

DRAFT JDSF Management Plan Scope of Work
March 15, 2023 JAG Meeting

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Statement of Purpose:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) seeks an experienced and qualified consulting firm to provide public review of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan and development of a revised/new Forest Management Plan for the next 10-year period. Services to be provided under this Request For Proposal (RFP) include technical support services, preparation of a Forest Management Plan, and support during Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) and Jackson Advisory Group Forest management Plan review meetings.

Project Background:

The current Forest Management Plan was last reviewed and approved by the Board in 2016 and valid for a 10-year period. On May 2, 2022, CAL FIRE and the Board of Forestry requested this review be accelerated. On August 19, 2022 the California Natural Resource Agency and CAL FIRE provided a new, updated vision for management of JDSF to guide review an revision of the Forest Management Plan. This “new vision” was developed with significant input for Tribal leaders, redwood conservation biologists, and public stakeholders. The primary objectives of JDSF are: sustainable forest management, including accelerated forest restoration; research and demonstration; public recreation; and Tribal access and comanagement.

Significant documents that guide the management of JDSF include the following:

- Public resources Code Section 4631 et seq
- Board of Forestry Policy 0350 et seq
- CAL FIRE Policy 5000 et seq
- 2016 JDSF Forest Management Plan
- 2016 Maximum Sustainable Production Option A
- New, updated vision for management of JDSF (8/19/22)

Significant statewide policies and documents include the following:

- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): Native American Ancestral Lands (2020)
- Executive Order [N-15-19](#) (2019)
- Executive Order [B-10-11](#) (2011)
- Natural and Working Lands [Climate Smart Strategy](#) (2022)
- [Pathways to 30 x 30](#): Accelerating Conservation of California’s Nature (2022)
- California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience [Action Plan](#) (2021)

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PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF SERVICES:

A complete proposal will outline an approach to the following anticipated services required:

A. Technical Support Services.

1. Compiling and reviewing existing data, information, and goals including the documents listed above and other relevant assessments available at JDSF.
2. Preparing exhibits for, and making presentations at, approximately fifteen (15) public meetings that will be held by CAL FIRE to solicit community and stakeholder input regarding the management of forest resources within the Project Area. Meetings will be held in the Fort Bragg, Ukiah/Willits, and Sacramento area and include opportunities for remote participation. A subset of the meetings will be focused on individual resources (ie. wildlife or carbon) or individual activities (ie. sustainable forestry or research).
3. Facilitating approximately 3 meetings of the JDSF Tribal Advisory Committee to solicit input from local tribes on tribal trust resources, opportunities for comanagement, and effective consultation. Meetings will be held in either Fort Bragg or Ukiah/Willits.
4. Regular coordination and communication with CAL FIRE during the Management Plan Review process.

B. Forest Management Plan Review and Development.

1. Review existing Forest Management Plan with CAL FIRE, Jackson Advisory Group, and public. Identify subject areas with consensus for carrying forward or removing, and subject areas requiring further discussion and development.
2. Provide recommendations on a simplified and streamlined structure to make the revised Management Plan easier to read and understand.
3. Develop an easily accessible, understandable and revisable Forest Management Plan which describes the long-term goals and objectives related to the management of forest resources within JDSF and presents a general “road map” for achieving such goals and objectives by identifying, discussing and/or addressing all of the following issues:
 - a. How silviculture, fire risk reduction, wildlife habitat restoration, carbon sequestration monitoring and adaptive management techniques will be utilized.
 - b. How proposed forest management goals and objectives will be integrated with other management goals such as research, tribal and public access, and recreation.
 - c. How the proposed management approach is consistent with the documents listed above.

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C. Support for JAG and Board Meetings

1. Regularly attend scheduled JAG meetings or provide written progress reports on the Management Plan review process. Special JAG meetings focused on Management Plan review will satisfy one of the public meetings required in A(2) above. The JAG currently meets four times per year in the Fort Bragg area. It is estimated this will require attendance at up to 6 JAG meetings.
2. Attend all Board Management Plan review meetings in Sacramento. Develop a presentations and written material to facilitate the Board's review of the Management Plan including a summary of the public processes and significant changes, if any, between the current Management Plan and proposed revised Management Plan. It is estimated this will require attendance at up to 4 Board meetings.
3. Provide a final Management Plan incorporating changes, if any, provided by the Board.