

Strawberry Rock Trail

Project Fact Sheet for Conservation Easement

Proposed Acquisition

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust is working with Green Diamond Resource Company (landowners) to develop funding sources for a proposed conservation easement for Strawberry Rock. This permanent easement would include 38 acres in the following configuration:

- A public access easement over GDRCo property for the trail from the public road east of US 101 to Strawberry Rock, including a buffer along the trail (12 acres)
- Strawberry Rock and a buffer around the rock (2 acres)
- A stand of mature young-growth timber that is adjacent to the trail and is currently included in an approved timber harvesting plan (24 acres)

Protecting the forest, rock and trail is dependent on the purchase of the conservation easement. Preliminary conversations with potential funders have received favorable responses. We have also contacted representatives of the Trinidad Rancheria and Yurok Tribe who are also supportive of permanent protection for Strawberry Rock. There are no current plans to operate the approved timber harvesting plan that is adjacent to the proposed trail to Strawberry Rock. However, other harvest units nearby units are scheduled for harvest. We are committed to working with cooperative agencies, foundations and community groups for a successful conclusion.

Green Diamond senior vice president Neal Ewald said, " We think this is a great opportunity to work with a local land trust to secure a conservation easement. We worked with Trinidad Coastal Land Trust in the past to support the development of the Moonstone section of the Coastal Trail and look forward to a successful outcome for Strawberry Rock and the access trail."

STATS

Distance: ~3.4 miles roundtrip

Climb: ~650'

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult (scaling the rock itself)

Wear sturdy hiking shoes; bring extra layer, water, energy bars

Roundtrip time: ~2.5 hours

Elevation at top of Rock: ~900'

Observations: muddy; considerable clearing and trail improvement needed; view from the top is breath-taking.