Headwaters Forest Reserve

Managing by Network

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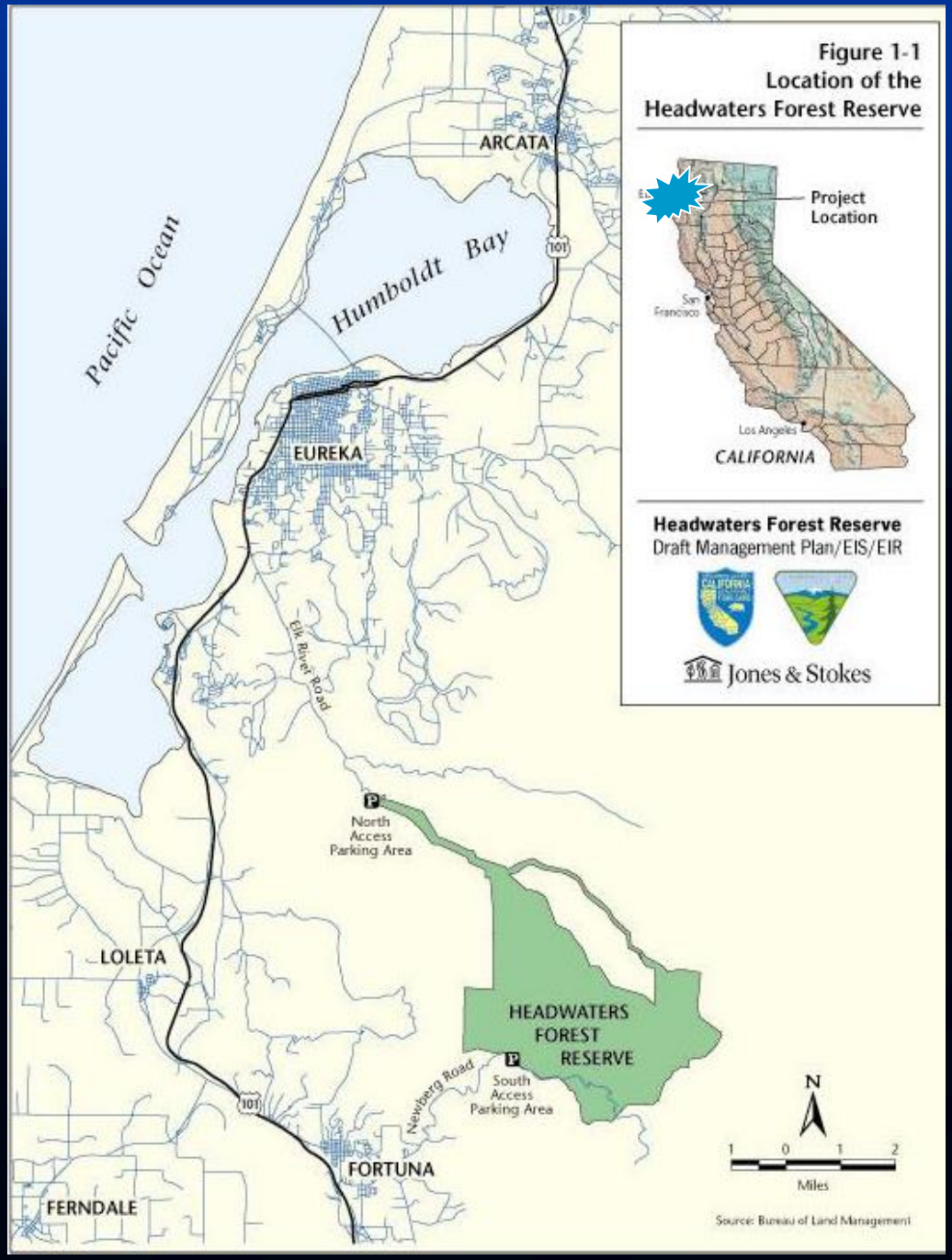
Overview

- Reserve Context
- Existing Networks/Partnerships
- “Friends” Network Initiative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Location of the
Headwaters Forest Reserve
Project
Location
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Los Angeles
CALIFORNIA
Headwaters Forest Reserve
Draft Management Plan/EIS/EIR
Jones & Stokes
Pacific Ocean
Humboldt Bay
ARCATA
EUREKA
Elk River Road
North
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HEADWATERS
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RESERVE
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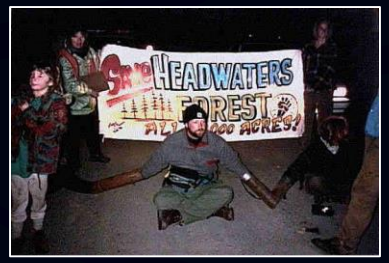
Source: Bureau of Land Management

Headwaters Forest Reserve

- Acquired in 1999
- Legislative direction to:
  - *"conserve and study the land, fish, wildlife, and forests…"*
- Cooperatively managed by BLM and California Department of Fish and Game



CURRENT EXTENT OF OLD GROWTH REDWOODS (2000)

Management Priorities

- Restoration
  - Road Removal
  - Thinning
  - Invasive weeds
- Research
- Recreation and Education
  - Friends Group

Watershed Restoration Partners

Local contractors

Non-profit
PCFWWRA

C.A.

Federal Funding
BLM

Outreach
Public

Funders
DFG, SWRCB

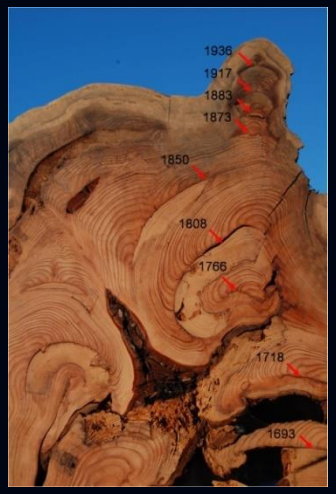
Technical
PWA, Agencies

Compliance
Agencies

Forest Restoration

Research and Monitoring Partnerships

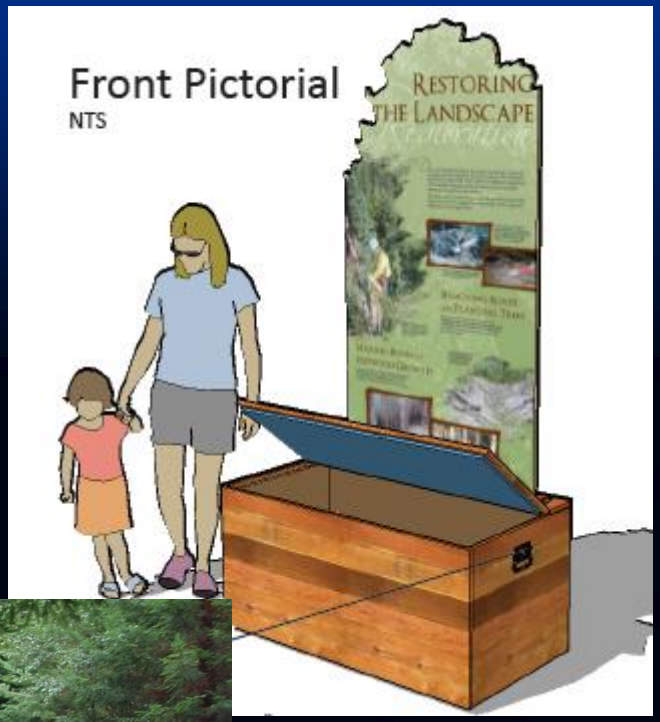
- HSU
  - Forestry
  - Fisheries
  - Geography
  - Archaeology
- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- NCASI
- Adjacent Landowners



Education / Outreach Partnerships

- Local School Transportation Funds
  - Save the Redwoods League
  - Hands on the Land
  - Take It Outside
- Interagency PSA's
- Tours with local groups – Sierra Club, Hiking clubs, Historical Society, etc.

Headwaters Education Center


Front Pictorial
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RESTORING
THE LANDSCAPE

"Friends" Network

- Network Goal:
  - Develop a cadre of docent volunteers ("friends") to help with education and interpretation at the Reserve as a means to help protect and restore ecological integrity.

- Network Objectives
  - Build community support
  - Conduit of information
  - Improve stewardship

- Stage of Development?
  - Visioning
  - Conceptual
  - Research and Development
- What are We Doing?
  - Finishing Education Center Exhibits
  - Talking with potential friends about interests and goals

- Current Benefits
  - Collecting ideas about what visitors would like to see, projects, issues, concerns, etc.
  - Potential friends are starting to rethink their role and potential for involvement in the Reserve
- Future Benefits
  - Achieve objectives:
    - Build community support
    - Conduit of info
    - Improve stewardship
  - Network expansion…

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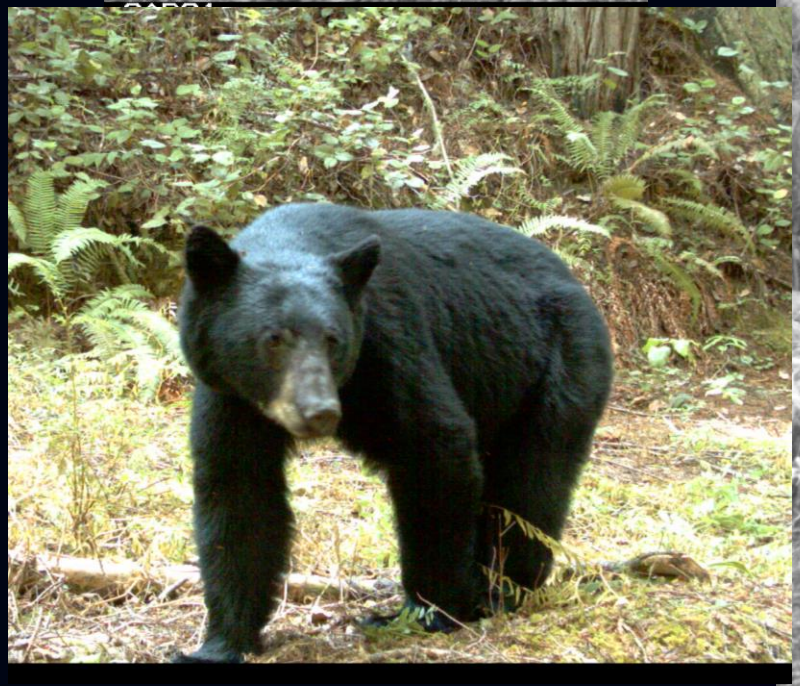
RECONYX



RECONYX

Next Steps

- Complete Education Center
- Host a Fall gathering
  - Review progress
  - Determine docent/volunteer interest
- Develop docent program
  - Training
  - Schedule
  - Organizational logistics

Questions, Suggestions ???