

Humboldt Redwood Company Old Growth Protections Affirmed by Independent Audit

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) recently performed a regular annual, voluntary, third-party audit of Humboldt Redwood Company's (HRC) forest management practices. SCS released its report on the audit on October 31, 2018 which may be found here: https://www.hrcllc.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/LCL-HRC_ComplaintInvestigationReport_Revised_11-07-2018.pdf

In addition to the regular annual audit, SCS also independently addressed specific complaints from stakeholders and interested parties regarding HRC's activities in the Mattole River watershed. SCS's review of these complaints affirmed HRC's practice of protecting Old Growth and its extensive and ongoing stakeholder engagement. SCS recommended HRC provide additional transparency of some of its management practices.

Going forward, HRC will provide even more information about management activities aimed to restore its forests to a more ecologically appropriate mix of conifers and hardwoods in a timeframe that matters to those of us alive today.

HRC is thankful to SCS and the many stakeholders for participating and contributing to this comprehensive audit. Over 200 interested parties commented and participated in tours, along with the professional and diverse staff of SCS and HRC.

Sustainable forest management is complex and interesting. The best way to understand it is to see for oneself. HRC and sister company Mendocino Redwood Company (MRC) has a long-standing practice of taking anyone, anywhere on the property to see for themselves. To arrange a visit or for other questions about HRC/MRC please call 707-463-5113 or visit www.MendoCo.com.

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-wages and benefits.*