



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

**FROM:**   
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**DATE:** July 9, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item V(u) :Consideration of resolution authorizing support of World Ranger Day and the premier of the documentary "The Thin Green Line".**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing support of World Ranger Day and the premier of the documentary "The Thin Green Line".

Background: On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 a simultaneous world premier of the documentary "The Thin Green Line" will occur in over 50 countries and 500 locations. These simultaneous viewings will generate funds for the International Ranger Federation's joint Dependents Fund to help families of rangers killed in the line of duty by poachers, guerillas, and militias. Staff requests that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority support this effort by hosting a viewing at King Gillette Ranch and by authorizing funds not to exceed \$2,000 from unrestricted funds toward the production of the event. MRCA rangers and other staff are donating time and materials as well.

"The Thin Green Line" is a documentary and conservation project filmed and produced by Australian Park Ranger Sean Willmore. This documentary moves away from the cute, cuddly, or dangerous animals seen in traditional wildlife documentaries. The animals themselves become the backdrop for the human face of conservation. This is a story of the human spirit fighting to save what is precious and rare. It is a story about the future, inspired by hundreds of Park Rangers working the frontline of conservation around the world. This is the story of the Park Ranger.

Rangers and others working at the field level in areas of conflict, often find themselves on the frontline of a conservation battle to protect our precious wildlife, plants and heritage. It is an extraordinary testimony to their dedication, commitment, and passion for conservation that they work in the most difficult of circumstances and that some make the ultimate sacrifice for conservation and protected areas