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**SAVE-THE-REDWOODS LEAGUE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EXTEND CORRIDOR OF PROTECTED LANDS FROM REDWOODS TO THE SEA**

*League acquires and transfers 216-acres of redwood and Douglas Fir forests
to Bureau of Land Management to protect threatened species and consolidate protected habitat
in Humboldt County*

SAN FRANCISCO – (June 3, 2008) – Save-the-Redwoods League today announced the acquisition and transfer of approximately 216-acres of property to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to ensure the protection of ecologically-sensitive redwood and Douglas-fir forests in Humboldt County. This land transfer is a critical addition to the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea, a nearly 10,000-acre swath of protected lands extending from the world’s largest ancient redwood forest in Humboldt Redwoods State Park to the shores of King Range National Conservation Area, the longest stretch of road less coastline in the lower 48 states.

The acquired land connects vital habitat areas within the Corridor and provides protection for threatened species. Several perennial streams provide habitat for endangered coho salmon and steelhead trout. Second-growth redwoods and Douglas-fir on the land improve protection for the productive Mattole River watershed by preventing soil erosion and improving habitat quality for aquatic species.

“Save-the-Redwoods League’s purchase and transfer of this land to the Bureau of Land Management represents a key step in creating a large corridor of protected wildlife habitat between the largest ancient redwood forest in the world, and one of the most pristine coast lines in United States. The League’s Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea project is significant because virtually all of the remaining wild land in the lower 48 states is divided into isolated islands,” said Ruskin Hartley, Executive Director of Save-the-Redwoods League. “Linking areas of wildlands is key to effective conservation. It allows us to protect landscapes where animals and plant species can thrive, reproduce and flourish.”

The Corridor unites low elevation old-growth Douglas-fir forests in the King Range National Conservation Area and Gilham Butte Old Growth Reserve with ancient redwood forest in Humboldt Redwoods State Park. The area is important habitat for northern spotted owls, golden eagles, mountain lions, goshawk, red tree voles, flying squirrels, pileated woodpeckers, southern torrent salamanders, coho salmon, steelhead and Pacific fishers. A number of tributaries of the Mattole River, which provide habitat for threatened salmon and steelhead populations, flow through the Corridor and are protected as a result of the project.

Save-the-Redwoods League has worked with private landowners and partnered with public agencies and environmental organizations to connect critical habitat areas within the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea. Since 1999, the League has ensured protection for more than 10,000-acres of land in the Corridor. The Bureau of Land Management is the steward of approximately 200,000-acres of public land in the North Coast region, including the 64,000-acre King Range National Conservation Area.

“In the BLM Arcata Field Office we share Save-the-Redwoods League’s vision to connect critical wildlife areas in California,” said Field Manager Lynda Roush. “This land transfer is a significant stepping stone in extending the Corridor from the Redwoods to the Sea. We look forward to continuing the partnership with Save-the-Redwoods League to preserve vital natural landscapes and wildlife.”

About Save-the-Redwoods League

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2008, Save-the-Redwoods League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving ancient forests so that all generations can experience the inspiration and majesty of these towering giants. In 1850, there were nearly 2 million acres of ancient coast redwood forests in California. Today, less than 5 percent remain. Since its founding in 1918, the League has completed the purchase of more than 180,000 acres of land. For more information, visit www.savetheredwoods.org.

About Bureau of Land Management

The BLM, an agency of the U. S. Department of the Interior, is responsible for the management and conservation of 258 million acres of public lands, primarily in the West. This represents about 13 percent of the land mass of the United States. In California, the agency manages 15.2 million acres of public lands, including about 200,000 acres overseen by the Arcata Field Office. These lands are managed for a wide variety of uses including recreation, commodity development and natural resource protection. For more information, visit www.blm.gov/ca.

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