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Stewardship Council Announces June 9th Closing Registration Date for Interested Donees at Bucks Lake, Doyle Springs, Kennedy Meadows and McArthur Swamp

San Mateo, CA – The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council), a collaborative land conservation and youth investment foundation, announced the June 9th closing date for registering as an interested donee for the following “planning unit” locations:

Bucks Lake, Plumas County

Doyle Springs, Tulare County

Kennedy Meadows, Tuolumne County

McArthur Swamp, Shasta County

Public entities, non-profit organizations and recognized tribal interests can still register their interest in owning or holding conservation easements on lands currently owned and managed by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) until June 9th, 2008. The lands will be subject to a Land Conservation Plan (LCP), a plan being developed to permanently conserve over 140,000 acres of watershed lands throughout California for six beneficial public values which include: outdoor recreation, sustainable forestry, agriculture, habitat protection, open space preservation and protection of cultural and historic resources.

The first two volumes of the LCP, adopted by the Stewardship Council Board of Directors in November, 2007, currently outlines the plan for land parcels or “planning units” which are located across 22 counties, and encompass some of California's most beautiful wilderness landscapes. The parcels, 47 in total, stretch from Shasta County in the north to Kern County in the south, from the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges to the Eel River watershed in Mendocino County and the Carrizo Plains in San Luis Obispo County. Although the Stewardship Council is currently only accepting registration of interested donees for the four locations listed above, interested parties are encouraged to check the website periodically to receive updates on the other 43 planning units.

Following the registration closing date for the four planning units, the Stewardship Council will invite eligible organizations to participate in a planning process to develop the land stewardship proposal. The Stewardship Council will then select and recommend organizations to own or hold a conservation easement on the land in accordance with the Land Conservation Plan.

Organizations and public entities interested in registering as an interested donee, must complete an application via the Stewardship Council's web site: www.stewardshipcouncil.org no later than 5:00pm on

June 9th, 2008. Registration of interest is **informational only** and does not confer any commitment between the Stewardship Council and any interested party for any parcel(s) of land.

The Stewardship Council will be hosting field tours for Board of Directors at Kennedy Meadows and Bucks Lake this summer. These field tours will also be open to the public. Anyone interested in attending the Board field tour to Kennedy Meadows on June 6th or to Bucks Lake on July 10th should refer to the Stewardship Council website for details on how to register.

For more information, please refer to the Stewardship Council website for more information regarding the Land Conservation Plan and the Interested Donee Registry: www.stewardshipcouncil.org