

Bohemian Club trying to convince membership in effort to salvage its logging proposal

There appears to be growing concern among Bohemian Club members over the wisdom of logging its Bohemian Grove property. Over the past couple of months, Club president, Jay Mancini, accompanied by Club forester and logging proponent Ralph Osterling have invited key Bohemian Club members in for *private briefings* to explain the Club's troubled logging plan and calm the waters within the club.

The Bohemian Club Board of Directors has also invited **Thomas M. Bonnicksen**, a major supporter of the Bush Administration's Healthy Forest Initiative, to address the Club membership on Tuesday, March 25 at the Bohemian Club's 624 Taylor St. facility in San Francisco. The talk will begin at 4PM.

Simultaneously, the Bohemian Club is making a big push for final approval of its plan to log more than one million board feet per year of redwood and Doug fir from its Bohemian Grove property. A *hearing on its proposed NTMP* (Non Industrial Timber Management Plan: 01-06NTMP-011SON) is tentatively set for Thursday, March 27th at the CA Dept of Forestry office in Santa Rosa, although the Club has yet to submit final changes to its proposal, allegedly still being reviewed by Bohemian Club attorney Wayne Whitlock. For the latest from CDF, call 707-576-2942.

Local activists, scientists and environmentalists have successfully blocked the plan for two years for its failure to meet sustained yield requirements; for its failure to disclose important old growth stands on the property and for the damage the proposed plan would cause to important wildlife habitat.

The 2700-acre Bohemian Grove near Monte Rio on the Russian River includes the largest acreage of old growth redwoods in Sonoma County, twice as large, for example, as the old growth component in Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve just up the river outside Guerneville.

For more information, please call John Hooper, Coordinator, Bohemian Redwoods Rescue Club 415-626-8880.