

Restoration Economy Questionnaire Results:

Ft. Bragg (Dec. 13, 2024) and Ukiah (Dec. 12, 2024)

What's working with the current model for funding restoration and workforce development at JDSF?

- Fish habitat restoration
- Late seral forest
- Amazing recreational opportunities
- Timber sales and grants, public/private cooperation towards funding and labor training
- grant funding
- Demonstration-showing how timber management can be self sustaining
- More tribal workforce training for both fire, thinning
- Bring in tribes from all over the state, maybe other states
- Prescribed burns
- Removing smaller same size growth trees
- Incorporate in THPs is good
- Continue to shift work to off season so more people stick with natural resources
- Trout unlimited restoration work
- Creates own revenue to fund science and restoration
- Administration working well along with Timber programs

What's *not* working with the current model for funding restoration and workforce development at JDSF?

- Insufficient levels of harvest level to fund these activities
- Inconsistent timber sales
- Poor timber market/economics
- **Lack of staff for grant writing/management**
- Workforce-hard to maintain workforce when work is seasonal
- Allow special use permits to do more than just cover the cost of staff time
- Downsize maintenance through decommissioning of roads
- Downsize large logging operations and prioritize commercial thinning
- Invest in recreation
- Increase restoration project partnerships

- Ask tribes what their land use priorities are for ex. Is there a desire for a cultural center, visitor center, learning labs-can revenue and costs be shared?
- Older growth areas allowed to get larger then harvested, leave a large enough number of trees unharmed
- Need maintenance funds
- JDSF/CALFIRE is still holding to the old mandate of “sustainable forestry (economic)” at the expense of forest health, air, water, soil
- More visibility about restoration and how that happens along with timber harvesting
- Greater emphasis on research and demonstration

What are ways to improve the funding and workforce development model? What are additional tools and collaborations that can be considered?

- Insufficient harvest levels
- Increase timber sale volume
- Increase general fund input from Sacramento
- Increase number of grant money received
- Increase staffing
- Allow regular mountain bike guides and other recreational guides
- See if there’s a way to maintain year-round workforce
- Create wildlife corridors that include places that need protection-cultural sites, rare plant sites, etc
- Collaborating with Mendocino college to create education programs that teach forestry
- More input from foresters and loggers
- Road management program should be better

How can CALFIRE sustainably improve restoration efforts while promoting economic opportunities? How should CALFIRE prioritize their work based on a limited budget?

- Harvest a consistent volume of timber
- Expand and continue private/public cooperation for projects
- Increase staffing
- Be more selective with large tree removal.

- Prioritize what's best for the forest through consistent research and increased collaboration with those knowledgeable on forest management.
- Keep slash and destruction at a minimum
- Prioritize invasive species removal over bathroom infrastructure
- Find practical ways to cut costs of restoration project implementation (gully stuffing with fuel reduction material)