

PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY

PUBLIC USE QUESTIONNAIRE AND DECLARATION FOR ACCESSING VAN DUZEN RIVER BAR AT FISHER ROAD, HYDESVILLE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

The Great Redwoods Trail Friends coalition is investigating historical public use at the south end of Fisher Road with access to the river bar. We need evidence of public use prior to March 4, 1972 because of changes the California Legislature made to various civil codes affecting the implied dedication doctrine. See below for additional information.

If you print this form, you can mark the locations you remember using on the map below. Your answers to this Public Use Questionnaire and Declaration are appreciated. If you need more space to provide your answers, feel free to attach separate pages.

You can fill this form out as a PDF, save it to your computer, and email it to: foer@eelriver.org
You can also print and mail the completed questionnaires to the attention of Humboldt Trails Council, PO Box 7164, Eureka, CA 95502.
Contact Karen Underwood at kunderwood@humtrails.org for further discussion.

Name _____

Street and Number: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address if different: Street and Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Contact: _____

Email Address: _____

Have you ever personally and openly accessed the river bar located at the south end of Fisher Road before March 4, 1972? If so, please describe to the best of your ability the dates you visited the river bar (estimates are fine) and the activities you engaged in.

The information contained in this questionnaire is subject to public disclosure and will not be kept confidential unless requested by the signatory. Do you request confidentiality?

Yes

No

I declare under penalty of perjury that any answers to the foregoing Questionnaire and Declaration are true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Dated at: _____ on _____
City and State Date

Signature: _____

Please share this questionnaire, or the link, with anyone you know who may have used Fisher Road to access the Van Duzen River. Link: <https://grtfriends.org/2024/02/26/help-protect-public-access/>

Thank you for taking the time to help us gather this important information!

Additional Information

For additional information about legal protections and restrictions on the public's right to access navigable waters, please read the State Lands Commission's document, [A Legal Guide to the Public's Right to Access and Use California's Navigable Waters](#). Particularly relevant to this case is the section about restrictions on implied dedication beginning on page 26.

