

# Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF)

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### Questions:

- Is there a direct contact at the JAG? We want to seat but have had some issues getting that message to CAL FIRE acted on. The Mendocino Trail Stewards.
- Can the timber harvest plans on JDSF be postponed until we are not in a drought?
- I'm wondering how JDSF can transition to true stewardship and eliminate extractive logging? Can JDSF find its restorative role through other means than sale of timber rights?
- When are you going to have a facilitated conversation during a logging time out with all of the stakeholders? (loggers, Pomo people, Earth first! Neighbors, Mendocino Trail Stewards?
- How can we transition JDSF to full restoration, preserve and recreation and cease extractive logging?
- Can we please leave the large Redwoods standing?
- When will the next Jag spot open?
- Could Casper 500 be treated as late seral development – great and leave space of sanctuary for community?
- What % of Casper THP cut volume is from >48 trees?
- How is CAL FIRE money generated and spent. How does logging factor in?
- Why does CAL FIRE not explore and getting paid for the two carbon offset programs administered by the CA Air Resources Board?
- Why is community outreach only for the cyclists? Sure it's easy to hack another bypass trail for them. You'll be cutting down anyway. What about the thousands of mushrooms? #Saveourmushroomtrees
- Why log? Think about if somebody cut you down and said I'm rich now and sold your remains!!
- How is mass of carbon and oxygen related to diameter/size of trees?
- If Jackson is 40,000K acres why are all the THPS on flat and rolling areas that are accessible to elderly, disabled families? Simpson, Mitchell, Casper 500 why cut all of these at the same time?

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- How much H<sub>2</sub>O does it take to keep those logging roads dust free? 600K for just 1 THP. This is a drought! Why waste H<sub>2</sub>O now?
- Who is cleaning up the pot grows, dumps and homeless camps I find every time I'm mushrooming?
- Why is the save the redwoods table the only one that is covering any info about the THPs?
- Why does CAL FIRE have no information booth about THPs?
- Why are you referring to the dozens of THPs as if they are singular?
- How do you not know by now what constitutes good healthy logging practices? You say you are still doing logging experiments.
- Mushrooms are most productive in the 40 to 80 year range for fir, pine, and oak. Why cut them at that stage? I can't wait 40 years my trees to regrow and reestablish the mycelium.
- Why are there no THP maps to view at the CAL FIRE booths?
- Why does CAL FIRE not explore and getting paid for the two carbon offset programs administered by the CA Air Resources Board?
- 600,000 gallons are planned for the Caspar 500 THP, where is this water coming from? Mendo and Caspar wells are running out of water already. With fire danger so high how can CAL FIRE let peoples well run dry?
- What happens next? There was no one here with decision making authority so I would like to know what it would like to modify the current management plan to preserve more of JDSF?

It appears that forest science is changing more rapidly than CAL FIRE's planning process can accommodate – how do we dial in with this?

- How does this THP fit within the 2030 Climate Initiative?
- I have seen figures as high as 600,000+ gallons of water to be used in the Caspar 500 THP what is being done to mitigate this enormous water usage? I was born across the street from JDSF in Caspar and have lived my whole life in this area. We are worried. What is being done? We are at ½ our normal rainfall for 2021. Why are we continuing these logging practices as we if we aren't in the worst drought since the 70's? Would we still continue to log if there was no rainfall? Should there be a lower limit where we don't log at all? WE should be preparing for more drought conditions

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in the future, this right now is most likely the New Normal. Why are we cutting down the largest trees that sequester the most amount of carbon? Why are we cutting down the largest trees that benefit the mycorrhizal fungal communities the most? We do not have municipal water supply in the town of Mendocino, our wells are running dry year after year. Why are we not focusing on fire safety in our community? Why are there huge piles of slash off road 409 and not a well-managed understory of masticated vegetation?

- Why is Jan 6<sup>th</sup> trespassing different than trespassing in a closed area that threatens workers safety and livelihood.

### **Suggestions/Concerns:**

- Please unlock the access roads 100,200,300,250, Three Chop. Your careful consideration would be appreciated.
- Re-appropriate Jackson to first nation communities.
- My Family is very concerned about climate change and the important role of JDSF plays in carbon sequestration for the state of California. I feel strongly that having the forest un-logged is better for our community.
  - a. JDSF is an important part of recreation on the Mendocino coast. I am concerned about the damages that logging will do to the landscape I know that it will take years to recover.
  - b. I am concerned about fire safety. It seems like logging will create long term danger to our community.
  - c. I am worried for my family members that live in the neighborhood surrounding the Caspar 500 and the risks of logging. I am very worried about hack n squirt at JDSF.
- Working forests are critical for our rural economy. JDSF was established to be a research demonstration forest and it should remain that way.
- We have demonstrated that logging damages the forest. It's time to demonstrate the ancient Pomo techniques of forest management make this the Jackson State Demonstrate forest of Pomo methods. Please find ways to include more community in decisions. Less info sessions, more collaboration, more community in decisions regarding JDSF. Community meetings, town hall options to share input. Thanks for this.
- Thank you for bringing forth the people from CAL FIRE are interested in creating relationships, having constructive discourse and taking feedback.

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- Please officially incite other parties interested: Mendocino Trail Stewards, Mama Tree Mendo, Pomo, and local tribe representatives. That would feel more inclusive.
- Carbon sequestering leads us to preservation and fire mitigation, I feel they should be a priority, logging feels like it should only happen as a byproduct-not a primary for harvest plan.
- Change Mandate-Work towards the goal to have a forest that is self-sufficient without human intervention. Leave the big trees, they are worth more standing alive than a deck or fence. Reduce THP's during drought. Water is precious.
- On the western Edge of JDSF where recreation is hugely important to so many people, make recreation priority #1. THP and Experimentation #2 and #3
- Maybe have California Department of Natural Resources run a demonstration forest instead of State Unit intended to fight fires
- Hire Returning soldiers in the forest to thin & restore.
- JDSF could hold a working forest with a world destination Mtn. biking center. Need funding for: Trail plan, outreach, including Forest mgt. kiosks, JDSF forest mgt to reduce fire hazard & sustain CO2 sequestration. Center (Bldg) in Fort Bragg where Mtn. loiters can get info. Friends of JDSF could be formed w/ mission to support mgt. & recreation.
- This plan needs to be reevaluated in light of new circumstances and understanding of present- day climate and cultural needs. To cut big trees for job protection is an antiquated idea. You can make more money letting them stand. The % of the earth with such forests is miniscule. Their value lies in living. This can be a real asset to the area if you change your idea about you are demonstrating.
- Bring the EIR up to date. Stop all logging until the EIR is current. Turn JDSF over to different management for a park. Save Forest to offset climate change.
- CAL FIRE needs to provide security for active logging contracts. I understand outreach needs to occur first.

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- Community meeting request: All stakeholders present-weeks in advance please with a mediator.
- Thank you for doing this event. More notice might bring more attendance. Also if it were closer to the coast. I would still love to find a way to prioritize recreational use of the forest especially easily accessed areas of the coastal JDSF to promote health and well-being.
- Need tours of: Fuel breaks (shaded), fuel reduction near communities, funding sources for community groups interested in fuel breaks, work with MCRCD/UCCE on fuel break outreach, and RX fire demonstration.
- JDSF is one of the best managed forest in the United States, keep up the great work! People need to co-exist.
- Please make sure I am on the email list for announcements. How to attend and contribute minutes to JAG meetings.
- This does not feel like a genuine attempt to hear community concerns. 3 days' notice and an open format. Highly suggest as town-hall mediated conversation.
- We would like a pre-planned meeting, 3 weeks in advance with the community and all coalition members invited, 3 weeks ahead of time.
- Please consider alternate funding resources to manage Jackson state as a fire resilient old growth forest. Community is happy to support, find and raise diverse alternate funding sour.
- Please don't limit horseback riding. Been coming here for years-would be sad to not be able to come. Thank you.
- Leave trees that are 100 years old standing. Object to cutting Casper 500 because 1 mile from Hwy 1 where tourists from.
- Redwood Forest Foundation (USAL) has been working towards being community forest- but too far. Jackson by default IS a community forest. Collaborate for ideas.

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- Re-evaluate goals & demonstration project given acceleration of climate change (Seattle will be Texas heat wave this week)
- Where I live, the logging is practically in my back yard. So if you moved the logging to somewhere else, I would REALLY appreciate it. Also there is the drought (?) this year. CAL FIRE is probably going to use MILLIONS of gallons of water to keep the dust down, how much water will there be left? So if CAL FIRE did not log the trees, there would be lots of water, more oxygen to breathe, and a lot more trees to be like the 2,000 year old trees.
- Please have a real dialogue with the trail stewards coalition about how to be best use JDSF.
- Moratorium on logging in JDSF until new management plan is adopted.
- Change model of JDSF to that of a true experimental forest independent of funding constraints.
- I am asking for a moratorium on logging in JDSF for the community to have a chance to give input. Several points to have are to follow.
  1. THP Caspar 500 was not properly noticed. The notice was put out during the beginning of COVID we were told to shelter in place and if we picked up mail or newspaper to leave the outside for several days. CAL FIRE may have complied with the legal noticing but they did NOT comply with the intent of that law. This is obvious since there were NO comments and now on the other THP's there are many comments.
  2. The JDSF mandate is very old. Now with a different world and knowledge of the global warming the mandate needs to change. JDSF needs to demonstrate preservation not logging. The needs to put the focus in education, recreation, etc. This county now depends economically on tourism. JDSF is a big draw. The trails where there was logging in 2011 are ugly, lots of stash. No large trees. This does not draw recreation.
  3. 600,000 gallons are planned for the Caspar 500 THP, where is this water coming from? Mendo and Caspar wells are already running out of water already. With fire danger so high how can CAL FIRE let peoples well run dry?
  4. The public owns JDSF. They need to be heard. People want this public forest to be preserved and not logged.

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- There should be a permit process to harvest sustainably other plants and berries for food and health. Don't cut certain trees and sell for carbon credits. Leave larger trees and set aside smaller to get be then harvest.
- Please save the JDSF and preserve it for generations to come. It is a valuable community resource for helping to curb climate change and should be included in California's 30 X 30 Plan. Do the right thing for the planet! Do not log JDSF!!
- Dear Folks at CAL FIRE, Please follow your conscience! Please leave our coastal forest to grow naturally. JDSF should demonstrate the health of a forest that is left alone and allowed to grow in its natural state. Environmental impact reviews MUST be updated. Find CAL FIRE Funding some other way!
- These issues need to be opened up to more public discussion and input, and climate change needs to be a major part of it.

But, really, it's way past time to end logging in the JDSF. It should be managed as a forest preserve, dedicated to recreational use, wildlife habitat, a source of clean water, and carbon storage.

- I would like to see the trees, especially the Redwoods (& old groves) in all JDSF be preserved. In this time of climate crisis the redwoods aide in prevention of fire and drought. I am concerned about the destructive effects of logging on root systems, soil and water sheds from large machines. I've walked in areas that have been devastated, then other areas that have been transplanted with little to NO Biodiversity. It is an unnatural planting that can not bring back natural habitats to any measure.

Other concerns:

1. Erosion, Wildlife Killing, lack of respect to native population who lost these lands (& all their dignity and many their lives), our tax dollars at work should give the public direct access and input in any sales and uses of the forest.
2. The forests should be saved for the people, the animals, the natural growth plants. A place of peace - we all need that way more than a million dollars for the timber cutting that makes the rich richer and makes amess of nature.

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3. Loggers and purchasers need to consider aesthetics or preservationists will keep us out of the woods. More people are using Jackson; Bikers are coming to the county to the county to ride their expensive Mt. bikes at Jackson. Loggers and others need to consider new forest users or we will get shut out of working in the woods
- It's responsible logging. Either watch it burn or use it as a useful resource.
  - Think local, shop local, buy local beef, buy local vegetables, buy local log and lumber, this is the only way to combat global warming. Let second growth redwood sequester carbon while providing local employment.
  - Contrary to some public comments, local sawmills need the log flow from JDSF. The available redwood timberland has been steadily swallowed up by the big two lumber companies, RE and MRC/HRC. The independents need JDSF logs, and the valuable research that JDSF provides.
  - Jackson Forest is beautiful because it is managed. Don't let a group whose ambitions have bled their intellects to destroy a great resource.
  - Estamos preocupados por que sino ay loges no ay trabajo y la familia. Tambien. (We are worried because if there is no logging, there is no work and we can't feed our families as well.)
  - Thanks for the presentation. CDF simply needs to enforce the no trespassing policy on timber harvest site and allow the mill and contractor to complete the work. Many local families are counting on you!
  - Laws need to be reenforced this is a logging community and a livelihood for how many families.
  - CDF needs to enforce the "No Trespassing" policy on the timber harvest plans.
  - Yo, estoy preocupado po perder me trabajo por todo este que esta pasando. Por favor consideren otras personas atentamente. (I am worried about losing my job because of all the things that are happening. Please take other people into consideration. Attentively.)

### **Expressions:**

- Stop logging in Jackson!



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- Interested in tours of the forests.
- Thank you! You Rock.
- Log Caspar 500!
- Thank you CAL FIRE!
- I will pay to use your trails.
- Cut it down!
- Cut them out of the trees.
- Thank you CAL FIRE for all your hardwork!