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## I. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

This report presents the results of archival research for the Lyons Family and a cultural resources survey of extant historic buildings found on the newly acquired Coyote Creek lands of Redwood National Park. The archival research is found in Appendices A through F and includes information on the Lyons Family; Bald Hills land transactions; Bald Hills resources; Tax Assessments; and Interviews with informants. The survey resulted in the initial recordation of four historic agricultural buildings: the Long Ridge Sheep Shed; the Coyote Barn; the Coyote Cabin and Outhouse. Historic Resources Inventory Forms for these buildings are found in Appendix G.

Several important findings were made as a result of this study. Firstly, the newly acquired lands in Coyote Creek constitute the original Lyons Ranch. Secondly, the periodization of land transactions was recorded and illustrated on a series of maps. Thirdly, the collaboration of archival information and informant data resulted in a contextual history for the development and use of Sheep Sheds on the Lyons Ranch. Lastly, the Lyons Family Social History including their successful sheep ranching industry was thoroughly researched and presented in a brief narrative.

Park Management Recommendations for the extant historic agricultural buildings are suggested in the final results. These recommendations include the following:

- 1.) Historic Structures Report for each building that includes a Preservation Plan and HABS drawings.
- 2.) Oral History Interviews with knowledgeable individuals regarding the events, people, and buildings associated with the Lyons Ranch.
- 3.) A Socio-Cultural Study of native and non-native interactions in the Bald Hills Region as a synthesis of the archival and oral histories.
- 4.) Archival storage for the existing photograph collection of Lyons Ranch Resources.
- 5.) A National Register Nomination submitted for the Lyons Ranch.

## II. INTRODUCTION

In August 1991, Cultural Resources Consultants, Kathleen Stanton and Susie Van Kirk, were contracted to conduct an historic resources study of newly-acquired Redwood National Park lands in the Bald Hills, specifically the Coyote Creek drainage, of the Redwood Creek basin. The primary focus of this study was to document the history of the land in this area and the extant buildings there. Analysis of the land transactions and evaluation of the buildings were also performed. Recommendations for future park management of the newly-acquired historic resources is provided as well.