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Green Diamond Resource Company and The Peregrine Fund create a conservation alliance around California Condors

Boise, Idaho – Bringing together decades of forest management and conservation, Green Diamond Resource Company and The Peregrine Fund are collaborating to provide safer habitats for the critically endangered California Condor and other wildlife. The partners will first work together to expand the reach of the North American Non-lead Partnership (NANP) a partnership co-founded by The Peregrine Fund.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to share our style of engagement with our fellow hunters," said **Chris Parish, Co-founder of NANP and President and CEO of The Peregrine Fund.** "Collaboration with industry leaders such as Green Diamond are opening new vistas to promote meaningful conservation action."

Over the past decade, Green Diamond has joined forces with more than 17 other entities, including the Yurok Tribe, in support of the fifth reintroduction site for Condors in the world. In 2022, they signed on as NANP partners, joining over forty organizations committed to collaborating with hunters to improve ecosystem health for scavenging wildlife.

The California Condor, a resilient species that survived mass extinctions of the last Ice Age, was reduced to just 22 individuals by the 1980s. Decades of research suggests that lead poisoning may well have been a primary cause of their decline, but there is no doubt that lead is the primary impediment to recovery today. Working with the hunting community to address this issue is making a difference; now there are more than 500 condors in the world. Our landscape is safer when hunters and other conservationists collaborate to reduce this preventable threat.

"Our lands are here for all of us, and together we can steward them for generations to come," said **Green Diamond President, Douglas Reed**. "This connection, between timber and conservation, is the next step in supporting healthy wildlife, responsible recreation, and resilient forests across the country."



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The Peregrine Fund was founded in 1970 to restore the then critically endangered Peregrine Falcon, which was subsequently removed from the U.S. Endangered Species List in 1999. That success encouraged the organization to expand its focus and apply its experience and understanding to raptor conservation efforts on behalf of 140 species in 66 countries worldwide, including the Bald Eagle, California Condor, and Aplomado Falcon in the United States. The Peregrine Fund changes the future for nature and humanity by conserving birds of prey worldwide. Whether the threat is poisoning, habitat loss, human persecution, or any other cause, we use sound science to tackle the most pressing conservation issues head-on. We accomplish high impact results by preventing raptor extinctions, protecting areas of high raptor conservation value, and addressing landscape-level threats impacting multiple species. As a catalyst for change, we inspire people to value raptors and take action, and we invest in tomorrow's conservation leaders. By working with communities around the world to protect the wildlife and habitats on which they depend, we are able to create lasting conservation results while improving people's ways of life. Support for our work comes from individual donors, corporations, foundations, and government grants.

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company with roots dating back to 1890. Today, the company owns working forest lands in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and California. A subsidiary, Green Diamond Management Company, provides forest management services in the U.S. South and West. All lands owned and managed by Green Diamond are independently audited and certified for sustainable forest management. More information about Green Diamond's environmental leadership may be found at www.greendiamond.com.

The North American Non-lead Partnership (NANP) was co-founded in 2018 by The Peregrine Fund, the Institute for Wildlife Studies, and the Oregon Zoo. NANP works collaboratively with state and regional fish and wildlife agencies, hunting organizations, and private businesses and landowners to minimize the unintended impacts of lead ammunition on wildlife and support the continued contributions of legal hunting to wildlife conservation.

For more information on The Peregrine Fund and the California Condor Restoration project, please contact TPF at press@peregrinefund.org.

To learn more about forest management, please visit Green Diamond Resource Company's website at <u>www.greendiamond.com</u>.