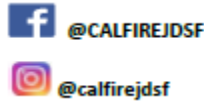


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PUBLIC NOTICE TRAIL ABANDONMENT

“Trestle Trail” – North Fork South Fork Noyo River

Mendocino County, CA – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is abandoning the Trestle Trail on Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) located along the North Fork South Fork (NFSF) Noyo River. Following previous and recent discussions, the Recreation Task Force (RTF) agreed to abandon the 4.3-mile Trestle Trail due to long-term maintenance challenges, environmental considerations, safety concerns, and the loss of trail infrastructure.

The Trestle Trail has not received significant maintenance for at least 20 years. In 2005, bridges crossing the NFSF Noyo River and associated tributaries were removed at eight separate crossings, resulting in the trail no longer functioning as a maintained system trail. Several small slides and fallen trees obstruct portions of the trail corridor. The trail corridor is immediately adjacent to the NFSF Noyo River, which supports federally listed fish species including coho salmon and steelhead, making protection of riparian and aquatic habitat an important management consideration.

Effective immediately, the Trestle Trail will be removed from official JDSF recreation maps and will no longer be maintained as part of the designated trail system. Public use of the trail is discouraged. JDSF may assess opportunities for future restoration or rehabilitation where feasible and consistent with available staffing, funding, and forest management objectives.

The Recreation Task Force is a collaborative group that provides advice and recommendations to CAL FIRE regarding issues relevant to the recreation program on JDSF.

Community members interested in volunteering or assisting with recreation stewardship efforts on JDSF are encouraged to contact the JDSF office at 707-964-5674.

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