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**"COMMUNITY WALLS" ART RECEPTION AT REDWOOD HOSTEL
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Klamath, CA—Youth from the Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods will unveil a mural depicting the local community as they see it, at a public reception on April 10, 2008, from 6:30–8:00 p.m., at the Redwood National Park Hostel in Klamath.

The multimedia mural on canvas, titled "Art for Social Change," confronts pressing environmental and cultural issues facing Yurok tribal members and other Klamath area residents. The mural was created by students Dillon Tundstall-Reynolds (age 15), Elizabeth Chandler (age 16), and Raven Eldredge (age 15).

Working with advisor Annelia Norris, the students spent five full school days determining the theme, developing the design, and completing the three-panel mural, which measures 9 feet wide by 4 feet high in total. "Our goal was to create an honest historical narrative of our community," says Norris.

The mural will be displayed at the Redwood Hostel for 6 months, for hostel guests and community members to enjoy not only for its artistic value, but as a portal into the local youth perspective. Later the mural will go on tour to be displayed at other U.S. hostels, accompanied by a background description of the political, environmental, and cultural issues it addresses.

The project was realized through Community Walls, a national program administered by Hostelling International USA that has thus far brought dozens of youth-created murals into hostels around the country.

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"The Klamath River Early College mural project is especially exciting because it's the first in California to be produced by members of a rural community," says Michael Yoshioka, Educational Programs Coordinator for HI-USA Golden Gate Council. "And when the mural tours to cities like San Diego, Chicago, and Boston, it will provide a wide audience with a unique youth perspective on rural life and tribal culture in the Klamath region."

About HI-Redwood National Park

The Redwood National Park Hostel is an authorized Concessioner of the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior. The hostel is operated by the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding, environmental stewardship, and world peace through travel. For reservations or more information, visit www.RedwoodHostel.org.

About Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods

Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods is part of the national Early College High School network, an initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which seeks to provide a unique opportunity for traditionally underserved students to earn a high school diploma and two years of college credit. Developed through a partnership of the Yurok Tribe and College of the Redwoods, KRECR curriculum is both college-preparatory and community-focused, incorporating Yurok history, language, and culture. For more information, visit www.klamathriverschool.org.

High-resolution photos of HI-Redwood National Park available at <http://norcalhostels.org/press-room/>

ATTENTION: CALENDAR EDITORS

WHAT: "Community Walls" Art Reception

WHEN: Thursday, April 10, 2008, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Redwood National Park Hostel, 14480 Highway 101, Klamath, CA 95548. Located six miles north of the Klamath townsite, at the intersection of Wilson Creek Road and Highway 101.

ADMISSION: Free and open to the public

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