

REDWOOD TRANSECT WITH J. MICHAEL FAY, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER-IN-RESIDENCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010, 7:00 P.M. ADMISSION IS \$5



Michael Fay, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence The Redwood Forest Foundation and Gualala Arts are proud to sponsor an evening of slides and conversation with J. Michael Fay, a Wildlife Conservation Society conservationist and National Geographic Society Explorer-in-

Residence, at the Gualala Arts Center on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fay played a lead role in developing the October, 2009 National Geographic magazine cover story, Redwoods: The Super Trees and the recent documentary: EXPLORER: Climbing Giant Redwoods.

Fay completed his Redwood Transect last year - a 2,000-mile trek through the redwood region. Fay walked the length of California's mythic redwood range, from Big Sur to Chetco, Oregon. He and Lindsey Holm took pictures and detailed notes on their 11-month trek, recording wildlife, plant life, fish, and the condition of the forest and streams.

Fay believes it is possible to maximize both timber production and the many ecological and social benefits that working forests provide. Talking to loggers, foresters, biologists, environmentalists, local residents and timber company executives, they found that redwood forests are at a historic crossroads - a time

when society can embrace a different kind of forestry that could benefit people, wildlife and perhaps even the planet. While Fay's message is sometimes dire, "This planet is in peril," he sees signs of hope in a new form of forestry that is developing on the North Coast.

This is an opportunity to talk with Mike and view his slides, which reveal the condition of North Coast forests and streams and the hidden world at the top of 370-foot redwoods - a vibrant ecosystem alive in the redwood canopy. Fay is advocating with public officials, commercial interests and the region's residents for a Marshall Plan for the redwood region.

This is an opportunity for you to decide how you want to be involved in the environmental and economic revitalization of the redwood region.



SPONSORED BY THE REDWOOD FOREST FOUNDATION AND GUALALA ARTS.

The Redwood Forest Foundation (RFFI) conserves working forestlands as a way to protect biodiversity, mitigate climate change, improve the local economy and achieve social equity. Together with local residents, key corporate and public partners, they purchase, protect, restore, manage and conserve the forest and will use the eventual profits from sustainable timber production for the long term public benefit of the local residents. RFFI purchased the Usal Redwood Forest, a working community forest in Mendocino County in 2007. For more information visit rff.org.