

Freshwater Update

More treesitters have been removed from their perches high up in the oldgrowth redwood canopy. Treesitters Todd and Amanita were removed from the oldgrowth tree Jezebel in the Lower Treesit Village. Todd was locked down to a branch below the platform and was cut out of the lockbox. Amanita was locked down 10 ft out on a large branch; Pacific Lumber climbers cut the end of the branch off in sections and slid Amanita's arms, still in the lockdown device, off the end of the branch. Once the treesitters were removed the 1000 year old tree was cut. Also in the Lower Treesit Village Nudie was lowered from the donut platform in Poseidon by PL climbers and the 800+ year old tree was cut.

Treesitter Luigi was occupying a traverse between two trees, Yasoda and Dream, in the Upper Treesit Village when PL climbers came to take him down. The traverse was set near the top of the trees and PL climbers dangerously set two of their own traverses in the same place and two climbers came out, one from each tree, and apprehended Luigi in the middle of the traverse. Once Luigi was lowered from the trees both Yasoda and Dream were cut.

On Earth Day three treesitters were lowered from the tree Marvelous in the Utopian Tree Pirate Treesit Village. Jungle was locked down on the lower tree with a cement covered lockbox weighing 200+ lbs. PL climbers were able to cut off the top of the segment of the tree that he was attached to and lift him up and over it and lower him to the ground still attached to the lockbox. Sorrel and Wallaby were locked down at the very top of Marvelous and PL climbers cut all the branches off the top of the tree before lowering them down. Then Marvelous was cut.

A treesitter was extracted from the tree Jerry in the Upper Treesit Village for the third time and tree still stands! Smokey was locked down to a barrel of concrete weighing 800 lbs on a specially built platform in Jerry and Everstien. PL Climbers managed the once thought impossible feat of lowering a treesitter locked down to a 800 lb barrel of concrete which took the whole day. 10 hours later Smokey was on the ground and the barrel was being dismantled by Humboldt County Sheriffs but Antler was still out on the traverse, saving Jerry from being cut. A new platform was put up that night and Jerry continues to be occupied along with two other trees in the Upper Treesit Village.

This makes a record total of 15 treesitters extracted and 500 acres clearcut in the Freshwater watershed in one year. The force shown by PL in retaliating against the treesitters and refusing to come to the negotiating table is truly daunting and the loss of so many beloved trees has been saddening but the hope still remains in our hearts that things will change. Every step taken in the face of oppression, corruption, and disregard for the earth and its creatures, is truly empowering.

