



# News Advisory

## SUDDEN OAK DEATH SUPPRESSION EFFORTS ALONG AVENUE OF THE GIANTS

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SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT—Representatives from cooperating agencies and institutions have collaboratively begun an experimental treatment program to control the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*, the pathogen known to cause Sudden Oak Death. The treatments, taking place on California State Parks property, along the Avenue of the Giants, involves the removal of infected tanoak, California bay laurel, and madrone trees, as well as the pruning of coast redwood trees.

A guided field trip providing an opportunity to view the treatment program, as well as the effects of Sudden Oak Death in a natural forested setting, is being offered to all media by UC Cooperative Extension, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and California State Parks. Media are invited to take a beautiful, easy hike to see a sampling of the 50-acre project, as well as many of the host plants for this disease and the effects this disease has had in a redwood and Douglas-fir forest.

**When:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006  
10:30 a.m. – Assemble in parking area  
10:45 a.m. – Walk to Project Location  
12:00 p.m. – Arrive Back at Vehicles, Sanitize Shoes Before Leaving

**Where:** Intersection of Jay Smith Rd. & Avenue of the Giants\*  
(Jay Smith Rd. is between Meyers Flat & Miranda on the E. side of the Avenue. It is just S. of Elk Creek Road and N. of Cathey Rd.)

Media attending should wear hiking shoes and comfortable hiking clothes. To minimize the risk of pathogen spread out of the area, shoe sanitation supplies will be provided at the conclusion of the field trip.

For more information, contact Yana Valachovic, Forest Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, at: (707) 445-7351. For more information about Sudden Oak Death and *Phytophthora ramorum*, visit the COMTF website at [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org).