

REDWOOD TRUST INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 24, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934**

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- o Definitive Additional Materials
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**REDWOOD TRUST, INC.**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Redwood Trust, Inc. sent the following letter to some of its stockholders on March 24, 2008.

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March 24, 2008

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

We have set May 22, 2008 as the date for the Redwood Trust annual meeting of shareholders. A number of matters important to the long-term future of Redwood Trust will be presented to shareholders for a vote at the meeting. We will provide you in advance of the meeting with a proxy statement containing information about those important matters.

Only shareholders of record on March 31, 2008, the record date for the annual meeting, will be entitled to vote at the meeting. We are writing to let you know that if you hold Redwood Trust shares in a margin account on the record date, or if you loaned your Redwood Trust shares pursuant to a borrowing arrangement in effect on the record date, it is likely that you may be unable to vote those shares at the annual meeting. Generally, if shares are borrowed by another party on the record date, the borrower of the shares will have the right to vote the shares at the annual meeting, and you will not.

We want all of your votes to be counted at the annual meeting. We urge you to preserve your right to vote by taking the necessary steps in the upcoming days to ensure that you are entitled to vote your shares on the record date of March 31, 2008.

We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
George E. Bull, III  
*Chairman and CEO*

*Additional Information: This letter has been prepared and mailed by Redwood Trust, Inc. Redwood Trust will file a preliminary and definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Information concerning the participants in the proxy solicitation will be set forth in the proxy statement. Redwood Trust shareholders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement when it becomes available because it will contain important information. Shareholders may obtain, free of charge, a copy of the definitive proxy statement, when it is available, and other documents filed by Redwood Trust with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Redwood*

*Trust will be available free of charge from Redwood Trust.*

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