

Background for JDSF Advisory Group Public Outreach Meeting

**Fort Bragg Town Hall
363 North Main Street
Fort Bragg
November 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group (JAG) was established by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in 2008. The Group was charged with providing a comprehensive review of the 2008 Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) Management Plan. The Advisory Group has been meeting regularly for the past two and a half years and its final report and recommendations on the Management Plan will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Chair of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in January, 2011.

The Advisory Group is addressing a number of important topics including allocation of the JDSF landscape to different forest conditions (late-seral forest, older forest, general forest management, and reserves), research and demonstration program direction, silvicultural guidelines, recreation, economic issues, and outreach.

The purpose of this Public Meeting is twofold:

- Inform the public about the recommendations the Advisory Group has been developing for suggested revisions to the Forest's 2008 management plan; and
- Seek public comments on the proposed recommendations, in order to help shape the recommendations that will eventually be made in its final report.

Several members of the Advisory Group as well as Department staff will participate in the meeting.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest consists of 48,647 acres of redwood/Douglas-fir forest situated in Mendocino County between Fort Bragg and Willits. The Public Resources Code and Board of Forestry and Fire Protection policy describe JDSF and its purpose as follows:

- Commercial timberland areas managed by professional foresters who conduct programs in timber management, recreation, demonstration, and investigation in conformance with detailed management plans
- Provide a center for conducting innovative demonstrations, experiments, and education in economical forest management
- Timber production will be the primary land use
- Recreation is recognized as a secondary and compatible land use

The JDSF Advisory Group recognizes that:

- Forest management is an important issue to the public, especially how it affects aesthetics, recreation, and wildlife habitats.

- Forest management should reflect the unique silvical and ecological characteristics of the JDSF redwood/Douglas-fir ecosystem by moving a large portion of the Forest toward increased stocking levels composed of large, old trees.
- Revenue generated from timber harvests on JDSF will be the primary source for sustaining forest management activities and programs, as well as contributing funds to research and demonstration (R & D), recreation, and outreach.
- There is a shared desire to position JDSF as a model forest nationally (and perhaps globally) where applied R & D has a direct and tangible impact on best management practices, policies, and regulations.

The JDSF Advisory Group consists of:

Mike Anderson	Community; Licensed Timber Operator
Kathy Bailey	Community; Sierra Club
Peter Braudrick	Community; CA Department of Parks and Recreation (retired)
Linwood Gill	Community; Registered Professional Forester
John Helms (Chair)	UC Berkeley (retired)
Mike Jani	Humboldt Redwood Company
Mike Liquori	Sound Watershed Consulting, Oakland
Jere Melo	Community; Registered Professional Forester
Linda Perkins	Community; Conservation
Dan Porter	Forest Ecologist; The Nature Conservancy, San Francisco
Vince Taylor (Vice Chair)	Community; Campaign to Restore Jackson Redwood Forest
Forest Tilley	Community; Registered Professional Forester
Brad Valentine	Biologist; CA Department of Fish and Game

For more information about this Public Meeting and the Advisory Group, visit the JDSF website (http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php) or contact JDSF at (707) 964-5674.

Additional Resources, Information, and Maps also are available at the above JDSF website.