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## **Forest Service Sued for Logging Giant Sequoia National Monument**

Kernville, CA – On March 7, 2014, Sequoia ForestKeeper, a nonprofit organization, filed suit against the U.S. Forest Service for approving a logging project in the Giant Sequoia National Monument, the Hume Roadside and Recreation Site Hazard Tree Project proposes to unlawfully sell trees from within The Monument where tree removal is restricted by Presidential Proclamation to where “clearly needed” for ecological restoration and maintenance or public safety. More often than not, “hazard” trees are found when there is a monetary incentive. The Monument was created to remove the financial incentive and to hold the Forest Service to its mission to protect resources.

*Sequoia ForestKeeper’s mission is to protect and restore the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada – including both Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument – through monitoring forest conditions, awareness of laws, education, and litigation. By acting as the eyes, ears, and voice of the forest, SFK seeks to improve land management practices, to promote land stewardship, to enforce existing laws and regulations, to implement public awareness programs, to offer assistance to local land management agencies, and to save natural forest ecosystems.*

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