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# PLANTING THE WORLD'S FIRST CHAMPION REDWOOD AND GIANT SEQUOIA FOREST

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*In the Headwaters of the  
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**WORLD'S 1ST PLANTING OF A CHAMPION REDWOOD & SEQUOIA FOREST**  
**Will Genetic Clones of the World's Largest Trees Help to Save the Planet?**

(Port Orford, OR – October 5, 2012) The non-profit Archangel Ancient Tree Archive has announced plans to restore an old growth forest on the southern Oregon coast with exact genetic duplicates of some of the largest champion redwood and sequoia trees in the world. David Milarch, co-founder of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive and the Champion Tree Project International, will lead a team in the historic planting. This will help preserve the genetics of the largest and oldest living organisms on earth in an effort to assist with the migration of the species during coming climate changes. Timed to take advantage of the seasonal rainy season, the planting will occur on December 4th, 2012, at Ocean Mountain Ranch, 65 miles north of the California border, located in the headwaters of the Port Orford Community Stewardship Area overlooking old growth forest and the first marine reserve on the Oregon coast.

David Milarch and his life-long efforts to re-forest the world are the subject of a new book by *New York Times* science writer Jim Robbins entitled *The Man Who Planted Trees – Lost Groves, Champion Trees, and an Urgent Plan to Save the Planet*. This book has documented Archangel's and Milarch's mission to clone the champion trees of the world -- the largest, the hardiest, the ones that have survived millennia and are the most resilient to climate change -- and create a kind of Noah's ark of tree genetics. Initially, many scientists and tree experts said it couldn't be done, but, now David's team has successfully cloned some of the world's oldest trees -- including giant redwoods and sequoias. Among the dozens of unique individual tree clones to be planted in the first forest will be a duplicate of the Fieldbrook Redwood -- a giant cut down in 1890 which measured 32.5 feet in trunk diameter and would surpass the General Sherman Sequoia as the largest tree on Earth.

In addition to preserving champion tree genetics for future research, this old growth forest restoration is an integral part of an approved forest stewardship plan that will provide a focal point for ongoing model sustainability initiatives within the local community stewardship area and surrounding Curry County, Oregon -- an economically depressed region that is, nonetheless, a rare place on earth where beautiful wild and scenic rivers tumble down through steep canyons and the tallest and largest carbon-sequestering forests in the world on their way to the mighty Pacific Ocean.

*"It's amazing for one layman to come up with the idea of saving champion trees as a meaningful way to address the issues of biodiversity and climate change. This could be a grass roots solution to a global problem. A few million people selecting and planting the right trees for the right places could really make a difference."* -- Dr. Rama Nemani, Earth Scientist.