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Park Land Donated

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A 155-acre stand of redwood and fir trees valued at \$825,000 was added to the Big Basin Redwoods State Park recently at no cost to the state.

The parcel, the last piece of unlogged redwood forest in the area, was acquired from the Vince Locatelli family of Boulder Creek, who donated \$180,000 of the purchase price as a gift to the state. The transaction was reported May 8 in The Sentinel.

The remaining donations came from the Save-The-Redwoods League (\$250,000), the Sempervirens Fund (\$83,050), and the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$311,950).

The new portion lies in the northwest corner of the park on the summit of the Waddell Creek Watershed overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

According to Newton B. Drury, president of the Save-The-Redwoods League, the land will probably be kept as a wilderness area with trails wandering through it.

The Big Basin Park, the first in the state park system, has grown from 3,800 acres in 1902 to more than 12,000 acres today.

Negotiations for the newly-added portion of land had been underway since 1956.