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Letter to Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Much to the consternation of Anderson Valley residents, PG&E has marked at least 52 old-growth redwood trees for destruction in Faulkner Park near Boonville along with an additional 50 trees of various species. This action is part of their vegetation management plan that purports to prevent wildfire ignition by a single power line. While we are well aware of the need for vegetation trimming near power lines, the proposed action to cut old-growth trees that are hundreds of years old, some of which are hundreds of feet from the power line, is overkill. These trees have provided succor and enjoyment for our citizens ever since the park was set aside for perpetuity 91 years ago. A quarter mile of undergrounding the power line would prevent said destruction.

Certain PG&E managers have promised local citizens and county officials that PG&E will make an effort to find alternatives to the tree-cutting plan. But until promises become reality, the trees are in jeopardy. As Faulkner is a county park, we urge the Board of Supervisors to convince PG&E of the urgent need to find a way to protect the park and avoid cutting any of the ancient redwoods.

Sincerely,

Valerie Hanelt, Chair
with unanimous consent of the Anderson Valley Community Services District Board of Directors