

Willits Woods, CA

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Project Overview

The Willits Woods IFM Project is located in Mendocino County, the heart of California's coastal redwood region. Developed under the Compliance Offset Protocol for U.S. Forest Projects (Version: November 2014), the project exemplifies a long-term commitment to forest conservation and sustainable management.

Originally launched as a voluntary Early Action carbon project in 2013, Willits Woods successfully transitioned into the California Compliance Offset Program in 2015, ensuring its continued contribution to the state's climate goals. The property was developed and managed by Coastal Ridges beginning in 2003, following their acquisition of the land. In September 2022, Green Diamond Resource Company purchased the property, continuing the project's legacy of responsible stewardship.



Co-Benefits

Habitat: Beyond its carbon benefits, the Willits Woods project provides critical habitat for a range of threatened and endangered species, including the Northern Spotted Owl, Coho and Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. By protecting and enhancing this forest ecosystem, the project not only safeguards vital wildlife corridors but also strengthens the broader ecological integrity of California's North Coast.

Resilience: Through the adoption of improved forest management practices, the project has allowed the landscape to recover from decades of intensive timber harvesting. These efforts have fostered healthier, more resilient redwood and mixed conifer stands that enhance carbon sequestration, improve watershed health, and bolster biodiversity across the region.

Registry Project Name	Willits Woods IFM
Project Type	Improved Forest Management (IFM)
Location	Mendocino County, California, USA
Acres	17,682
Registry & Methodology	Compliance Offset Protocol U.S. Forest Projects. Version Nov 2014
Registry ID	CAR1140, CAFR5170
Est. Average Credit Issuance	~60,000 credits annually



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