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SFK Launches Brand New Website

If anyone has tried to visit our website in the past few months, they will know that it has long been under construction. So, it is with great pride and excitement that we announce the launch of our BRAND NEW WEBSITE! The site makes it easier to adopt a sequoia, learn about programs, view photos, and get the latest information about what Sequoia ForestKeeper is up to. We plan to add other great features such as a page that allows users to view all current proposed projects in the forest, an interactive blog where guests can post their views, and videos such as "Without Compromise," a short documentary about the legendary Martin Litton. Please visit our site today at www.sequoiaforestkeeper.org, and spread the word to your forest-loving friends!

New Study shows that Climate Change is Having Serious Effect on Western Forests

In a NASA-funded study led by the University of Colorado Boulder (CU), which looked at 26 years of data gathered in the Sierra Nevada, it was determined that mid-elevation forests are the most sensitive to the rising temperatures and change in precipitation and snowmelt resulting from climate change. Mid-elevation forests are those between approximately 6,500 to 8,000 feet, which is an important distinction because the Giant Sequoias only grow naturally in that elevation range on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. The study found that the change in snowpack affects forest "greenness" the following year, as well as fire frequency and bark beetle infestation. "We found that mid-elevation forests show a dramatic sensitivity to snow that fell the previous winter in terms of accumulation and subsequent melt," said Noah Molotch, a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "If snowpack declines, forests become more stressed, which can lead to ecological changes that include alterations in the distribution and abundance of plant and animal species as well as vulnerability to perturbations like fire and beetle kill."

To learn more, click here. <http://www.colorado.edu/news/releases/2012/09/10/cu-led-mountain-forest-study-shows-vulnerability-climate-change>

California Bill Outlaws Use of Dogs for Hunting Bear and Bobcat

Last Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown (D-CA) signed SB 1221, which will prohibit hunters from using dogs to hunt bear and bobcat in California beginning January 1, 2013. The bill was authored by Senator Ted Lieu (D-Torrance, CA). The law will still allow dogs to be used for research, tracking nuisance animals, and to protect private property, but when hunting, the owners must now leave fido at home. This law is a victory for the Pacific Fisher, listed as a "Threatened" species, as this small but fierce mammal is not immune to Parvo or distemper, diseases that can be transmitted by dogs. Sequoia ForestKeeper is thrilled with this legislation, which will protect not only the Fisher but other animals in the forest that could be threatened by these hunting dogs. In fact, we wrote a [comment letter on this issue in 2011](#).

[Click here for the whole story](#)

Adopt a Sequoia

For only \$100 for a single tree and \$2,500 for a stand of sequoias* you can give yourself or those you cherish a gift that will last for generations! All proceeds will be used to continue our work to protect and preserve the giant sequoias and their ecosystem.

*Adoption of sequoia does not indicate legal ownership

Sequoia Adoption includes:

A beautiful certificate of adoption

GPS coordinates of your adopted sequoia

A map so you can visit your tree or stand of trees

A lovely 8x10 color photo of your tree or stand



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SFK's Facebook Page

Sequoia ForestKeeper® has a [Facebook page](#)! Like us to learn about what is going on around the Southern Sierra Nevada. We post information about including timber sale notices, special events, victories, photos, and other relevant information. We hope to see you there!

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