

Dear friends and supporters,

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Since the last newsletter we sent to you in the summer, a NCEF! treesit has gone up in the Nanning Creek Murrelet Complex known as the Bonanza Timber Harvest plan. We have included a new fact sheet on this issue with this letter. Folks who have been there describe it as the last, best, prime, occupied Murrelet habitat still unprotected on private lands. Believe us that, though smaller, it is on par with the Headwaters core grove. As you receive this letter, an action camp held in Grizzly Creek is focused on defending Bonanza. These recent actions have incurred a giant hole in our pockets. By digging deep into yours you are bidding a final farewell to the Maxxam monster that has been terrorizing Humboldt County for the past fifteen years. This is Maxxam's watershed Waterloo.

Meanwhile we are also maintaining a grove-wide treesit in Fern Gully in the beleaguered Freshwater watershed. This sit was raided by the PL thugs on August 29th, but activists remain undeterred and firmly ensconced.

Two shaky moratoriums in the Freshwater and Elk Watersheds were imposed this year as a result of our widely publicized 2003 treesits and other nonviolent direct actions in Freshwater. These sits raised awareness, supported legal challenges and galvanized public protests. The Water Quality Control Board has halted all but 500 acres of cutting in these watersheds pending the company's compliance with new regulations. Now Palco is freaking out, suing, and threatening to go bankrupt.

Shockingly we haven't gotten arrested since the last newsletter except yesterday at Bonanza. However we are constantly in court dealing with past alleged transgressions. A total of 39 activists are battling Palco in civil court. Two SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) suits against us, one in the Mattole with 15 defendants, and one in Freshwater with 24 defendants are alive with motions, cross complaints, demurs, and demands. Due to our narrow budget, most of us have become our own *in pro per* lawyers. In the Freshwater suit, Remedy and fellow treesitters who were extracted from sits in ancient redwoods, have succeeded in obtaining footage taken by PL extractors/ climbers/ goons led by the uninsured Eric Schatz. This secret head-cam footage documents shocking close-ups of the brutal and dangerous treatment of nonviolent protestors.

In the Mattole suit, which aims to harass and intimidate activists who participated in nonviolent protests in 2001, a trial date of September 26th was set and then postponed by the judge. Without trial this suit would expire in April 2006. Palco has sweetened its bitter settlement offer down to an injunction against trespass and obstruction on their ownership of our last ancient forests, Murrelet apartments, and public values. But we are saying "no way!"

Oh, Palco is going bankrupt or so they say in their recent press statement. So its Palco's last hoorah and Bonanza is their last yeehah. CEO Hurwitz the Horrible is trying to take one last giant bite out of the last remaining old growth redwoods. Here is one last big fight with Hungry Hurwitz and the Texas Corporados. On September 27th, Humboldt County financial institutions holding Maxxam subsidiary Scotia Pacific bonds rejected the company's August offer to receive 90% equity in a reorganized Scotia Pacific plus \$300 million in new debt securities with Hurwitz keeping the Scotia Mill. Without drastic refinancing at lower interest, the rate of cut will continue to be driven by the heavy debt. With your dough we are working to slow this cutthroat rate of cut.

Sincerely with ♥ and thanks,

North Coast Earth  First!

***Time to
Lockdown
to Palco!***



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