



Central Coast Forest Association

TERRORIST TARGET CENTRAL COAST LOGGERS

LET'S WORRY ABOUT THE TERRORISTS IN OUR OWN BACK YARD AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Following 9/11/01, the United States declared war on terrorism and we have been joined by all but a handful of the civilized countries of the world. Although it is comforting to know that world governments are finally taking international terrorism seriously, terrorism isn't just an international problem; remember the Unibomber? Or, note this anonymous letter received a while back by Big Creek Lumber Company.

Big Creek Lumber,
I hope your wearing bullet proof vests-
because we are pissed. Our sights will be
lined up on each and every one of your heads-
Splat!- there goes another logger. The
earth cannot stand brainless ants like you
cutting Redwoods & spoiling an ecosystem
is a crime punishable by death and no amount
of money can help you. Stop now and clear
out, while your ahead!

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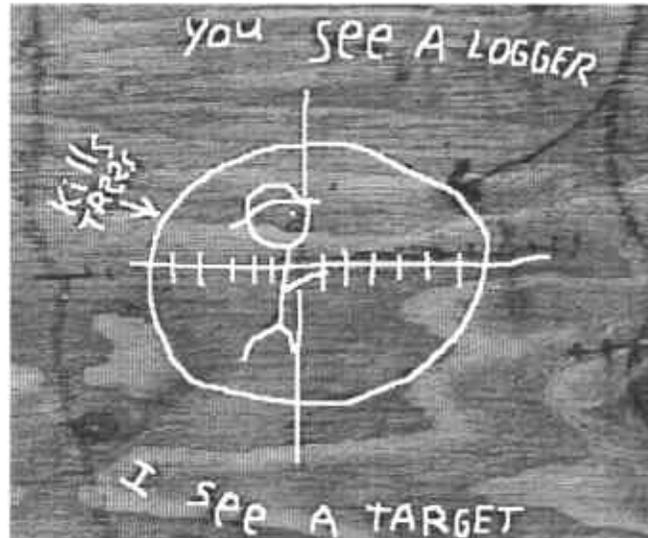
Anonymous threat received by Big Creek Lumber Company.

Perhaps now that we are at war with terrorism, it will be easier to persuade the public to respond to domestic acts of sabotage and mayhem that have become routine and are not taken seriously by law enforcement agencies, courts and the news media. Enviro-activist terrorists are usually treated equivalent to prankster kids just having a little fun.

Make no mistake; these people are terrorists. They use threats, arson, sabotage, and murder as their tools. A recent, close-to-home instance is the activity of Earth First and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) who have conducted a long, destructive, costly campaign against a Central Coast timber company, Redwood Empire.

Redwood, having gone through the exhaustive

government permit procedures, plans and reviews, and preparing to harvest their trees, became the involuntary host to tree sitters whose intent was to interfere with their work. The trespassers built residential facilities in and around some of Redwood's trees and occupied them for 18 months, being supplied food, water and other comforts by relay teams



Graffiti found on ELF tree sitting platform.

operating under cover of darkness. Although Superior Court Judge Yonts ordered them to cease and desist, they paid no attention, adding contempt of court to their list of other crimes. Local law enforcement agencies were helpless because of a clause at the end of the court order that admonished Redwood not to "endanger" the kooky little kids.

Lest anyone mistake that these as merely idealistic young people exercising their First Amendment rights, their art work suggests a different conclusion.

A person who advocates emulating the Unibomber is a real terrorist, not an innocent prankster kid. We have friends at the California Forestry Association who will not forget soon or easily forgive the violent death of their associate, Gill Murray, by the murderous Ted Kaczynski, and we live and work with the graffiti picture of the logger in the cross hair as we go about our business in the forests that our families and we have husbanded for many years.

We hope the focus of the President's war on terrorism goes beyond Osama, Yassar, Saddam and other international

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Introducing VP Dave Smelt



"Smoot, we both have to mark trees this year."

Here's what Vice President Dave had to say when we asked him for a brief biography:

I began working "outside" in the early 70's as a tree planter for the then-fledgling city of Simi Valley, CA. I worked as a grounds person and a grounds foreman with the city and the school district there. In the late 70's I joined the Operating Engineers Local 12 in Southern California.

My wife, Cheryl, and I moved to Santa Cruz County in 1981 onto the timber property where we live today. I began working as an Operating Engineer up here with Local 3, started my own tractor business, was a partner in a musical instrument store in Watsonville, and am now managing my property on a full-time basis.

I joined CCFA in 1999 and the Farm Bureau in 2000. I now serve as your Vice President and as a member of the Farm Bureau's Legislative Committee.

I am involved in a steelhead restoration project in the creek that runs through my property and a thin and release redwood program on areas which I clear-cut in 1988. Both projects have been very successful. For enjoyment, I play music and shoot.

I love redwoods and rural living, and am a staunch supporter of the Constitution and private rights.

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Book Review Debut:



**Natural Process:
That Environmental Laws May
Serve the Laws of Nature**

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Mark Vande Pol

This book represents a unique synthesis of resource management and economics, capable of gradually replacing the civic regulatory model on a global scale. The book introduces a free-market environmental management method that can price the use of ecosystem assets objectively (patent pending). Its motivational architecture improves resource management, gradually drains the civic monopoly of its best and brightest, and initiates a legal strategy by which to wrest control from an increasingly-suspect political control system. The effect is to redirect the reader's perspective: from an assumed reliance upon civic regulation, to the exciting prospect of business solutions to real environmental problems.

The book is documented with over 350 unique references. It is a data gold mine written by an engineer. It is not a novel, trust me.

Here's Mark's website. There are other reviews, sections of the book and an order form.

<http://www.naturalprocess.net>

When we find a good book, it'll get a review. If you have a recommendation, let us know.



Notes From the Nut-House

Or, why I feel like an alien around here.

Lynx??



Bogus Data Enhance Government Official's Professional Growth

When an endangered specie is found, regulatory agencies have greatly expanded authority to restrict residential, recreational, commercial and management options in the area. Some "scientists" need endangered species to enhance their power, status and income. To this end, five federal employees and two Washington State employees have admitted to planting false evidence of the presence of the **endangered Canadian lynx** in the Gifford Pinchot and Wenatchee National Forests. Unfortunately for them, someone else noticed the discrepancy. Rubbing posts were being used in these forests to determine whether the lynx was present and in need of federal and state protection. The seven government "scientists" have admitted to planting fur **samples from a captive lynx** on the posts to create a bogus endangered lynx and enhance their government positions and environmentalist stature.

Although this fraud was fingered several months ago, none of the seven biostitutes¹ has been fired, fined, jailed, arrested or otherwise disciplined. Well, not completely. They have been excluded from further participation in the study they worked so hard to corrupt.

I wonder what would happen if you, just once, invented bogus scientific data on a timber harvest or stream alteration permit application.

¹**Biostitute - Bi-os'ti-tute** - A conjunction of the words biologist and prostitute, a professional calling currently in great demand in government and environmentalist circles.

Websites of interest

Here's very good site about climate, agriculture, forestry etc.

<http://www.co2andclimate.org/index2.html>

Another good one examining climate B. S. is the Science and Environment Policy Project.

[http:// www.SEPP.org](http://www.SEPP.org)

Another Biostitute Foiled

A bioterrorist has been caught and punished. An American "scientist" who terrified the U.S. public, hoodwinked the scientific press, and panicked the congress has been found out. The Federal Office of Research Integrity just ruled that Steven R. Arnold, a former researcher at the Tulane University Center for Bioenvironmental Research, "committed scientific misconduct by intentionally falsifying the research results published in the journal *Science* and by providing falsified and fabricated materials to investigating officials."

Arnold claimed that the U.S. food supply was dangerously contaminated, by a fusion of agricultural pesticides and sent federal authorities off on a costly wild goose chase that continues to this day. He used high-level political allies to publicize a scientific fraud that imposed untold amounts of anxiety on the public. He cost the United States economy billions of dollars, with the toll still mounting. His punishment? He will not be allowed to receive any federal scientific grants for five years. - - - - Huh?!

For this report we are grateful to Dr. Dennis T. Avery, Senior fellow, Hudson Institute, formerly senior analyst, U.S. Dept of State.

When it comes to ESA listing, any old excuse will do

Coho salmon serve the environmental protester's cause in Central Coast in the same way as do spotted owls further north. They are the handy excuse for rules, restrictions and protests against rational forest management and timberland usage. Archeologists have shown that they are probably not native to the Central Coast, and were not present here until they were artificially stocked to enhance sport fishing resources. Two scientists, Ken Gobalet, fisheries biologist of CSU Bakersfield and archeologist, Mark Hylkema of the State Parks Department have spent several years digging and examining fish remains and are continuing their work on this study.

State fish and game files show that until very recently, large transfers of hatchery coho were continuously planted in Central Coast streams since the late 1800's, accounting for some of the early anecdotal tales of huge coho runs. However the divergence between local geographic and climate conditions and actual coho habitat requirements lead to the suspicion that coho salmon are not native to streams south of San Francisco *even though they are listed under the ESA by both State and Federal governments*. Archeological studies of dozens of native kitchen middens in the Central Coast have yielded *no salmon remains* whereas nearly 100 other fish species including steelhead have been found and identified in the native's diet. By contrast, in excavations north of San Francisco salmon remains dating from 300 to 8000 years ago are plentiful.

By: Bob Briggs

CCFA Lawsuit Appeal

The Gauntlet is Down and the Clock is Running

As we mentioned in the December note to members, CCFA and Big Creek have appealed the decision in our lawsuits against Santa Cruz County and the State Coastal Commission. The case will be reviewed by the Sixth Appellate Court of California.

The Superior Court ruling of Dec. 2000 affirmed that only the State Board of Forestry can control timber operations on land zoned for timber production (TPZ). Unfortunately the court upheld the County's right to control timber harvesting on non-TPZ lands (comprising approximately half the privately owned forestland in Santa Cruz County). Many non-TPZ landowners have a long history of responsible timber harvesting and forest management on their property and a number of CCFA members rely on the proceeds of periodic selective timber harvesting to maintain their forested property. This stewardship makes no difference to the Supervisors.

As we expected, the County and Coastal Commission cross-appealed the rulings that would deprive them of control of harvests on land zoned for timber use.

It has been obvious from the Supervisors' actions going back to 1997 that their ultimate goal is the elimination of State Forestry Board management of timber harvests and the prohibition of timber harvesting altogether in Santa Cruz County, regardless of a property's zoning. This conclusion is underlined when you examine the current status of TPZ re-zoning applications. To our knowledge, the County Planning Department is sitting on every single TPZ re-zoning application that has been filed in the past year-and-a-half, even though, as you may recall, several of the supervisors stated publicly (on a number of occasions) that they were not opposed to timber harvesting. They simply asked that landowners apply to rezone their timberland to TPZ and the supervisors would not only support but encourage such re-zonings.

Anyone who has ever applied for a county permit or who reads the newspaper realizes that "permit stonewalling" is an institutionalized tactic for social engineering in Santa Cruz County.

In deciding to proceed on an appeal CCFA directors were very mindful that the outcome has critical implications beyond the legal rights and interests of local timber owners. If the County and Commission's cross-appeal succeeds, forestland ownership statewide will be thrust into chaos; the harvesting of trees will become politicized in every county and forest land-use decisions will be dictated by militant, well-financed environmental enterprises such as the Sierra Club, Earth First and EPIC.¹

Perhaps the most astounding and insulting development is that some re-zoning applicants are being told by county staff (off the record) that the stalled re-zonings are CCFA and Big Creek's fault because they filed lawsuits against the County. One need only to ask who passed the ordinances that curtailed forest usage by countless private landowners in the first place to realize how despicable those comments are.

The appeal will probably take one to two years to complete and will be expensive. We will do our best to keep members and contributors informed as the action unfolds but we will need both your patience and your continued financial assistance. Please consider making a donation to this effort. If you write "CCFA Legal Fund" in the memo line of your check, it will be sequestered and used exclusively for legal expenses.

¹ EPIC is the acronym for the *Environmental Protection and Information Center*.

CCFA legal action fund needs help

We appear to have won a major part of the first round of court action, but the battle is not over. Both sides have appealed, and further legal action is necessary before the County obeys State law in rezoning land to TPZ. CCFA must be prepared to keep the legal initiative. Your contribution to the CCFA Legal Action Fund will strengthen the effort.

Please make checks payable to:

Central Coast Forest Association Legal Fund

P. O. Box 1670

Capitola, CA 95010

If you have questions, leave a message and phone number on our hotline (831) 469-6016 and one of our officers will get back to you very soon.

The CCFA Legal Action Fund is entirely separate from our dues supported operating accounts.

Central Coast Forest Association
 Membership / Renewal Application/Contribution

Enclosed is \$ _____ New Membership Renewal Legal Fund

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	DUES
Personal	\$50
Professional	\$250
Business	\$500

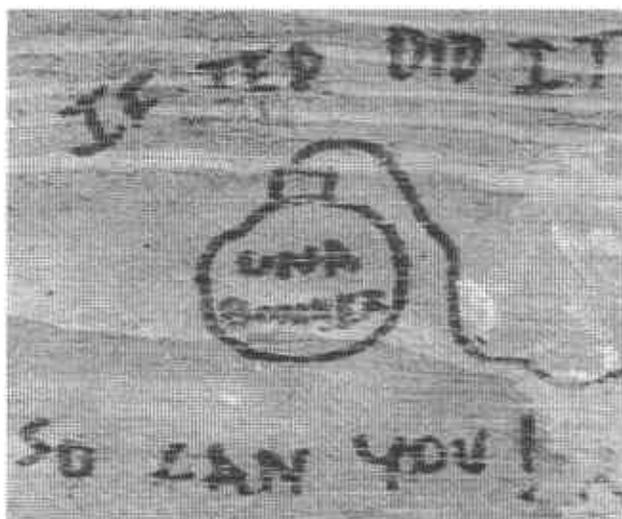
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Please make checks payable to: _____ Date _____
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terrorists, and includes some familiar but obscure names closer to home such as Blackbird, Moondog and Butterfly.



Why Central Coast Loggers look over their shoulders occasionally. It says "If Ted (unabomber) did it, so can you!"

The photos in this article were 'touched up' for print clarity. The original photos are on file for anyone who wishes to see them first-hand.

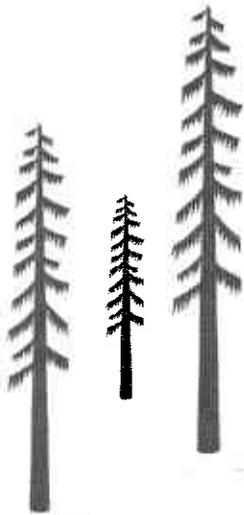
CCFA's Mission

The Central Coast Forest Association is a non-profit alliance of small forestland owners, forestry professionals and forest-oriented businesses with close affinity to the woods, mountains, streams and wild-life of the Central Coast. Our purpose is to uphold and preserve our values, our property rights and our way of life. To advance this objective CCFA will:

- Communicate with community, political and environmental interests as a voice for forestland owners.
- Understand the news, law and technology of forestry and apply this knowledge for the benefit and protection of forestland owners.
- Inform members of matters affecting their lands and forests.
- Take political and legal action to defend the rights and property of all Central Coast forestland owners.



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Report from the South County **Where the forest meets the farm**

By Dave Smelt, CCFA Vice Pres.

As we begin a new year, I'm still trying to find out where the timber owners stand in relation to the Agriculture Tax Exemption Bill (AB 426). I will try to keep all of you informed as to our position.

On the local scene; several of our members are trying to instill some sanity into the Board of Supervisors' private road ordinance. A continuance has been granted until March 12th. Thank you BUD McCRARY!!!

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF IN THE COMING YEAR

- Sudden Oak Death (in redwoods ?)
- Suspension of all backyard and agricultural burning by the Air Pollution Control Board
- More limitation of the power of the Board of Forestry by the California Senate
- More Habitat Conservation Plans for Private Property
- Agenda 21