

**AGENDA**  
**Friday, March 17, 2000 -**  
**Visalia, California**

**3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Registration**

**5:00 p.m.**  
**Introductions/Ground Rules**

**Moderator - Tom Efrid**

District Ranger,  
Sierra National Forest

**5:10 p.m. Welcome/Overview**

**Arthur Gaffrey**

Forest Supervisor,  
Sequoia National Forest

**5:30 p.m. Science Panel**

(10 minutes per member)

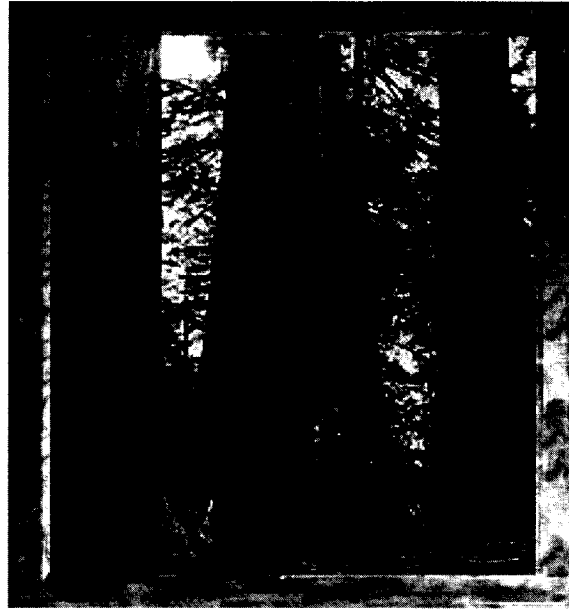
**Dave Graber, Ph.D.**  
Sequoia & Kings Canyon  
National Park

**Bill Libby, Ph.D.**  
Emeritus  
UC Berkeley

**5:50 p.m. Government Panel**

(5 minutes per member)

Congressman **Bill Thomas**



1930 USFS Photo - Unknown Grove

**AGENDA**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2000 -**  
**Fresno, California**

February 14, 2000

The Honorable Daniel R. Glickman  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Dan:

More than half of California's remaining giant sequoia groves, which contain the largest and many of the oldest trees in the world, lie outside Kings Canyon/Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and within the Sequoia National Forest. I want to ensure that these majestic cathedral groves, which John Muir called "Nature's masterpiece," are protected for future generations to study and enjoy.

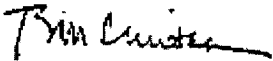
I would appreciate your review of this matter and your recommendation regarding whether appropriate stewardship for the sequoia groves warrants exercise of my authority under the Antiquities Act to extend permanent protection to objects of historic or scientific interest on federal land. As you know, legislative proposals have been introduced over the last decade, but not enacted, to provide permanent protection for the sequoias, and a number of others have proposed Antiquities Act protection for unprotected sequoias. Dr. Edgar Wayburn, Honorary President of the Sierra Club mentioned this to me when I awarded him a Presidential Medal of Freedom last summer, and he also has written me about the subject.

As part of your review, please consult with appropriate members of Congress, as well as tribal, state, and local officials and other interested parties, and carefully consider their views in making your recommendation. I would also like you to draw on the scientific and management expertise of the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the state of California regarding sequoia groves located on their lands.

Please make your recommendation on this matter within sixty days. I will carefully consider your recommendation in the context of our ongoing efforts to protect our most valuable and unique lands for future generations to enjoy.

I look forward to receiving your guidance.

Sincerely,



**8:30 - 10:00 Registration**

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Introductions/Ground Rules**

**Moderator - Dave Freeland** District Ranger,  
Sequoia National Forest

**10:10 a.m. Welcome/Overview**

**Arthur Gaffrey**  
Forest Supervisor,  
Sequoia National Forest

**10:30 a.m. Science Panel** (10 minutes per member)

**Dave Graber, Ph.D.** **Bill Libby, Ph.D.**  
Sequoia & Kings Canyon Emeritus  
National Park UC Berkeley

**10:50 a.m. Government Panel** (5 minutes per member)

**Congressman George Radanovich** **Phillip Hunter**  
Tule River Tribal Chairman  
Fresno County Supervisor  
Tulare County Supervisor

**11:20 a.m. Stakeholders Panel** (5 minutes per member)

**Audubon Society** **Invited**  
**Backcountry Horsemen** **Mike Jorgenson**  
**California Cattlemen's Association** **Bruce Hafenfeld**  
**California Forestry Association** **Phil Aune**  
**Natural Resources Defense Council** **Neal Lawrence**  
**Save-the-Redwoods League** **Invited**  
**SAMS Coalition** **Tom Barile**  
**Sierra Club** **Carla Cloer**  
**Sierra Forest Products** **Larry Duysen**  
**Wilderness Society** **Jay Watson**

**12:15 a.m. Public Forum** (3 minutes/person  
Sharing of public viewpoints. oral input)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Lunch Break**

**2:00 p.m. Public Forum**  
continues

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

## American Antiquities Act of 1906

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity, situated on lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, without the permission of the Secretary of the Department of the Government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated, shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

**Sec. 2.** That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected: Provided, That when such objects are situated upon a tract covered by a bona fide unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the tract, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Government, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept the relinquishment of such tracts in behalf of the Government of the United States.

**Sec. 3.** That permits for the examination of ruins, the excavation of archaeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity upon the lands under their respective jurisdictions may be granted by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and War to institutions which they may deem properly qualified to conduct such examination, excavation, or gathering, subject to such rules and regulation as they may prescribe: Provided, That the examinations, excavations, and gatherings are undertaken for the benefit of reputable museums, universities, colleges, or other recognized scientific or educational institutions, with a view to increasing the knowledge of such objects, and that the gatherings shall be made for permanent preservation in public museums.

**Sec. 4.** That the Secretaries of the Departments aforesaid shall make and publish from time to time uniform rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, June 8, 1906



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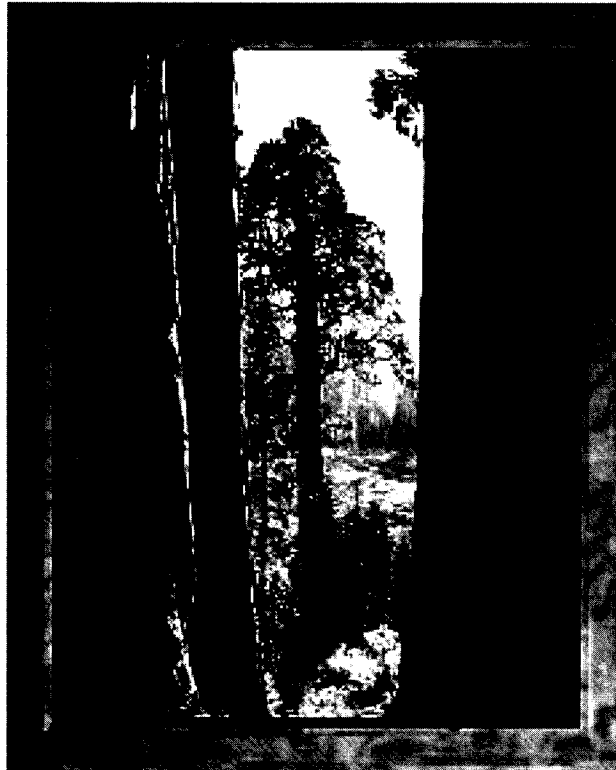
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**Friday, March 17, 2000**

Visalia, California  
Visalia Convention Center

**Saturday, March 18, 2000**

Fresno, California  
Fresno Fairgrounds



Black Mountain Grove, 1999

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