratory for conducting experiments for prosecution of war are all without consideration of the environmental consequences of their actions....and all omitted as part of NOAA (NMFS), items of investigation at this time.

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(P.E.E.R.) Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a group watch dogging this governments ongoing levels of destruction to ocean life, taking the Navy to court over years of dumping wastes in our oceans, including toxic materials and expended weapons, rather than keeping it all until reaching land and safer deposit.

With dead zones growing in most seas, the effects of plastics and what all the oil drilling has and will continue to do, it begs the question why this nation has not turned its massive power to restoring the life of our great oceans?

We must all work together to stop this madness
So important: To be making calls directly to Obama

To overturn these plans/be holding Congressional hearings in order to protect Marine Life!

The Whitehouse
* Switchboard: 202-456-1414
* Fax: 202-456-2461
or e-mail - Internet - Whitehouse
Congress toll free # 1-866-220-0444
Switchboard: 202-224-3121

Department documentation on this:
Dr. Jane Lubchenco, NOAA Undersecretary
Oceans & Atmospheric U.S. Dep. of Commerce
www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com

Who among us, raised to support species life, are not caretakers?
Most Americans raised to respect and embrace the lives of animals will respond to even a single animals life in jeopardy before us. What have we become that we must plead with officials who somehow have the right to override and ignore us, signing off to decimate whole areas of planet life?

How can such treachery ever be acceptable and What must we do to bring this to a stop?

If our letters and calls to explain such absurd and deadly results are further ignored, what is our next step?

Asking everyone please to quickly pass this on to others...

Communities For Justice and Peace, Humboldt.Co. Ca. sending out reports and research studies, exposing media bias and holding government accountable
442-8733

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Other Sources:

SPOONER THE TREE

The above local Humboldt thank you for your support

From the bottom of our hearts the tops of these trees!

Eco-Defense coming soon, forest near you!

Visit these current actions to save the planet!

Berkeley Tree Sit

RIP Oaks

UC Berkeley Action(After 6 days..R.I.P. Oaks)
http://www.saveoaks.cc/Oaks/Main.html

http://humboldtforestdefense.blogspot.com/ 11/19/2010
Navy Northwest Training Range Complex:
http://www.nwtrangecomplexeis.com/

1) NWTRC EIS - Hazardous Materials. Table 3.3-1: Number of Activities or Training Items Expended Annually - All Alternatives. Footnote 2, page 3.3-6.


Susan Galleymore is author of Long Time Passing: Mothers Speak about War and Terror, host of Stanford University's Raising Sand Radio, and a former "military mom" and GI Rights Counselor. She was born in apartheid South Africa, lived in Israel from 1975 to 1977, and visited again in 2005. Contact her at media@mothersspeakaboutwarandterror.org.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Kirk Girard pulls eminent domain on Cutten resident over Ridgewood Village Project

[forwarded message]
Hello,
I was shocked to read in the paper recently, that Kirk Girard said they would take the property they need, belonging to Sharon Yost, by eminent domain if she refused to sell her property to make a new road for the Ridgewood Village Project. Ridgewood Village is a proposed subdivision plan for the Cutten area. After reading that, I contacted Sharon Yost and asked her to send me a petition to sign.
Here is information and e-mail contacts to write letters if you are also not in favor of this project, you are not in favor of all the clearcutting of the forest it will entail, and/or you are against the idea of taking a person's property by eminent domain::
Thanks for all you do,
T

Dear T,
Thank you for your concern regarding the Ridgewood Village Project and eminent domain. I encourage you to write many letters of protest

http://humboldtforestdefense.blogspot.com/
and pass the word to everyone you know. This is going to affect everyone in Eureka City and County! It is not just the Cutten residents. Also, please put the word out about this Thurs, Sept 23, Supervisor's chambers at 6 PM to protest this train wreck! Here is the website for concerned citizens: http://www.humboldtccrd.org/
Here are the email addresses to send letters to the Supervisors, Planning Dept., Planning Commission, etc.: SWatts@co.humboldt.ca.us, KHayes@co.humboldt.ca.us, CRuth@co.humboldt.ca.us, KGirard@co.humboldt.ca.us
Sincerely, Sharon Yost

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS Training

How to Handle Encounters With Cops
Saturday, Sept. 25th
1:30-5:30 pm
at Peoples’ Action For Rights and Community
EUREKA
Q St. Alley between 3rd and 2nd St.

ALL AGES
FREE
SNACKS

Hosted by Redwood Curtain CopWatch
Call (707)633-4493 for more info.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

You should be at Earthdance! Wherever you find yourself this weekend, join us in spirit on Saturday at 4PM.
2010 is the last year that Earthdance will be held in Laytonville, Ca at Black Oaks Ranch(aka “the Hog Farm”). We have attended Earthdance for years now, tabling for local forest defense actions in “Activist Alley”. Every year has been great and it will be sad to say goodbye to the Oaks.

My personal favorite part of the event is the worldwide “Prayer for Peace” that has happened every year on Saturday (the “International Day of Peace”) at 4Pm, since Earthdance began in 1997. It is really inspiring to join with so many human beings in positive intention for the end of global war and suffering. We hope you come out to Earthdance 2010 this weekend and join together with thousands of your brothers and sisters here in Laytonville, as well as with the hundreds of thousands of participants in over 350 cities around the planet.

We hope that if you cannot make it to Earthdance to in the least join us for the “Prayer for Peace” in spirit at 4pm this Saturday.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

That was awesome! Many thanks to Jack and the TreeSpirit Project!

Now I can check off “running naked across Redwood highway 101 in Richardson grove state Park as one of the things to do with my time left on Earth...”

The action Sunday morning went very smoothly. Despite threats from the Park about shutting down the project, Jack of Tree Spirit, crew and participants pulled it off. Over 50 “spirits” participated. I cannot wait to see the beautiful photos. I feel it was a great way to show the vulnerability of nature juxtaposed with the vulnerability of being
There are many ways to defend Richardson Grove - currently on the highway carving block. One way is that of photographer NCJ Hank Sims Bankruptcy Update 062807 (Australia) History of pl troubles in the timber m 070707 MAXXAM/PL VILLIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE CHARLES HURWITZ Fiends of the Forest USDA Forest Disservice Governor Schwarzneg (thinks he’s green) George Bush and The “Wi House cronies Pacific Lumber (Specific i Charles Hurwitz (likes th Simpson Timber (now owi Green Diamond) Sierra Pacific Industries Green Diamond (Green Di Christine Mingie Forest Information Center Scientific evaluation of t of the Northern Spotted SAVE JACKSON STATE FO SALMON HIS (HER) STORY RELATIVE NEWZ HUMBOL COUNTY TREE SIT RED TREE VOLE INFO

http://treespiritproject.com/ to view Jack's amazing work. Many thanks to the crew and participants for such an inspiring action to save this amazing place we call the "Redwood Curtain"…

Posted by Jeff Muskrat at 2:23 PM 0 comments Links to this post
Jack Gescheidt whose Tree Spirit Project began six years ago when he photographed volunteers naked in a gigantic coast live oak several hundred years old. On **Sunday, Sept 12**, the project will come to the grove when Jack will once again unite the naked human form of volunteer participants with the contours of ancient Redwood trees. Jack has never used professional models in any of his forest settings.

The project has taken on a life of its own, according to Jack, “attracting men and women who are drawn to trees as children are. They share stories about how they love to sit under one special tree, or are compelled to climb into one, or how they communicate with them, or how they have always, like me, felt comforted in the presence of trees.”

Jack invites all to enter the Grove at 7 am on Sunday to shed their inhibitions and rekindle “in our hearts a reverence for the interconnectedness of all living creatures.” We can meet outside the Grove at French’s Camp in the early morning on Sunday.

Jack says that “sometimes the photographs seem beside the point, just an excuse to have a powerful experience with a tree again, or for the first time. People overcome fears, reclaim confidence in their bodies, enjoy community in nature.”

As a land of tree huggers and erstwhile devotees of nude swimming, the project is a perfect way for many of us to focus our protective energy on the Grove. **To make sure you get there on time, there will be a camp close to the grove in the evening before, Saturday, Sept. 11.**

**After 9 am, at the conclusion of the project participants will be able gather near the river for a shared meal and discussion of future strategies to save the grove from desecration by CalTrans and the Army Corps of Engineers.**

More information on the event and locations, call Paul 923 4488, or Jack 442-8733. To view past projects go to TreeSpiritProject.com

**Richardson Grove Calendar for September 11 and 12:**

September 11, 2010:
Camp near Richardson Grove in prep for Tree Spirit Project
(and to discuss protecting the Grove - and everything else in our
lives that would be killed or horribly altered if the road-
widening were to happen.)

September 12, 2010:
Early morning meet at French's Camp outside Grove
7:00am in the Grove
9:00am Project Conclusion;
Shared meal and strategy discussion near river

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010

Timber wars: No end in sight!

From: http://efhumboldt.org/

In addition to the information in this press release, we were also just
told that Humboldt County Sherriffs cut the lifeline of the activist who
is still dangling 60 feet in the air. In addition they arrested a support
person to the action to clear the road so Green Diamond Resource
Company logging crews could continue clearcutting redwoods above a
residential neighborhood in Bayside, Ca.

Redwood Forest Defense

For Immediate Release: August 18, 2010

Forest Activists Blockade Clear-cut Logging In Jacoby Creek!

Early Tuesday morning forest defenders set up a 60 ft high road
blockade to stop the active clear-cutting operations of Green Diamond
Resource Company in the redwoods near Jacoby Creek Road north of
Eureka in Humboldt County. These clear-cut logging plans represent a
mere fraction of the ongoing clear-cut logging operations in Northern
California.
“We are not coming down voluntarily until the reckless logging in the Jacoby Creek watershed is stopped,” said “Fly”, one of the activists from atop the 60 ft high hanging platform.

Citing concern for the local redwood eco-system as well as global climate change, the activists scaled rope structures made to block the entrance of a logging road. The blockades were constructed so that if moved or damaged, the activists could fall from a considerable height. Several pickup trucks and a van full of workers had to turn back when they arrived. One of the workers from the van started cutting the rope before supporters on the ground could stop him.

“This is about global eco-cide,” said Fly, “We are doing this to preserve life on this planet, to fight climate change, loss of species and threats to our ability to survive.”

Recent studies from botanist Steve Sillett, of Humboldt State University show that Redwoods grow faster as they grow older, storing huge amounts of carbon and slowing the rate of global warming. There is currently a collaboration of conservationists and scientists using highly advanced technology to decode the information stored in redwood tree trunks, branches and leaves to study the effects of climate change on these giants.

It has also been found that fog decrease is threatening California’s Redwood forests as reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. University of Berkley Professor Todd Dawson commented, “As fog decreases, the mature redwoods along the coast are not likely to die outright, but there may be less recruitment of new trees. They will look elsewhere for water, high humidity and cooler temperatures.” (Reuters, Feb.15, 2010)

Location: From Bayside post office take Jacoby Creek Rd, go right on Quarry Rd 0.2 miles

Timber Harvest Plan Information:

Green Diamond THP # 1-08-145
Name: G-127
50.6 acres total
33.1 acres clearcutting
15.3 acres selection
2.2 no-harvest

Green Diamond THP # 1-08-153
Name: Rocky Washington
66 acres total
39.5 acres clearcut
14.0 selection
12.5 no-harvest

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies going back on duty after shooting death

http://www.redwoodcurtaincopwatch.net/node/528

Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies going back on duty after shooting death
The Times-Standard Posted: 08/13/2010 01:15:16 AM PDT

The two Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies involved in the shooting death of Robert Garth near Blue Lake on Saturday are returning to duty today.

After reviewing physical evidence, officer statements and witness statements, Sheriff Gary Philp decided to return seven-year veteran Deputy Dave Lundie and Deputy John Fomasi to regular duty, according to a Sheriff's Office press release. Philp determined that neither deputy violated Sheriff's Office policy or procedure during the incident.

An investigation was opened after Garth's death. He was shot multiple times after allegedly approaching officers aggressively with the metal handle of a garden rake and refusing to comply with officers' orders on State Route 299 west of Blue Lake.
The case will be forwarded to the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office for review, including autopsy and toxicology reports.

Posted by Jeff Muskrat at 10:00 AM 1 comments

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010

Video of CSI for the officer related murder of Robert Garth

Update 08-26-2010:
Link to Redwood Curtain Copwatch’s Youtube channel for more video, as much more video is continuously being added:
http://www.youtube.com/user/RedwoodCopWatch

Also, read the Copwatch press release to catch up on this continuously developing story:
http://redwoodcurtaincopwatch.net/node/520

So I get the word that my buddy's brother was shot and killed near his house in Blue Lake on 08-07-2010. I ran down to the crime scene and see that the entire hwy 299 from the Glendale/Essex lane to the Blue Lake exit was shut down to traffic, including the press and the family of the officer related murder victim, Robert Garth.

I grabbed my digital still camera that has low quality video and audio and ran down through the pumpkin farm property on the north side of SR 299, just west of the Blue Lake exit. I climbed a Spruce tree about 150’-200’ from the crime scene and started shooting, praying that the cops wouldn't discover me and shoot me too!

I feel the audio of these videos will demonstrate the lack of compassion by law enforcement for the victim, as they are laughing and joking about the incident. My apologies for the quality of the videos, but I was trying to avoid getting arrested or shot. I was also about 30’ from the ground, level with the highway and could have been easily seen from the crime scene, if cops had any brains...

I soon ran out of battery power for my camera, but was provided another camera after returning to the victim's family and friends that were gathered in front of the victim's home, a digital video camera with a better zoom. That footage is much better quality and captures most of the crime scene investigation, including the arrival of the Coast Guard helicopter as well as interactions with District attorney Paul Gallegos and the grim reaper man Frank Jager(Update 8-13-2010 Coroners identified in video by Copwatch: Van Buskirk(corrupt) and I...
think, Dave Paris (the shorter guy from the coroner's). Frank Jager is a Eureka City Council guy now, and is running for mayor. He was the coroner for years- and a coverup criminal himself.

Since law enforcement and investigators were unaware of my presence, the videos (especially the one pending release) is a rare look into the lack of professionalism and sympathy for the murder victim. The other video is 2-3 hours long, and ends with Roberts body being bagged and removed as well as the arrival of the Blue Lake fire department to spray the blood off of the highway and guard rail. The video is out of my possession and is in the hands of multiple people with multiple copies.

The other video(s) will be released as soon as possible after editing and formatting for relevant events and highlights captured.
Dear fans of trees,

Photographer Jack Gescheidt here, with exciting news of the next, large TreeSpirit photo event YOU are invited to join, 7-9AM Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010 in Humboldt county, CA (a 4-hour drive north of San Francisco). It's hard to believe but CalTrans plans to "remove" or cut the roots of over 100 old-growth redwood trees—some 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 years old—to widen one mile of Hwy 101 through Richardson Grove State Park, 7 miles south of Garberville, CA.

I meet so many fellow tree lovers and environmentalists, I sometimes forget that what I call "the old paradigm" is still at large. Namely, cutting down precious, inspirational, natural beauty for short-sighted, temporary, and in this case illusory gain: CalTrans wants to spur economic growth by getting more and bigger trucks through, by killing the rare, spectacular trees that attract tourists to Humboldt in the first place. The flyer below contains more information about this debacle. These links lead to more: SaveRichardsonGrove.org, WildCalifornia.org.
Please share this email with everyone you know who appreciates the immeasurable value of these ancient trees and put Sunday, Sept. 12 on your calendar. Come spend the weekend among these amazing trees and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience early Sunday morning (7-9am). Join me and 100-200 (or more) fellow tree and nature lovers to make art and gain public attention in order to protect these redwoods for future generations.

Email me, jack@treespiritproject.com, to join the (confidential) email guest list for updates and info. Because of this event's goals of this, you're invited to attend even if you're uncertain about participating. The TreeSpirit documentary film crew will, as usual, respectfully record the proceedings as will local media invited to attend too. As with all TreeSpirit photo events, this gathering will be peaceful and heartfelt.

For the trees; for all our sakes,
Jack

Jack Gescheidt
jack@treespiritproject.com
www.TreeSpiritProject.com
Tel: 415.488.4200

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

August 9th is Cotton Day…

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Redwood Curtain CopWatch and PEOPLE PROJECT call on you to March and Speak Out Against Police Brutality on Monday, August 9th. We march on August 9th to keep the memory alive of Martin Cotton, a houseless man beat to death by police on August 9, 2007.

We will meet at 13th and Summer Streets in Eureka, a block from Food For People at 1:00pm. Then, we will march and speak out, talking with people on the way about the police violence that stole Martin's life and continues against houseless people every day.

At 4:30pm on Cotton Day, please join us at the foot of F street on the Humboldt Bay to share dinner and to Remember Martin in a Peaceful Setting. When dark comes, we will have a candlelight vigil.
Cotton Day starts at 1:00 pm on the corner of 13th and Summer, less than two blocks from DMV and Food For People.

We will begin marching by 2pm and gather at the waterfront by 4:30pm.

Some of Martin’s family will be with us to share this day. August 9th - Cotton Day.

Please call (707) 442-7465 for more information and go to redwoodcurtaincopwatch.net to see our VIDEO INVITATION.

Please get in touch if you can help making signs, food, or anything else!

To read more about Martin’s death click this link: http://www.box.net/shared/iz6gfo5rth

"Cotton Day" Song of Remembrance for Martin Cotton II

Click the link below to hear the song "Cotton Day" by Two Smooth Stones.

http://www.box.net/shared/d0qj652nan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

Killer cops...

Redwood Curtain CopWatch just received a call about a young man who was murdered by Mendocino Sheriff’s Officer. This email is a quick alert - more will come later regarding the truth of what happened, and possibly urgings to you to support the family and get the truth out.

The Mendo cops will not give the name of the Sheriff officer who killed Angel Hernandez Farias, 24 years old. Locals believe, however, that the KILLER Sheriff officer’s name is Bruce Smith. The papers, always parroting the press release from the MURDERER COPS, has said that the man who was killed pointed a rifle at the cop. NOT TRUE. Not only did the man not have a RIFLE, but he was shot IN THE BACK, running...
away. The media has repeated the cops' lie that the man had no identification (and has tried to tie the man in with- you guessed it- the Mexican Mafia), but the man had ID on him and was a 'simple' person trying to survive. Angel was shot around 7:30am in the morning on Tuesday, but a local in the area (who heard about it in the morning) watched the helicopter lift him out of the woods at about 1:30 in the afternoon!! Reminiscent of the cops shooting Leonard "Acorn" Peters in the same Covelo area (you may remember the Bear Lincoln trial in the 1990's), we know that the cops let Acorn bleed to death. They deliberately stalled getting Acorn to medical care, and let him die.

That is sadly what appears to have happened here.

Officer Bruce Smith is one of two Mendo Sheriff's cops who have dogs, and the cop who killed Angel Farias had a dog with him. Bruce Smith killed another man in 1989- perhaps a big reason the murderous authorities won't give his name up -yet.

More TRUTH on this later. Here's the pathetic, no investigative work, mainstream, rewrite-the-cop's-story so-called "news"paper's article: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_15628910

Please send your prayers and good thoughts for Angel's spirit and for his family.

In the urban setting of Eureka, cops torture and kill people in the streets and in their homes- and cover it up. In the rural settings, cops torture and kill people in the woods, in their homes- and cover it up. Are we gonna get together and stop this?

"We're fired up! We won't take it no more!"

--Verbena
of Redwood Curtain CopWatch

http://humboldtforestdefense.blogspot.com/
Great article Matt!

In Humboldt County, It’s Redwoods Versus the Phantom Wall-Mart

by Matt Baume on July 20, 2010

Drive north from San Francisco for a few hours, and the 101 will gradually melt into a slim road between giant sequoia trees. You’ve found your way to Richardson Grove State Park, where you can see thousand-year-old redwoods, the South Fork Eel River, and lots of campgrounds, but you won’t see any big box stores.

That's thanks, at least in part, to the narrowness of the 101. With a speed limit of 35 miles per hour, most tractor-trailers are banned from the park. This has helped keep sprawl to a minimum, but some Humboldt officials have long complained that it isolates the county and limits commerce.

In response to the politicians, Caltrans spent about a decade working on the Richardson Grove Improvement Project, which culminated this May in a Final Environmental Impact Report.

As described, Caltrans' project would widen the highway and eliminate detours for trucks, shortening the trip from Oakland to Eureka from 725 miles to 279.

And that's where things get controversial.

Rest of article

Posted by Jeff Muskrat at 1:27 PM 3 comments

Links to this post

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010

Richardson Grove is BIG news...

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6-19-10 Suit says Highway 101 plan threatens redwoods SF Chronicle
Enviros sue to block Hwy 101 widening
CBS 47 - 4 hours ago
The suit alleges that state environmental laws were violated when the highw the Richardson Grove State Park project. ...

Enviros sue to block Hwy 101 widening
KGET 17 - 4 hours ago
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KPSP Local 2 - 4 hours ago
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Suit says Highway 101 plan threatens redwoods
San Francisco Chronicle - Peter Fimrite - 11 hours ago
The widening of Highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park in Hum sever the roots of 87 old-growth redwood trees, ...

Environmentalists sue state over tree removal
KGUN - 13 hours ago
The suit alleges that state environmental laws were violated when the highw the Richardson Grove State Park project. ...

Suit filed to halt 101 widening in Richardson Grove
istockAnalyst.com (press release) - 13 hours ago
Caltrans has promised to remove only small trees when it widens the two-lar famed Richardson Grove State Park, an effort aimed at ...

Enviros sue to block Hwy 101 widening
Daily Comet - 14 hours ago
The suit alleges that state environmental laws were violated when the highw the Richardson Grove State Park project. ...

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Marked Old Growth Trees in Richardson Grove!
What are the white paint dots?

On June 10th, 2010, we noticed these giant freshly marked trees during a tour of CalTrans' proposed R.I.P (Richardson Grove "Improvement" Project) for the participants of the "Families in the Forest" event. The tour involved the northernmost area of Richardson Grove State Park where Caltrans wants to widen Highway 101. The property is known as "Singing Trees":

The trees were marked with white paint dots - without the property owners knowledge. Presumably, the dots were painted on the large trees by Caltrans during a survey one week before we discovered the mysterious markings. However, Kim Floyd, the Caltrans project manager for the R.I.P has denied any knowledge of the freshly marked trees. Here are more photos, that include the Caltrans orange markers that have been present for quite
some time. (Note that Highway 101 is uphill from the photographer’s position, and the recently white-dotted ancient trees are between the orange markers and Highway 101.)

What do the white paint dots mean?

Could they be marking the location for future construction of a retaining wall through the Singing Trees property - as part of the proposed CalTrans road widening project through Richardson Grove?

Could they be designation an equipment staging area for the proposed CalTrans project?

Could the white paint dots be indicative of a vehicle detour planned by CalTrans for its proposed project?

Any way we think about it, it doesn’t seem good. Road construction usually requires retaining walls, equipment staging areas, and vehicle detours. Does CalTrans think their gonna take out those huge ancient
trees (in addition to the ones whose roots they want to “pave over”) to accomplish their plan?

Some people have suggested, “Maybe CalTrans is marking the trees that would NOT be cut or destroyed.” But, we all know, that is not how things work.

Perhaps more of us should contact Kim Floyd, the Project Manager, and inquire about the white paint dots on the big awesome trees. Here’s her CalTrans phone number and email:

Kim Floyd
Phone: (707) 441-5739, TTY 711
Kim_Floyd@dot.ca.gov

These trees are white dotted, too!

NO WIDENING THE HIGHWAY THROUGH RICHARDSON GROVE!
NO MORE CRACKING OPEN THE REDWOOD CURTAIN!

http://humboldtforestdefense.blogspot.com/11/19/2010
A coalition of environmental groups and individuals filed a lawsuit this week in San Francisco challenging a plan by the California Department of Transportation to widen a highway through an ancient redwood grove.

The widening of Highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park in Humboldt County would pave over and sever the roots of 87 old-growth redwood trees, according to the suit filed Thursday in San Francisco Superior Court.

“We’ve got arborists and foresters who will say the paving over and cutting of the roots will put the ancient redwoods at risk,” said Peter Galvin, the conservation director for the Center for Biological Diversity, one of the plaintiffs in the case. “This is a very delicate ecosystem. Though the ancient redwoods won’t be cut down, they will be killed as a result of this project.”
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

You gotta love the Earth First! Journal...

Call to Action
Stop A Highway Project Through the Redwood Curtain
By Jeffrey "Muskrat" Musgrave

Traveling North on Highway 101 from San Francisco, you come to a rare and extraordinary place. The "Redwood Curtain" is located just north of the Humboldt/Mendocino County line, where Redwood Highway 101 winds through a spectacular grove of ancient coast Redwoods as you pass through Richardson Grove State Park. This area is unique for many reasons, as the redwoods that line the highway form a "curtain", or natural barrier that creates a narrow point of access along the coast.

Millennial redwoods line both sides of the highway as it passes through Richardson Grove State Park. Only 3% of our ancient redwood forests remain, and since stands of old growth are seldom found outside state and national parks, these trees have value beyond description. This forest is a part of the rare sizable stands of old growth redwoods remaining in the southern section of the redwood coast, and is crucial habitat for endangered species such as the Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl.

The California State Highway Agency (CalTrans) plans to realign this historic section of narrow highway to allow longer semi-trucks to pass through the Redwood Curtain, a $10 million project for a two mile section of scenic Redwood Highway 101. Opponents see the project as an unnecessary and costly plan that would damage these irreplaceable ancient trees, and also threaten to the local small businesses and unique community. The area just north of Richardson Grove State Park was damaged by a highway bypass project in the mid-1960's, when CalTrans (back then titled Dept. of Public Works) created a four-lane bypass around the scenic strip of old growth coast redwoods known as the Avenue of the Giants. Ground water that fed the trees was diverted into culverts, and the dried out Redwood tops that Judi Bari dubbed the "Avenue of Spiketops" are obvious to travelers on Highway 101.
COPS NOT WELCOME! Cafe Owner Bans Police From His Business

Brought to our attention by Redwood Curtain Copwatch…
I’d sure like to see more of this happen here behind the Redwood Curtain!
For all those who love Ancient forests and wild spaces (and those who enjoy being alive, thanks to these forests and wild places)...

....you are invited to join us in the trees for another summer of resistance!

The West Coast Regional Earth First! Rendezvous and Cascadia Forest Defender’s Action Camp will be taking place June 11th through 13th.

This will be an opportunity to sharpen direct action and forest skills and connect to people with similar skills/interests. This will also be THE BEST WAY to join CFD’s summer campaign to defend Oregon’s native forests.

Workshops include:

Climb trainings  
State of Oregon’s forests  
Field surveying  
Anti-oppression  
Know your rights  
Government repression and the Green Scare  
Wilderness survival  
… and much more!
WHAT TO BRING:
- sleeping bag and tent
- clothes for sun, rain, and swimming
- water bottle and extra water
- flashlight and batteries
- that good ol' fire in your soul
- passion, enthusiasm, ideas, and skills
- food: there will be communal meals, but please bring snack food, extra food for yourself, and food to donate to the kitchen
- your own bowl, cup, spoon, fork, and knife
- willingness to help out and participate
- sunscreen and bug repellent (if you need em!)
- instruments
- extra tarp to contribute to camp! You will get this back.

Camp will be within one hour's drive East of Eugene in the McKenzie Watershed. Location is accessible by a public bus line. Stay tuned for directions and more information.

Updates can be found at: http://forestdefensenow.org/

Posted by Jeff Muskrat at 11:45 AM 0 comments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010

Save College Cove!

Homan Project will NOT be heard on Thursday

We have learned from Trevor Estlow, the county planner, that the project will be continued to be re-noticed to a later hearing date. The Homan project will NOT be heard this Thursday (June 3).

According to Trevor, the developer is considering project modifications that would require re-noticing. We do not know anything beyond that - and will share those details with you as they become known.

If you were planning to come to the courthouse on Thursday to testify on the Homan project, you do not need to. If you know someone who is planning to come, please notify them of this development (they may
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

Redwood Curtain Action Camp

-Update- 05-26-2010

Set up begins on Friday at 4pm. Trainings are to be held Saturday through Sunday. Scroll down for location. We will be visible :)

Be prepared to camp. Here is a suggestion list of what you may need to make your stay comfortable. Keep in mind that the community will help you if you cannot afford food, shelter, etc. Scroll down to the 5-23-10 update for a list of needs for the camp out, we still need donations and supplies.

This is going to be fun, awesome, and inspiring! See you on Friday evening, just south of Richardson Grove State Park. Look for banners, signs and the group, you can't miss us :) 

- Tent or tarp shelter((2) 4’ X 8’ tarps)
- Sleeping bag, rated at least 40 degrees(or warmer)
- Sleeping pad or blow up camp mattress(optional)
- Pillow(optional)
- Personal garbage bag
- Toilet Paper and Sundries(toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Blissware(dish, cup, and utensils)
- Water(gallon size works great)
- Pocket knife
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Cordage
- Warm/hot weather clothing
- Wet and cool weather clothing (no cotton, wool is best)
- Lightweight and nonperishable “emergency” food (energy bars, bread, peanut butter, jelly, granola, jerky, etc.)
- Other food items, needs, wants, etc. Remember, sharing is caring :)
- Small day pack

One of the problems of “camping out” is bringing too much stuff. Please be prepared, but also keep in mind that weighing yourself down too much can be very uncomfortable. There will be plenty of available parking on site, auto camping is permitted.

There is to be no oppression or hierarchy at this event. However, please respect the opinions and views of others in their personal choices, such as keeping vegetarian and omnivore food items separate.

We are also asking participants to refrain from using medicinal “drugs” or alcohol at meetings, trainings, workshops and other group events. There will be plenty of time for that around the campfire. Camps and campfire circles will also have separate intoxicant free areas.

If you feel the need to imbibe or partake in alcohol or medicinal “drugs”, please do so away from the events, trainings and workshops in order not to distract or detract from the importance of what the group is trying to achieve in regards to these crucial trainings and workshops.

Since this is an “open event”, your participation is at your own risk. No one, especially the property owner, is liable or responsible for any injuries or damages during, after or from this event. Participants are required to pay a sliding scale admission fee of at least ONE PENNY and to sign a liability release before entering the property.

So many of you are asking “Where exactly is the location?” That’s a secret... :)

The location is just south of Richardson Grove State Park. Just look for the banners, signs and people.

We’ll see you Friday evening for setup. All are invited at any time during the event, so if you cannot make it for the entire weekend, please come check us out at your convenience.

This will be a fun, safe and inspiring environment. We can’t wait to see...
you there! :)

-Update- 05-23-2010

Wow! We are getting such a huge response from people wishing to help out with action camp by bringing food, supplies, skills, music, art and great vibes!

Here is a partial list so far. So much is being added as we get closer Friday the 28th. Remember, this is your action camp! So bring what you feel will make this experience fun, peaceful, colorful, inspiring, and above all important to you :) 

Provisions and supplies:

What we still need:
- Water containers
- Tarps
- Buckets for dishes, etc.
- Dishes
- Food and donations for food (If you are a carnivore, that's great but please bring your own meat and grill!)
- Pots, pans, stove, grill (veggie and non) etc.
- Utensils
- Cordage and stakes
- Easy ups
- Toilet seats
- Used and unneeded 5 gallon buckets w/lids
- Plastic bags
- Solar Shower
- Extension Cords
- Firewood
- Large Dry Erase Board and dry erase pens and/or Chalkboard
- Easel
- Blankets

What we have:
- (1) 4 person tent
- (1) 5 gal water container
- (3) tarps
- (2) buckets, 2 gal
- (2) 4 piece sets of camp dishes
- (3) 2 lg. pots, 1 sm.
- (2) cast iron skillets, reg.
- (1) free-standing 2 burner stove w/propane tank
- (1) lg. griddle
- assorted utensils
- assorted cordage
- dishes, utensils, pots and pans, tarps

Creative/Artistic:
What we need:

- Signs and banners (small, medium and large)
- Music and instruments
- PA system
- Portable power/inverter

What we have so far:
- lot's of musical equipment, including a couple of amplifiers.

This list of material needs will be update with your responses by email (humboldtforestdefense(at)gmail(dot)com or comments on this post.

Trainings:

This is an open forum. The following trainings and skills are being offered at this point. Aside from Non-violence and Direct action trainings, topics could be anything from gender related issues, non-oppression and group social skills, backwoods and canopy survival, climb trainings, water purification, herbs and medicine, CPR and First Aid, etc., etc., etc.

- Non-violence and Direct Action Trainings by multiple trainers with different focuses.
- Climb Trainings and "The Ropes"
- First Aid
- Backwoods and Ground Support
- Edible and Medicinal local Herbs and Mushrooms
- Spirituality
- Cooking for Groups
- Singing and Dancing
- Art and Face Painting

My vision is for everyone to take a lead in bringing their own knowledge and experiences to each training that inspires them, to be taught by single individuals or groups, in which individuals in the audience may interact with questions and additional info in the standard stack method. Trainings will be scheduled daily in the AM after breakfast circle and/or as to trainer's availability. NO ONE will be talked over, oppressed, undervalued or discouraged. The goal is to encourage positive behavior, and address negative behavior and disruptions as a group pro actively.
We all need to keep the vibe safe, peaceful, positive and inspiring. All of us are on “Vibe Patrol”.

I’m completely open to your suggestions on this, and invite trainers to basically do their own thing in their own unique style. That is truly our strength and I feel that ANYONE can and should volunteer to train on any subject relevant to, well… pretty much everything that interests you about this campaign, social issues and forest defense.

A schedule will be circulated by email (humboldtforestdefense(at)gmail (dot)com) after your responses, so trainers please list your availability between the dates May 28th-30th and whether or not your training is time or day sensitive.

This is a very exciting moment for all of us! This will be a great opportunity to come together and share our passion for the ancient redwoods that make the Redwood Curtain. This is non-exclusive. All are invited. It’s time to come in peace and share our similarities, for which you will find are not rarities :) 

For the Trees always!

Jeff

-Update- 05-18-2010

The two trees removed at Leggett were both Douglas Firs, one approximately 3’ DBH and another around 4’ DBH:

“Route 101 (92.5/98.9) - PG&E of Eureka has been granted a Caltrans Encroachment Permit for utility maintenance and tree trimming from 0.5 mile south of the Jitney Gulch Bridge to 0.4 mile south of Confusion Hill. Work hours are 7AM to 4PM, weekdays. One-way traffic control will be in effect. Motorists should anticipate 10-minute delays.

Caltrans personnel were sighted at the project site. It is unknown why the sizable trees were removed, or why the larger tree was removed due to the fact that it was located on the opposite side of the highway from the PG and E power lines.

Original Post:

!RICHARDSON GROVE ACTION ALERT!

I’m forwarding this to all unopposed to Richardson grove direct action, trainers, forest defenders, etc. Please forward far and wide to
likewise interested humans. Exact location to be announced...

The ancient redwoods in Humboldt County need your help! Again! (And just when you thought that ancient trees in State Parks are protected...)

For those of you waiting for the magic moment to jump into the Save Richardson grove campaign, the time is right now! Caltrans may be cutting trees at Richardson Grove State Park as you are reading this call to action.

Only yesterday, Caltrans fell multiple 3-4 foot diameter trees right next to the 101 just south of Richardson Grove at the highways 1 and 101 intersection at Leggett. It is likely that our “Redwood Curtain” is next!

Direct action training is coming to the Redwood Curtain! A gathering focused on defending our State Park from the Caltrans R.I.P. (Richardson grove “Improvement” Project) is set to begin May 28th-30th.

All are invited to help organize, conduct trainings, and participate in this forum in solidarity under the “Earth First!” principles of non-violence, anti-oppression, and of course “No Compromise in the defense of Mother Earth.

The point of action happen to be along highway 101 as it intersects through Richardson grove State Park, the Redwood Curtain. Maps and info are available at the Caltrans R.I.P. project page.

Defend the redwoods, oaks and madrones located along the highway from this federally illegal project. The campaign has so much support from the community, no one here wants to see the demise of the ancient trees that are the Redwood Curtain.

All that is missing is YOU! Your unique skills, diversity, experiences, energies and most of all love for trees! Only 3% remain of our ancient forests. We cannot afford to put these trees in jeopardy to subsidize the movement of longer trucks for a few greedy local businesses.

Caltrans has just canceled the Marbled Murrellet surveys that would have put this project on hold until September 15th. Caltrans may have already begun tree removal by the time you read this alert.

Richardson grove has been labeled by the pro-project media as the “Environmentalists’ Last Stand”. If this is true, you better be there on May 28th...
Contact: humboldtforestdefense [at] gmail.com for info and how to get involved.

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