

Editor's Mailbox

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DEAR EDITOR:

The Sierra Club's recent advertisement in behalf of its redwoods national park plan is a typical display of their questionable tactics. It also is an insult to the people of California.

The basic question in the long-standing redwoods controversy is not preservation of redwoods, for this already has been accomplished. Rather, the question is how much should be preserved.

Thoughtful people throughout the nation are beginning to realize that the redwood is not in danger of extinction; that California has done an outstanding job of preserving 115,000 acres of redwoods in 28 state parks. So now the Sierra Club is going to belittle these fine state parks in order to build an artificial need for acquiring huge tracts of private timberlands. California has the finest state park system in the nation, and probably the world. The redwoods parks represent a tremendous cooperative effort and expense by the State, Save-the-Redwoods League, the lumber industry and thousands of private citizens for nearly half a century.

Their ad speaks disparagingly of the parks — "The result would remind you of the places on your face you missed while you were shaving" and "virgin acreage is held in tiny museum-like California state parks" and "a few (redwoods) are in small state parks". Humboldt Redwoods State Park at 63 square miles is not small!

The ad is just another example of the disservice done to the conservation movement by the arrogance of the Sierra Club.

Sincerely,

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