October 15, 2006

Greetings,

The Redwood Justice Fund and the Willits Environmental Center are pleased to announce the establishment of the “Judi Bari Activist Grant.” This $5,000 cash grant will be awarded biannually to a North Coast environmental activist working on the front lines in the “Judi Bari” tradition. It is intended to allow the recipient to continue working on behalf of the environment, and to encourage activists to follow in Judi’s footsteps.

The first grant will be awarded in May, 2007. We are currently soliciting nominations from environmental groups and organizations throughout the North Coast. Nominees should be individuals who embody the qualities we so admired in Judi, and will be evaluated based on the presence of those qualities, as well as financial need.

Letters of nomination should include:

I. The name and contact information of you, the sponsor.

II. The full name of the candidate, with contact information.

III. The way in which the nominee’s work exhibits some or all of the following qualities:

   A. intellectual honesty, moral conviction and dedication to nonviolence

   B. perseverance, courage and toughness in the face of adversity

   C. understanding of and ability to articulate the big picture, using the power of speech and writing to persuade and inspire others

   D. demonstrated ability to organize and build bridges between all sectors of society

   E. risk-taking, outspoken, and willing to put civil liberties to the test

   F. uses creativity to help change the destructive ways in which people relate to the natural world and to each other.

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IV. Include examples of how the nominee demonstrates these qualities, with information allowing us to verify them, including personal reference contact numbers, newspaper articles, court cases, newsletters, etc.

Nominations must be received by February 1, 2007, and should be mailed to:

Judi Bari Activist Grant Committee
Willits Environmental Center
630 S. Main Street
Willits, CA 95490

Any questions or other communications should likewise be directed to the Willits Environmental Center by mail or by calling (707) 459-4110 or email to: dancemolley@pacific.net

The recipient will be selected by a joint committee of Redwood Justice Fund and the Willits Environmental Center.

Please join with us in honoring Judi Bari’s legacy to the international environmental movement as we celebrate the achievement of those who carry her work forward.

Sincerely,

Tanya Brannan, Redwood Justice Fund

Anne Crowder, Willits Environmental Center