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comments: Caltrans seems eager to perpetuate it's own growth by taking on projects that are detrimental to the communities they effect, and the surrounding environment. The Willits Bypass project will reduce the scant congestion in Willits, but it will also see the eventual demise of many of the roadside businesses that rely on that pass through traffic each day. It is difficult enough to make a living in a rural community without the loss that will be felt by many businesses. The Richardson Grove project has been a typical play by a large government entity. From the initial public meetings to get community input, it was plain that the project was moving forward regardless of community concerns or EIR results. Caltrans staff politely engaged the people and moved forward in spite of the detriment to the forest. The issue was not just that a small number of smaller trees would be removed, but rather the extensive root systems of the large redwoods would be damaged, and cause health problems for the big trees. The sole purpose of the project seems to be corporate interests in moving more product in and out of Humboldt County. We sometimes need to look past the need to pander to the needs of the few, and consider the forest, and how its' health provides the quality of life that makes Humboldt county attractive to so many. We already have one Wal Mart too many in Humboldt.

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