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Sierra Club Asks Retraction by G-P

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Another volley was fired Wednesday in the Sierra Club-Georgia-Pacific war of words over cutting redwoods that might be included in the proposed Redwood National Park.

Dr. Edgar Wayburn, Sierra Club president, sent a telegram to Georgia-Pacific President R. B. Pamplin demanding a public retraction and apology for statements which Wayburn said the club's attorneys deemed libelous.

Pamplin Monday made public a telegram he sent Wayburn and the Sierra Club saying Georgia-Pacific considered recent Sierra Club newspaper advertisements on the redwood park issue "inflammatory, hys-

terical and irresponsible." He said that if such "malicious distortion of the facts" continues, Georgia-Pacific would be compelled to sue the Sierra Club.

At a news conference today, Wayburn said Pamplin's telegram was published by news media "before we knew of its existence."

The quarrel is over whether Georgia-Pacific is "clear-cutting" redwoods in an area which the Sierra Club wants left intact until the House can act on the park bill already passed by the Senate.

"While Georgia-Pacific may quibble over whether its practice of leaving four to eight seed trees per acre is clear-cutting

or not," Wayburn said, "the fact is that within a few years the land will be essentially as devoid of trees as if it were clear cut."

He asserted Georgia-Pacific had cut in the area in question last fall and "said it intended to log" in the area this spring.

"If Georgia-Pacific will now commit itself to stay out of the . . . (area) until the end of this session of Congress, the issue over its cutting can be settled," he said. "It appears certain that the House of Representatives will have voted to authorize a Redwood National Park in this area by the end of the session."

In a telegram to Pamplin, Wayburn said:

"While we differ with you over whether your cutting policies are in the public interest, your charges are baseless and we reject them . . .

"We hereby demand a public retraction of your libelous statements and a public apology for them."