

What is Redwoods Rising?



Redwoods Rising is a partnership of Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) and the Save the Redwoods League (League) that builds upon decades of efforts to protect and improve the health of the redwood forest ecosystems.

The partnership offers a unified approach to expand and connect the precious remaining 40,000 acres of old-growth trees and accelerate the recovery of previously logged stands, setting them on the path to becoming old-growth forests once again. It coordinates and integrates existing efforts to restore stream health and critical wildlife habitat, and create landscapes that will be resilient in the face of future change. It works in tandem with essential collaborators and brings additional financial support to bear on a shared restoration for RNSP.

Redwoods Rising brings together the existing RNSP partnership and the League to more strategically and holistically address restoration needs. It serves to formalize the existing relationships among these organizations and further leverage the strengths of each partner to more efficiently and effectively restore and protect RNSP's redwood forest ecosystems.



Previously logged second growth forest (left) compared to neighboring old-growth (right) in the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

Mission Statement and Vision

Our mission is to protect old-growth stands, restore redwood forest ecosystems, and ensure the long-term health of these lands. We seek to increase support, knowledge, and appreciation of the iconic and unique California redwood forest landscape. In its first 5 years, Redwoods Rising will advance landscape-scale restoration of the parks' redwood ecosystems by developing a shared restoration strategy, creating an efficient process for project planning and program compliance among the partners, and initiating collaborative restoration projects that will restore 10,000 acres.

Our vision is that 120,000 acres of redwood forest ecosystems in RNSP exist as a connected and thriving landscape that supports and protects the park's natural and cultural treasures.



Save the Redwoods League, National Park Service, and California State Parks staff celebrate the launch of Redwoods Rising, the collaborative project to restore the historically logged lands within Redwood National and State Parks. Pictured from left to right, Jay Chamberlin, Chief, Natural Resources Division (State Parks); Jason De Wall, Northern Division Chief (State Parks); David Roemer, Deputy Superintendent for Redwood National Park (NPS); Sam Hodder, President & CEO (League); Paul Ringgold, Chief Program Officer (League); Steve Mietz, Superintendent for Redwood National Park (NPS); Emily Burns, Director of Science (League); Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg); Lisa Mangat, Director (State Parks); Victor Bjelajac, District Superintendent, North Coast Redwoods District (State Parks); Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg). | Photo credit: Andrew Slack, Save the Redwoods League

