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Canceled: Thursday, Nov. 21 Restoration Ecology Public Meeting – Ft. Bragg Due to Severe Weather Forecast

Mendocino County, CA –The upcoming Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update Meeting in Fort Bragg on the topic of Restoration Ecology will be canceled due to the forecast of severe weather and the potential for road closures, power outages and internet disruption. The public meeting was set to be held at the Town Hall building from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21.

“The predicted strong winds and heavy rainfall with the incoming atmospheric river is expected to significantly impact travel and cause widespread power outages. We are cancelling the meeting to provide for public safety and encourage the public to limit travel during this significant storm event” said Kevin Conway, CAL FIRE State Forests Program Manager.

All documents, presentations and notes from the Ukiah Restoration Ecology public meeting, which was held on Monday, November 18 in Ukiah will be posted on www.jacksonstateforestplan.com. For those who wish to provide input on this topic, they can review the presentation materials and offer comments by emailing JDSF@fire.ca.gov. Please put “Restoration Ecology Meeting” in the subject line.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Jackson Demonstration State Forest has held seven public input meetings to date to solicit public feedback in advance of preparing the Draft Management Plan Update. Once the draft is complete, there will be additional public comment period and public meetings. The full series of facilitated meetings, expected to last until the end of 2025 will 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. They regularly conduct public meetings and review CAL FIRE projects for compliance with the Forest Management Plan.

One final set of pre-Management Plan Draft meetings on the topic of Restoration Economy will be held in mid-December. After public meetings conclude, Clifton Environmental LLC, a Mendocino County based forestry and environmental consulting firm, will work with CAL FIRE to prepare an updated draft Management Plan.

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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>

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

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>

The JDSF Management Plan, which was last updated in 2016, will provide direction to the next decade of activities on the forest. The process of updating the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan will also include concurrent engagements with local tribes, which will be led by Alta Archeological Consulting, consultation with the Jackson Advisory Group, and other stakeholders, and will conclude with a presentation to the Board of Forestry, for final approval, in 2026.

CALFIRE values public input on the process and is grateful for continued local interest in the stewardship of Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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