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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION

RE: Stolen Ropes Course Gear at Redwood Park

Open Letter to Rock Climbers, Tree Climbers, and Tree Sitters/Forest Defenders;

(Arcata, CA) My name is Jon O'Connor and I am a small business owner and Humboldt State graduate that built the Arcata Ropes Course with the help of the City and local community volunteers. The Ropes Course will be an open community model, meaning any group or organization with insurance and trained staff can use the course as their own - a true community resource.

The Arcata Ropes Course will be primarily used for youth, university, and community facilitated programs. Some programs planned for the ropes course include: environmental education, team building, trust, communication, and community/relationship building. These programs will be led by local groups to benefit people living in Humboldt County.

In late February someone accessed the Arcata Ropes Course in Redwood Park and took the following items: 2 Orange Anchors; 2 Bolts for the Anchors; 10 Forged Cable Clamps; 10 Maillon Rapid Links; 1 large industrial pulley; 3 Robertson Stargate Spin static pullies; and a Nitro Crossing Vertical Cable and attachment points (Custom-Built). To the people that took the items, thank you for not damaging the trees.

I am writing this letter to ask the community for help. I am not interested in prosecuting the people who took these items, but seek the community's assistance in getting the equipment returned. There was significant technical skill necessary to take the equipment and while I admire the skill of the people who pulled this off, I plead with them: Please return the equipment. To return the equipment, drop it off at a local rock climbing gym (Center Activities or Far North) or the City of Arcata office and no questions will be asked.

Unfortunately, if the equipment is not returned, prices for youth, university, and community program will increase. If you know someone who might have been involved in this theft, please pass this information along to them. Thank you for your time and interest in contributing to the success of this community collaboration. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the ropes course in any way, please call or email me at: adventuretraining@yahoo.com or 858-692-3581 (cell).

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**PRESS CONFERENCE & ROPES COURSE COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION:
10:00AM, REDWOOD PARK, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH. 14th St ENTRANCE**