

Statement on Removal of Trespassers from HRC

Safety from injury and wildfire is a priority for HRC. When employees or visitors come to our property we have a process, including documentation, to explain the risks and safety measures necessary for everyone to have a safe experience. This formal, written process helps to avoid accidents and prevent wildfire. When trespassers are camping on the property the opportunity to explain safe procedures is lost. Unpermitted camping adds fire risk in a dangerous manner.

Recently, a trespassing camper was injured in a camping accident. The injury was a burn severe enough to require evacuation and medical care, possibly from a campfire. Additionally, unauthorized dirt bikes have been witnessed off trail operating in an unsafe manner and it is unclear if the dirt bikes have proper fire prevention equipment. Campfires and dirt bikes are a common ignition source of wildfire.

When we learned of someone suffering a burn injury in the midst of wildfire season and people operating dirt bikes unpermitted and unsafely on the property, we felt compelled to act for the safety of people and property in order to avoid additional accidents or an uncontrolled wildfire.

HRC supports the rights of individuals to express their views about forest management policies. In fact, since our inception HRC's policy is to take anyone, anywhere on the property, to the place of their choosing, to see for themselves our forest management in practice. HRC also proactively publishes abundant information related to forest management activities. At the same time, HRC seeks to avoid risks to people and property.

PLEASE CONTACT John Andersen at 707-463-5113 or JAndersen@MendoCo.com with additional questions about this announcement or the company. Please visit www.MendoCo.com to arrange a visit or learn more about HRC forest management activities.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION about HRC's ownership in the Mattole River watershed:

- 1) *HRC has been very involved with the Mattole community since we bought the property in 2008. HRC has conducted 13 field tours with nearly 50 individuals, 6 stakeholder meetings, formal review by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C005200), and more than 70 email and phone conversations. Conversations continue with local neighbors and interested parties. We learned from these interactions and as a result, this document was prepared and reviewed by SCS Global Services (a FSC® certified auditor): <https://www.hrcllc.com/letters/mattole-2016-managing-humboldt-redwood-companys-ownership-mattole-river-watershed-0>*
- 2) *Letter from Chairman, Sandy Dean: <https://www.hrcllc.com/letters/mattole-watershed-management-email-sandy-dean-david-simpson>*
- 3) *Response to Cal Alumni Article: <https://www.hrcllc.com/news/california-timber-battles-shift-new-grounds-hrc-responds>*

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ABOUT HRC:

Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) was created in 2008 from lands purchased in Humboldt county with the publicly declared mission to be good stewards of the forest and at the same time run a successful business. We have made significant progress in that regard:

1. Adopting FSC® sustainability policies and procedures from our inception to seek FSC® certification of HRC's forestlands which achieved certification in 2009 (FSC® C031337);
2. Adding more than 500 million board feet of redwood and Douglas fir trees by lowering the rate of harvest;
3. Defining and protecting groves and individual old growth trees to protect all individual old growth trees across our property;
4. Elimination of clear cutting from our property;
5. Long term investments to improve habitat for fish across the property by controlling or holding back more than 400,000 cubic yards of sediment (more than 40,000 dump trucks of dirt) from the coastal streams flowing through our forest;
6. Storm proofing approximately 527 miles of forest roads on our ownership to hold and protect sediment from entering streams and waterways.
7. Operating as an open and transparent business; including an open invitation to take interested individuals anywhere in the forest;
8. Completing a substantial rebuild of our Scotia sawmill and acquisition, restarting a biomass combined heat and powerplant to provide renewable energy to the local Community Choice utility, all assuring Humboldt County will have forest products infrastructure in the future; and
9. Employing over 300 skilled employees in Humboldt County earning family-level wages and benefits.