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## Nesting Bird Survey Report

### Humboldt County

**20 Oakridge Drive  
Redway, California 95560  
APN: 077-072-077-000**

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Date: 05/20/2026

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## **Executive Summary**

An on-site survey was conducted on May 19, 2026 to assess presence of nesting birds on or adjacent to a single redwood tree proposed for removal deemed a hazard tree.

No nesting birds or birds exhibiting nesting behavior were observed. The tree provides marginal nesting habitat or substrate. The likelihood of nesting behavior utilizing this tree or immediate adjacent area is low due to the proximity of residential activity in the neighborhood and vehicle traffic on Briceland Road.

## **Background**

The focus of the survey is to assess presence of nesting birds utilizing the hazard tree proposed for removal and habitat or substrate on or immediately adjacent to the parcel located at 20 Oak Ridge Drive, APN 077-072-007 located in Humboldt County in Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, on the Garberville USGS 7.5' Quad.

Nesting birds includes State and Federally listed, CDFW Species of Special Concern and those listed in 50 CFR 10.13.

## **Biologist Qualifications**

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Mark Pera is a staff forester/biologist at Hohman and Associates Forestry Consultants. He has a BS in Forestry with a concentration in Resource Management from Humboldt State University. He has over 20 years being employed by private consulting forestry businesses. Duties of employment have covered the full range of private timberland management and various permit applications. Mark has prepared various habitat assessments, survey reports and conducted protocol level surveys for Northern spotted owl, foothill yellow-legged frog, raptors (golden eagle, bald eagle, osprey), nesting birds, and floristic botanical surveys in a variety of habitats along coastal northern California.

Biological experience includes:

- Pre-construction surveys for nesting birds and amphibians (2020-2026).
- Assist in conducting CDFW protocol botanical surveys (2020-2026).
- Visual Encounter Surveys FYLF on Gualala Redwood Timber LLC (2017-2019).
- Many years northern spotted owl surveys and drafting requests for Technical Assistance.
- Identification of species and likely habitat: California Red-legged frog, Pacific tailed frog, Southern torrent salamander and other non-listed species.

## **Methods**

CDFW CNDDDB spatial records of listed species occurrences were downloaded and reviewed prior to the field assessment. There are no occurrences of listed species within or adjacent to the subject parcel. The largest minimum buffer was used as an assessment area for scoping, 1,000 foot radius, 72 acres.

Nesting bird surveys for this report were conducted using the following methodology:

- Surveys should be conducted during the nesting season, March 15 to August 15.
- Weather and time of day are an important factor for the greatest success for observation and presence. The survey period should be rainless with good visibility and winds less than 10 mph. The time of day should be early morning (Dawn–2 hours after sunrise) when birds are most active and vocal to capture peak singing and territorial behavior; ie., the dawn symphony.
- Habitat should be pre-scanned from a distance before walking through to avoid disturbance or flushing birds too soon.
- Walking meandering transects through the survey area should be at intervals close enough to visually observe the matrix of habitat.
- Making stops to look and listen for birds in and around the survey area. Field clues to be alerted to: direct food carry, repeated directional flights or alarm calls.
- Looking for specific evidence that points to use of the site by nesting birds. Such features would range from nest cups for passerines, to large debris platforms for potential raptor species such as bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*). Any observed snags or live trees with cavities should also be a focus of investigation, ie., secondary cavity nesting, granary tree.

The above methodologies provide species survey overlap for a range of potential nesting bird species.

## **Results**

The nesting bird survey for this report was conducted on May 19, 2026 between the hours of 09:00 to 10:00 by Mark Pera. This was a rainless day with clear skies and winds estimated at less than 1 mph. The ambient air temperature was 58°F throughout the survey period. The on-site survey was a comprehensive assessment of the single redwood tree and parcel, which ranged from the existing building and eaves to scanning the adjacent vegetation and habitat types.

The surrounding area was relatively active and busy with resident activity in the neighborhood and vehicle traffic on Briceland Road. The majority of the parcel has been bladed of vegetation to bare soil. Wildlife observed included a domestic cat, band-tailed pigeon which came into the parcel to drink from a puddle to foraging violet-green swallows approximately 300-500 feet above ground.

The entire length of the tree was scanned from all cardinal directions with a 50X spotting scope. The tree has a relatively fresh face cut and is limbed up to approximately 180 feet. No cavities, debris platforms or stick nests were observed. One large horizontal branch is located in the lower portion of the current canopy on the north side of the bole. It was smooth with no deformities. The tree is forked in the very upper portion. The eaves of the house are clean with no mud nests.

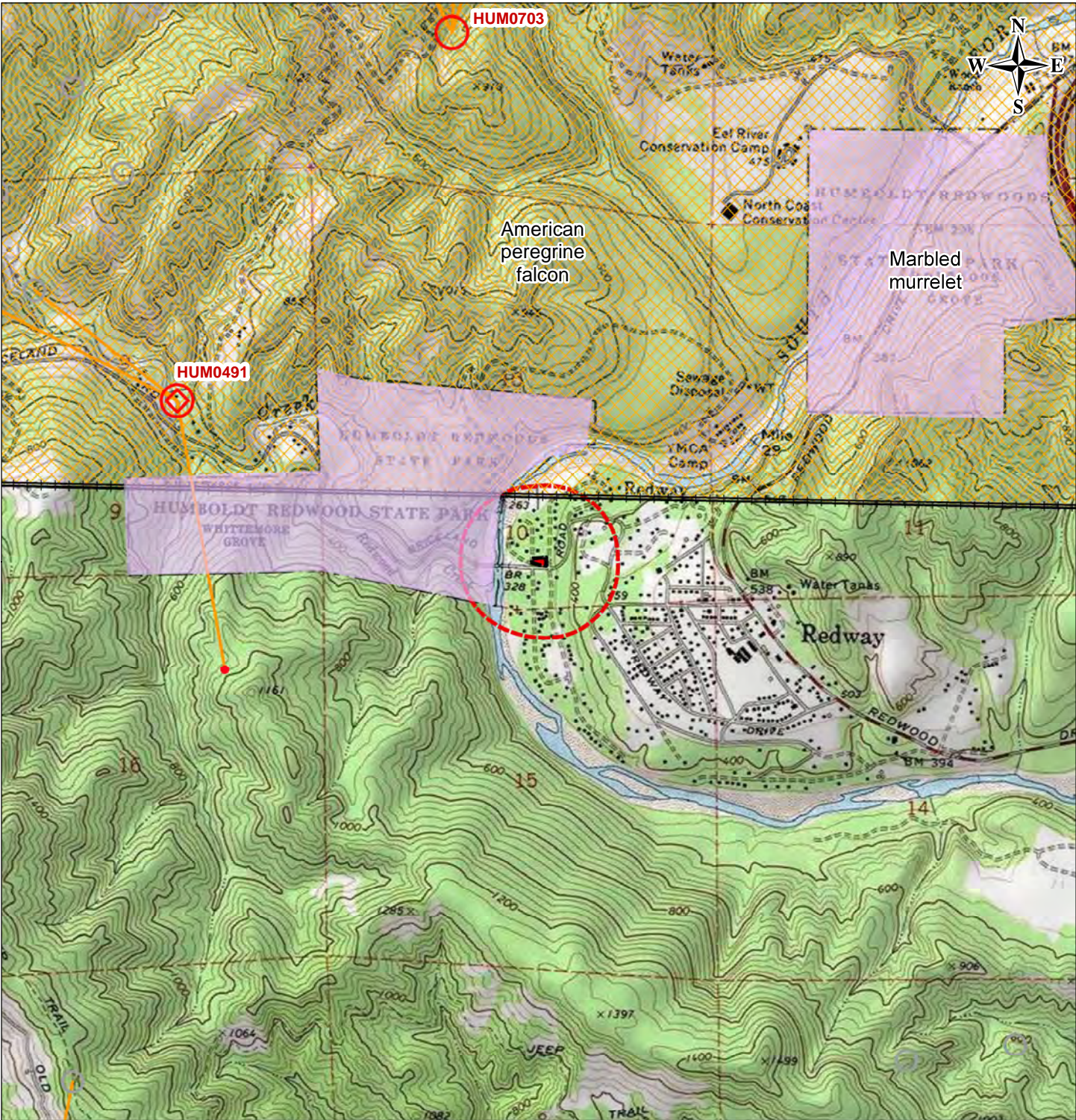
## **Conclusion and Recommendations**

No evidence of nesting birds were located on or adjacent to the single redwood tree proposed for removal. No protection measures are proposed at this time.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Maps

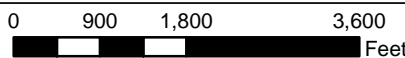
- Site Photos



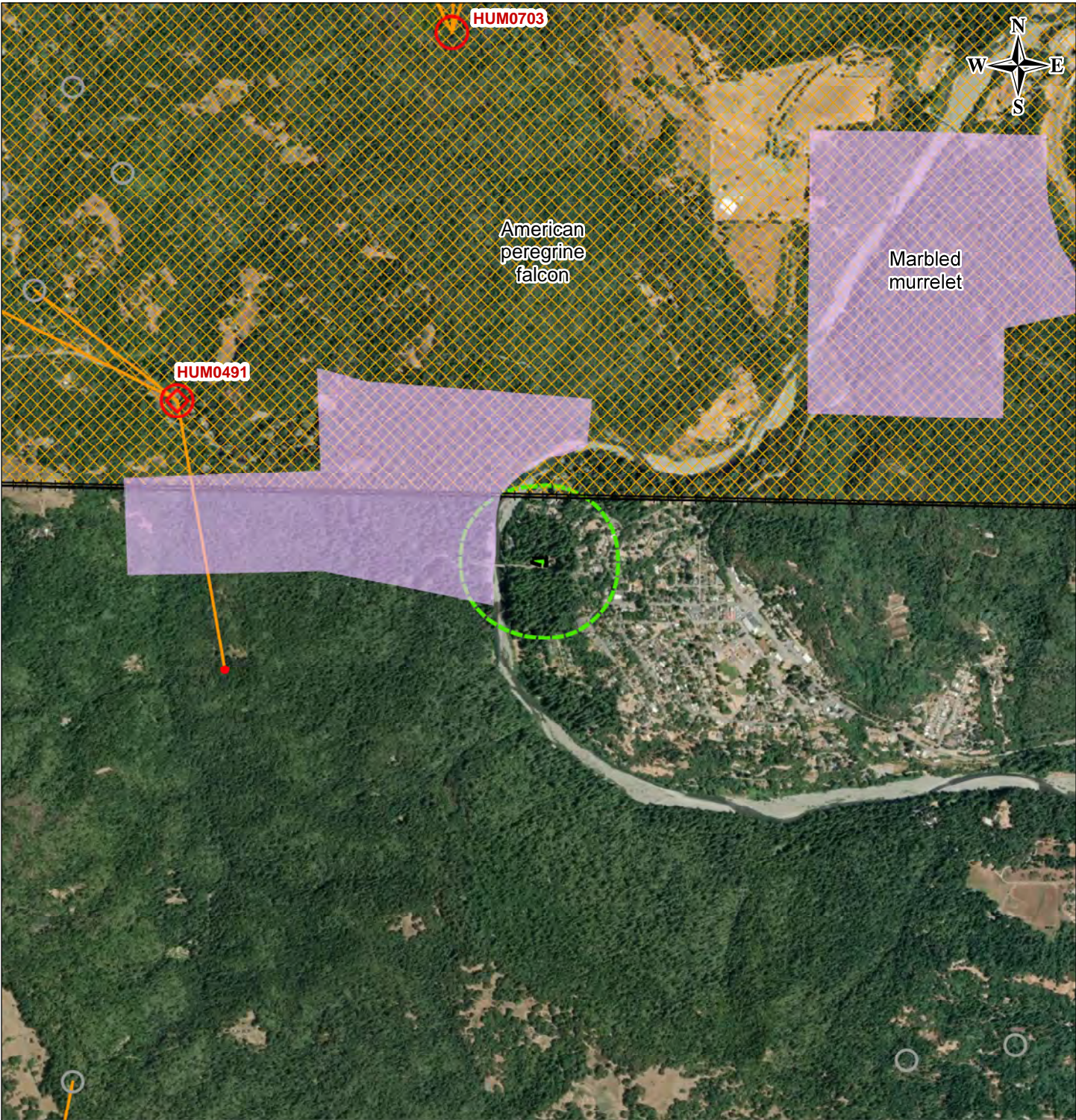
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 CNDDDB Birds Occurrences Map

Section 10; T04S; R03E; HB&M  
 Humboldt County  
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 Quadrangle

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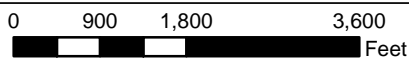
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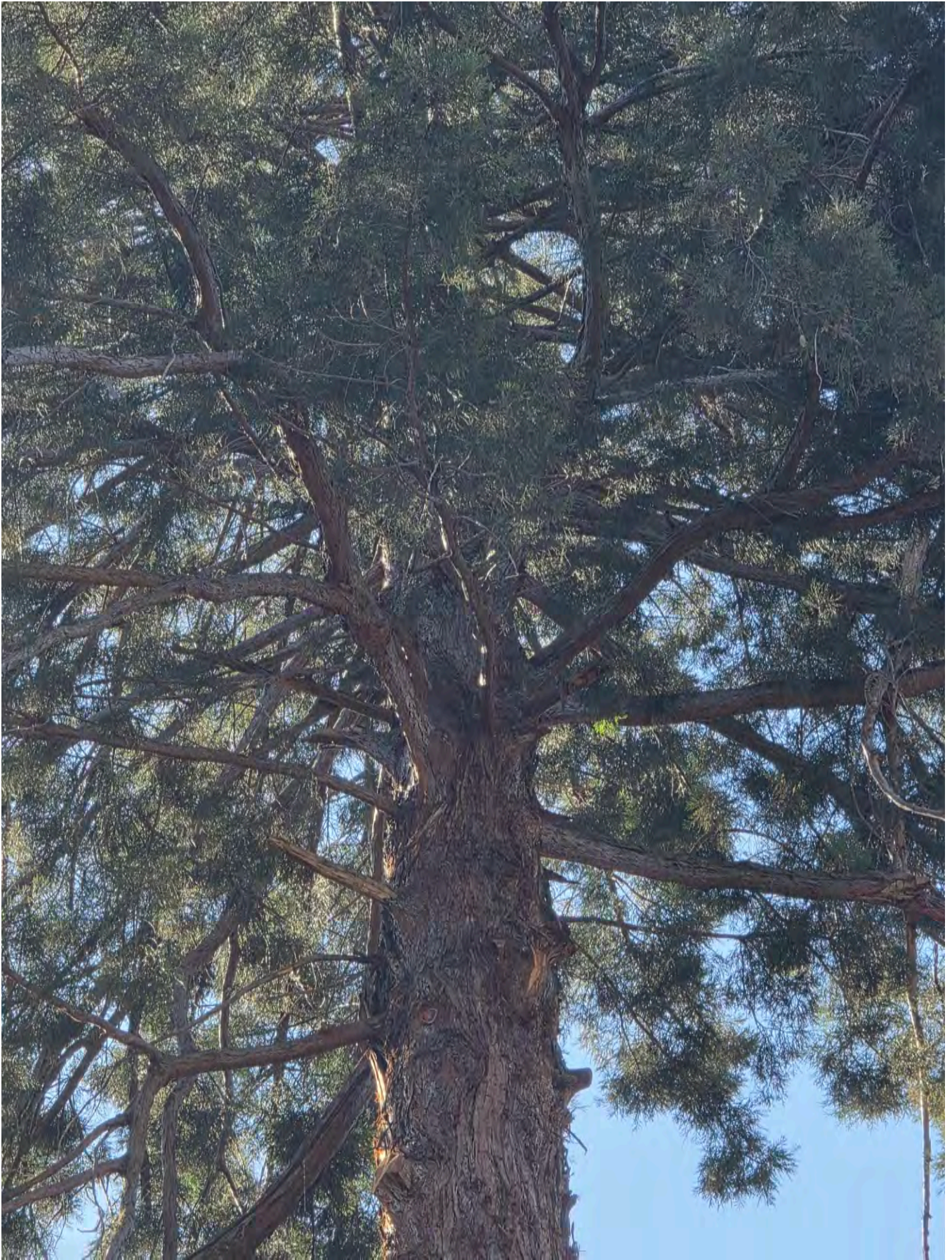
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Overview of subject tree in photo center; west edge of parcel viewing east. (photo date 05/19/2026)



View of lower canopy branching. (photo date 05/19/2026)



Distant view of previous image. (photo date 05/19/2026)



Viewing northwesterly from base of tree. Parcel extent is bare ground; forested condition is adjacent landowners (photo date 05/19/2026)



Viewing easterly. (photo date 05/19/2026)



Viewing southerly. (photo date 05/19/2026)



Viewing westerly. (photo date 05/19/2026)