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## Acalanes High School students participate in 2017 Santa Cruz Forestry Challenge

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Nine students from Acalanes High School participated recently in the 2017 Santa Cruz Forestry Challenge, one group of a total of 107 high school students from 14 schools from the Santa Cruz and Central California region. The event was held Nov. 15-18 at Redwood Christian Park, near Boulder Creek, California.

One of the highlights for the students this year was the opportunity to visit a redwood forest that will soon be harvested using single tree selection. Students collected data on how much the trees have grown since the last selective harvest 12 years ago, and used the data to recommend the volume that can be sustainably removed in the upcoming harvest. During the Challenge, teams of students also completed field training, followed by a field test to assess their technical forestry knowledge.

Students from Acalanes High School recommend a sustainable harvest volume for a redwood forest near Boulder Creek, California From left, front: Eliana Mann, Nell Kessenich, Siena Marchiano, Jada Paniagua(Advisor), Alexandra Gold and Abby Lapporte; back: Jeremy Hathaway, Richard Kravitz (Advisor), Amanda Shepherd, Ashley McCluskey and Alexis Carlson. Photo provided

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