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MUIR WOODS MARKS 100 YEARS AS NATIONAL MONUMENT WITH TWO EVENTS: QUIET DAY AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy are pleased to announce two unique events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Muir Woods National Monument, one of the last stands of old-growth coast redwoods—the tallest tree species in the world.

JANUARY 8, 2008 QUIET DAY

On the eve of Muir Woods' 100th birthday, experience the redwoods as they were for thousands of years—a place of rushing water, bird songs, and stillness. On this fee-free day, visitors will be encouraged to remain as quiet as possible and restoration work and ranger programs will pause. The Quiet Day illustrates the dramatic impact of noise in Muir Woods, a primeval forest near a major metropolitan area and visited by up to 5,000 people each day during peak season. Members of the media are specially invited to take this rare opportunity to capture and convey the profound peace of the woods that—for just a day—is again a place beyond our time.

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JANUARY 9, 2008 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods as a National Monument will be marked by a moving ceremony commemorating its past and celebrating its future, a series of ranger-led hikes, and special opportunities for volunteers to participate in ongoing conservation work.

The public is invited to attend the festivities. In honor of this special event, this will be a fee-free day. Highlights of the celebration include:

- Historic reunion of park rangers, scientists, historians, conservationists, volunteers, and park staff—all those who have worked in the company of the majestic giants at Muir Woods.
- Theatrical re-enactment about Theodore Roosevelt's proclamation, on January 9, 1908, of Muir Woods as America's 10th National Monument.
- Ceremonial planting in Redwood Canyon of a rhododendron once thought locally extinct—but now a symbol of hope for environmental preservation.
- Opportunities to meet descendents of William Kent and John Muir.
- Volunteer work activities in the lower Redwood Creek watershed, where efforts to restore habitat for the red-legged frog continue the legacy of active and participatory conservation.
- Ranger-led hikes into Muir Woods that feature the unique seasonal aspects of the ecosystem, such as the salmon run in Redwood Creek.
- And, of course, birthday cake for all.