

THE  
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OF  
**AMERICA'S**  
**NATIONAL**  
**PARKS**

First Annual  
Centennial Strategy for

# Redwood National and State Parks

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



**Site:** REDW

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**Vision Statement**

Redwood National and State Parks Vision for the Future

It is our vision for this great collection of redwood parks to preserve and protect them, and make available to all people, for their inspiration, enjoyment and education, the ancient forests, scenic coastlines, prairies and streams, and their associated natural and cultural values, which define this World Heritage Site; and to help people forge emotional, intellectual and recreational ties to these parks and other lands that results in them being better stewards of the planet.

**Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager**

Steve Chaney

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Action: Ancient Redwood Forest and Watershed Restoration. This project would restore critical salmon habitat through restoration of failing and abandoned logging roads in the Redwood and Mill Creek watersheds. In these same areas, it would accelerate the recovery of previously logged areas to old growth redwood forests, is sustainable in design and material, and would provide for a number of ecosystem services such as clean water and carbon sequestration, thus helping to curb global climate change.

Action: Restore Natural and Yurok Cultural Influences at Gann's Prairie. This project would partner with the Yurok tribe to restore upland prairies to the condition that existed prior to Anglo influences restricting the use of fire. It would restore natural processes and cultural influences providing benefits for both visitors as well as Native Americans.

Action: Fulfill the Vision for Mill Creek Redwoods. This project would restore natural conditions and develop visitor facilities on the recently acquired 25,000 acre addition to the state park which is a part of the state/national park partnership.

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ENVIRONMENT

Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Action: Train Others in the Field of Ecosystem Restoration. Train, collaborate with, and inspire other restoration practitioners in the public and private sectors to implement efficient ecosystem restoration techniques, particularly in the redwood region. Conduct field seminars regarding all facets of forest and stream restoration work including, planning, design, surveying, oversight, heavy equipment techniques, contracting, monitoring and evaluation.

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RECREATION

- Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.
- Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

Action: To improve recreational opportunities and provide an integrated network of trails for visitor health and enjoyment the parks will construct 31 miles of new trail, one trailhead parking area, and two backcountry campgrounds. Project is to implement the portions of the park's trails plan that call for new trail construction. Many of the new trails will connect with or provide loops to trails in adjacent state parks managed in partnership with the NPS.

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RECREATION

- Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.
- Increase visitation by 25 percent at lesser-known parks through a national tourism effort aimed at helping people to discover the breadth of parks and experiences.

Action: Joint Agency VC. Create joint Redwood National and State Parks visitor contact station, entrance area, and campground in the Hiouchi area. This project would implement the outcome of the currently underway assessment of alternatives for providing joint visitor services in the extremely popular Hiouchi Flats/ Jedediah Smith State Park area. A significant restructuring of visitor services in the area is needed due to duplicative functions, obsolete facilities, and the presence of sensitive cultural resources.

Action: Multi Agency VC. To establish stronger park/community relationships and to promote tourism to an area of California lacking a strong marketing voice, create a Joint Visitor Information Center with the Harbor District and other agencies in Del Norte County. Project is to plan, design and construct a visitor information center that would serve multiple entities and agencies in Crescent City, California and help in a consolidated promotion of the area and improved visitor service. Most operational costs could be secured by redirecting existing staff.

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**EDUCATION**

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Action: Rehabilitate Facilities at Howland Hill Outdoor School. This project would replace the remaining substandard building in this educational complex which annually provides outdoor educational experiences for over 3,000 local students. High demand for this service has developed in the community and it serves an important function in bettering local support for and protection of park resources.

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

Model what it means to work in partnership.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Action: Continue to build on the National Park Service /California State Park Partnership. Build upon the highly successful joint management agreement for the management of three state parks and a national park containing the last major stands of old growth redwood in the world. Continue to find innovative ways to cooperate to more effectively protect these significant resources and better serve the visitors who come to visit them. Serve as a model where other agencies and partnerships can come and learn cooperative management and take with them ideas to better serve resources and more effectively commit limited funding.

Action: Continue to build partnerships with Tribes, other agencies and non-profit organizations to achieve Centennial Initiative goals. Collaborate with the Yurok Tribe to attain the cultural and land health objectives of restoring Gann's Prairie. Work with neighboring land management agencies and continue to establish partnerships with non-profit organizations such as the Save-the-Redwoods League and the Smith River Alliance to efficiently utilize the strengths of each organization for resource protection and public outreach.

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