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Mendocino Unit

REQUEST FOR APPLICANTS TO SERVE ON THE JACKSON ADVISORY GROUP

Mendocino County, CA –The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) invites public involvement in the management of JDSF through participation on its Jackson Advisory Group (JAG). The JAG advises CAL FIRE and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) on forest management at JDSF.

CAL FIRE is seeking two (2) JAG applicants to provide expertise in one or more of the following forest management categories identified in the JAG Charter:

- * Licensed Timber Operator
- *Botanist and/or Ecologist
- *Physical Scientist (e.g. hydrology, geology, etc.)
- * Forest Conservation
- * Local Tribal Representative

Interested persons should apply by submitting a letter of interest and resume by Friday, March 6, 2026 (dated and/or postmarked). Applications should be sent to:

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For more information about the Jackson Demonstration State Forest visit:

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Background

JDSF, the largest of fourteen Demonstration State Forests, is in Mendocino County. The 48,652- acre Forest fills a unique niche to advance research, demonstration, and education on sustainable forestry practices to help maintain California's leading role as an innovator in solutions to difficult resource management challenges.

The Jackson Advisory Group provides advice to CAL FIRE and the Board on management of the Forest. It also is intended that interactions among the advisory group, the department, the Board, and the public will help to ensure transparency and create trust regarding JDSF management.

The Advisory Group will meet four (4) to six (6) times in 2026 on dates yet to be determined. Meetings are generally from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM either in Fort Bragg, Ukiah, or on the forest. Additional preparation time between meetings will typically be necessary. There is no compensation for service on the Advisory Group.

The Jackson Advisory Group members represent a range of local, regional, and state interests and areas of technical expertise such as forestry research, forest conservation, ecology, environmental education, environmental protection, fisheries, forest management, physical sciences, recreation, timber operations, and wildlife. Members are to represent the public. Meetings of the advisory group are public and subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

New appointees will serve a term of three (3) years. Interviews for these 2 positions will be conducted in March or April 2026. The Director's appointees are subject to the approval of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

General Information regarding JDSF can be found on our website here:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest>

The Charter for the JDSF Advisory Group is available on the CAL FIRE website at:

[Jackson Advisory Group Charter](#)

General Forest Management Plan is available on the CAL FIRE website at:

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