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MENDOCINO UNIT

JDSF Thompson Gulch Prescribed Burn Scheduled

Mendocino County, CA–The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Mendocino Unit will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. This prescribed burn will treat approximately 150-acres of timber slash and timber understory in the Thompson Gulch area of Jackson Demonstration State Forest, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest is located on State Highway 20 between the towns of Willits and Fort Bragg.

Burning will begin on Thursday October 29, 2026, and continue through Saturday October 31, 2026. Burning will start at approximately 10 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3 p.m. daily.

This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction.

This project burn will be conducted under strictly controlled weather and fuel conditions. Smoke and aircraft may be visible in the area.