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November 15 Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) Meeting Cancelled

Mendocino County, CA –The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Jackson Demonstration State Forest has cancelled the last 2024 Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) meeting scheduled for Friday, November 15th, to allow time for the JAG and public to participate in the Forest Management Plan review public meetings.

CALFIRE values public input and is grateful for continued local interest in the stewardship of Jackson Demonstration State Forest, and invites the public to join us for a series of facilitated discussions to inform the development of our new 10-year Forest Management Plan.

The Forest Management Plan is prepared by CAL FIRE and reviewed and approved by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board). The Board requires CAL FIRE to review Forest Management Plans for JDSF every 10-years with the current plan last approved by the Board in 2016. Once approved, CAL FIRE is responsible for managing JDSF in accordance with the plan. The Jackson Advisory Group advises both CAL FIRE and the Board on compliance with the Management Plan, amongst other items.

This first set of meetings, to be held both in Fort Bragg and in Ukiah, are intended to gain public insight prior to the first draft of the updated Forest Management Plan. After public meetings conclude in mid-January 2025, Clifton Environmental LLC, a Mendocino County based forestry and environmental consulting firm, will work with CAL FIRE to prepare an updated draft then seek additional public comment in the late Spring and early summer of 2025 to create the final draft.

The Public Meeting Topics, Schedule, Locations and Times are as follows:

Topic: Restoration Ecology

Monday, Nov. 18, 6-8 PM: Ukiah - Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse

Thursday, Nov. 21, 5-7 PM: Fort Bragg - Town Hall

Topic: Restoration Economy

Thursday, Dec. 12: 6-8 PM: Ukiah - Senior Center

Friday, Dec. 13, 5-7 PM: Fort Bragg - Veterans Hall

Pre-register for any or all meetings at: <https://jacksonstateforestplan.com/register>

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For more information about the Jackson Demonstration State Forest visit:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest>