



March 7, 2006

**To Friends of Barney Coster,**

You may be aware that Barney Coster tragically died last year. Barney touched the lives of a great many people who had the pleasure of knowing him or working with him. He set the standard for outstanding leadership in his many years of professional work with the USDA Forest Service as a District Ranger, Forest Supervisor of the Chugach National Forest, leader of the Planning Team for New National Forests in Alaska, Congressional Liaison for the Forest Service, Director of Surface Environment and Mining for eleven western states, and Forest Supervisor of the Shasta -Trinity National Forests.

As a tribute to Barney Coster we have initiated a campaign to place a memorial bench along the Sacramento River Trail or in the Turtle Bay Arboretum in Redding, California. Either location offers a beautiful outdoor setting which Barney would have enjoyed. Gladys Coster, Barney's wife, will make the final decision on the preferred site.

The memorial bench, example pictured above , will include a memorial plaque. The bench costs \$1,200 and we want to offer you the opportunity to contribute to this memorial for Barney Coster. Please make the check payable to Duane Lyon. Include a notation in the lower left corner that the check is for the Barney Coster Memorial Fund, and mail it to 3795 Cheryl Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

If you have any questions please call Duane Lyon at 530 223 4083 or Steve Fitch at 530 221 2344.

Sincerely,

/s/ Duane

Duane Lyon, Co-Chairperson

/s/ Steve

Steve Fitch, Co-Chairperson