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SEQUOIA PARK ZOO ANNOUNCES CONSERVATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

EUREKA, CA – The Sequoia Park Zoo Advisory Group's Conservation Council is accepting proposals for our thirteenth annual **Conservation Grant Program**. Proposals should be submitted by individuals or organizations for projects that have a clear and direct impact on the conservation of wildlife or habitats. Appropriate projects include proposals for research, certain educational programs, and habitat management. Special consideration is given to projects that are in line with the Sequoia Park Zoo's mission, focus on species represented at the Zoo, or support local wildlife or habitats. Funds will be granted up to \$3,000 for projects that can be completed within two years. The deadline for applications is **Friday, January 31, 2025 at 5:00 PM**. For more details and to download an application, please visit Sequoia Park Zoo's website at: https://www.redwoodzoo.org/Conservation

The Zoo's grant program is overseen by the Sequoia Park Zoo Advisory Group's Conservation Council. The Conservation Council supports the Zoo's conservation mission by selecting conservation projects to support through the Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Fund, raising public awareness of relevant conservation issues, and proposing fundraising ideas for the Conservation Fund. Fifty cents from every Zoo admission fee supports field conservation. The Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Fund is a component fund of the Humboldt Area Foundation + Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

"Reviewing these grant applications is exciting and inspiring," said Dr. Ruth Mock, Director of Conservation and Research and chair of the Conservation Council. "Our Council receives dozens of ambitious applications each year. There are so many excellent groups working to protect wildlife and involve communities in their mission."

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Where: Proposals should be submitted by deadline to: ZooConservation@EurekaCA.gov

Sequoia Park Zoo inspires conservation of the natural world by instilling wonder, respect, and passion for wildlife.

Photo Attached: In 2023/2024, grant recipients conducted habitat restoration work in Tolowa Dunes State Park. Invasive plant species were removed. Native host and nectar species were planted to support the threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly. Pictured are newly planted early blue violets, the host plant for the silverspot caterpillars. Photo credit: California Department of Parks and Recreation.