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To All Stakeholders:

The National Park Service (NPS) is contacting community members to provide information regarding a project to remove hazard trees from Fort Miley in the Lands End area of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). This project is intended to enhance visitor safety and protect surrounding resources.

The hazard trees marked for removal are located within the area assigned to the Pacific Leadership Institute (PLI), an affiliate of San Francisco State University, for operation of the Fort Miley Adventure Challenge Course. In 2008, an independent assessment of 157 trees in this area identified 45 trees with a risk rating of greater than 8 on a scale of 1-10. The trees marked for removal are dead or infected with pine pitch canker and bark beetles. Therefore, they pose a significant threat to surrounding unaffected trees as well as to the safety of visitors and, in particular, to the youth and community-based organizations that participate in programs at the Fort Miley Adventure Challenge Course. PLI will fund and implement the project in December 2010 in coordination with the NPS.

The NPS, in collaboration with PLI and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, invites interested stakeholders and community groups to learn more about the project by participating in an upcoming walk -

Destination Lands End:
Managing a Healthy Forest in Your National Parks and At Home
Saturday, October 23, 2010
10 - 11am

During this event, participants will also have the opportunity to learn about tree health and how to detect tree diseases from a local arborist. Please feel free to include information about the hazard tree removal project as well as the walk in your publications. For additional information, please contact Jessica Carter at jessica_carter@nps.gov or 415-561-4993.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and care for your national parks. We look forward to keeping you informed on this and other projects underway at Lands End and throughout GGNRA.

Sincerely,

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