

"There can be nothing in the world more beautiful than the Yosemite, the groves of the giant sequoias... Our people should see to it they are preserved for their children and their children's children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred."

- Theodore Roosevelt

On June 30, 1864 President Abraham Lincoln signed an unprecedented law, the Yosemite Grant Act, which set aside the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and Yosemite Valley as the nation's first protected areas. The seed of an idea was planted - that our nation's most magnificent and sacred spaces should be preserved for all people and for all time.

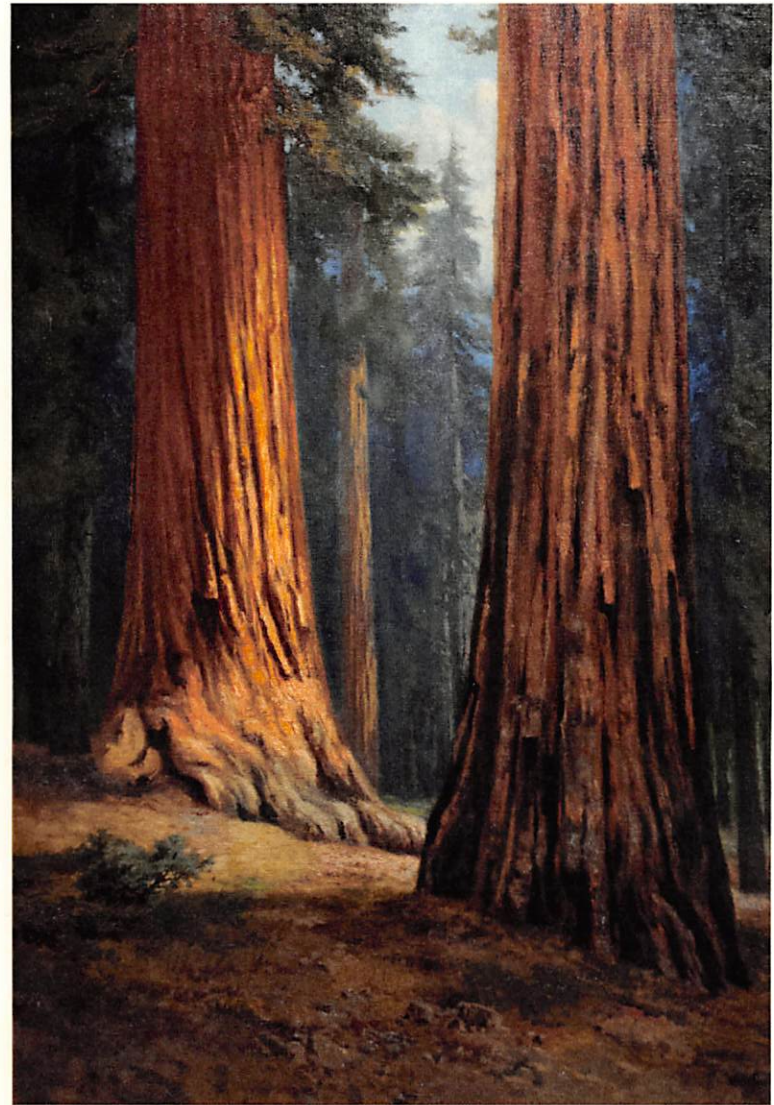
Yosemite Conservancy

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided \$20 Million in grants support the restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.



Yosemite National Park is proud to partner with Yosemite Conservancy on this milestone restoration project. We thank Yosemite Conservancy for their generous support of the restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

Cover Image: *Mariposa Grove, Two Sequoias*, 1910 Chris Jorgensen (1860-1935)



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Restoration Project Dedication Ceremony

June 14, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Program

Vintage Songs of Yosemite

Tom Bopp
Musician and Yosemite Historian

Gathering and Welcome

Scott Gediman
Public Affairs Officer
Yosemite National Park

Presentation of Colors

Yosemite Mounted Patrol

National Anthem

Performed by Grace Flanagan
Born and Raised in Yosemite
Incoming UC Riverside Freshman

American Indian Blessing

Les James
Tribal Elder, American Indian
Council of Mariposa County, Inc.

The Mariposa Grove Restoration Project

Tom Medema
Acting Associate Director for
Interpretation, Education,
and Volunteers
Washington Office
National Park Service

Traditionally Associated Tribes of Yosemite

Reba Fuller
Government Affairs
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

Philanthropy and Partnership in Yosemite National Park

Frank Dean
President
Yosemite Conservancy

Resolution's Honoring the Mariposa Grove Restoration Project

*Office of U.S. Senator
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
*Office of U.S. Representative
Tom McClintock (R-4th CA)
*Office of U.S. Representative
Jim Costa (D-16th CA)
*Office of State Senator
Tom Berryhill (R-8th District)
*Office of State Assemblyman Frank
Bigelow (R-5th Assembly District)
*Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Keynote Address

Michael T. Reynolds
Superintendent
Yosemite National Park

Retiring of the Colors

Yosemite Mounted Patrol

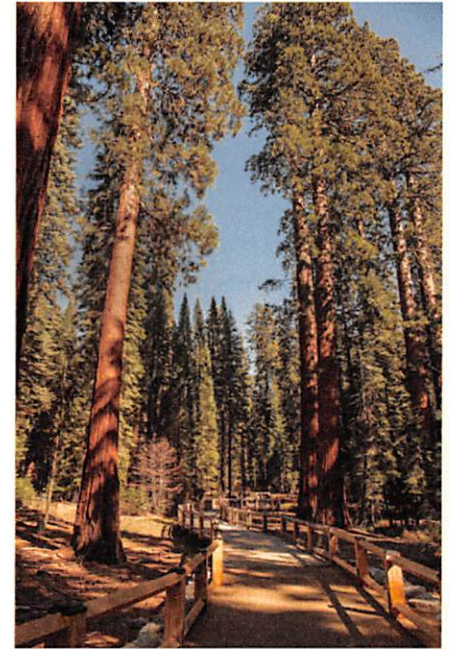
Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting

Before



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Josh Helling

After



Top Right Image by
Al Golub



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