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California Redwood Association 617 Montgomery Street San Francisco, California 94111



Dear Mr. Mortimore:

In order to provide you with more background material on the Redwood Industry Recreation Areas program (R.I.R.A.) I have enclosed two copies of a statement which I made before the California Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works in San Diego in October, 1965. This statement was given about forty days after we formally opened the areas to public recreational use on September 18, 1965. The most significant change from the 1965 season is that the area of recreation areas for the 1966 season has been increased from 260,000 acres to 365,000 acres. Participating company acreages for the 1966 areas are as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>1966 RIRA Acreage</u>
Arcata Redwood Company	22,500
Georgia-Pacific Corporation	110,000
Masonite Corporation	300
Miller Redwood Company	14,000
The Pacific Lumber Company	16,500
Rockport Redwood Company	31,200
Simpson Timber Company	139,000
Union Lumber Company	24,000
Willits Redwood Products Company	7,500
Total	365,000

The increase of 105,000 acres over 1965 has taken place almost entirely in northwestern Humboldt County on the lands of the Georgia-Pacific Corporation and the Simpson Timber Company.

No charges are being made for recreation use and, to date, we have not had any serious problems with recreationist caused forest fires or vandalism.

We regret that our new master map of 1966 RIRA areas will not be completed prior to August 17th. If you desire a copy after that date, please advise us and we will be happy to make a copy available.

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The brochures and map which you already have in your possession will provide additional information on the scope of the RIRA program. To date, we have distributed about 100,000 copies of the recreational area pamphlet.

We are unable to provide you with data on the number of visitors for the 1966 season since the heavy use season is barely under way. We expect to have this information compiled by November when seasonal visitor use will have declined to a very low level. Last fall, we had about 20,000 visitors in all of the 22 areas but expect considerably more this year since the program is now better known by the public and there will be a full season of visitor use.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

John T. Keane

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