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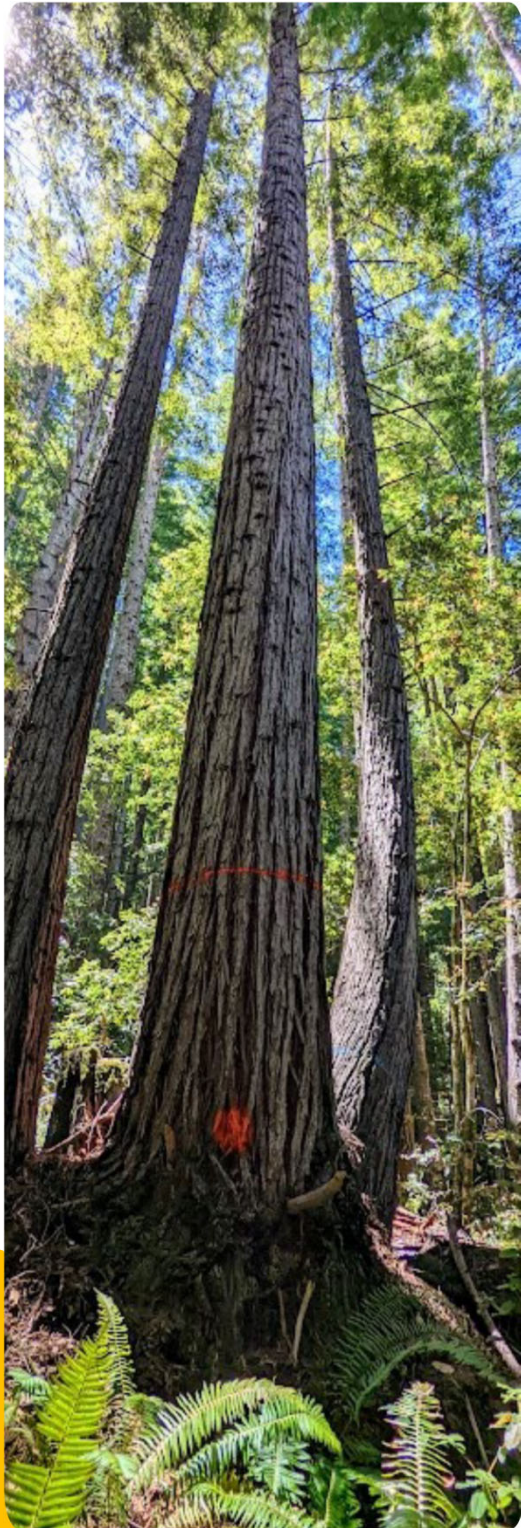
Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Forest Management Plan Update

*JDSF History, the Management Plan Process,
and How to Get Involved*

Public Meetings

Fort Bragg and Ukiah



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to recognize that JDSF is the unceded traditional territory of the local Indigenous people past and present. Honoring of the land itself by stewardship has and continues to occur throughout the generations. This land acknowledgement compels us all to continue to learn how to be better stewards of the land.

Community Agreements

- **Everyone has something to share.** Be brief and give others the opportunity to speak.
- **Be respectful.** Practice listening. Respect our differences. Speak from your own experience.

Why We Are Here

Objectives

- Understand the JDSF MP update process and ways to engage
- Reflect on successes and challenges
- Understand the purpose and vision of JDSF
- Co-create the JDSF history

Meeting Our Objectives

Agenda

- Brief Overview of the Management Plan Update Process
- Presentation: The Context of Management at JDSF
- Community Input: Small Groups
- Break
- Presentation: JDSF Purpose and History
- JDSF MP Update Process and Next Steps

Bike Rack & Notecards

- Items not on Today's Agenda
- Items on agenda that you want to comment on, but didn't have time

Comment Anytime

- Email:
JDSF@fire.ca.gov

Registration Packet Materials

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Scroll down to “Jackson State Forest Management Plan” and click

- The Agenda
- JDSF History Since 1947
- JDSF Project Planning and Public Input Flowchart
- Management Plan Update Flow Chart
- JDSF and Land Allocations
- CHAPTER 0350 - FOREST MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Meeting Materials

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After each public
meeting, materials
and other
documents will be
posted.

Management Plan Update Process and Timeline

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Clifton Environmental**



Forest Management Plan Requirement & Purpose

PRC § 4645: The department, in accordance with **plans approved by the board**, may engage in the management, protection, and reforestation of state forests.

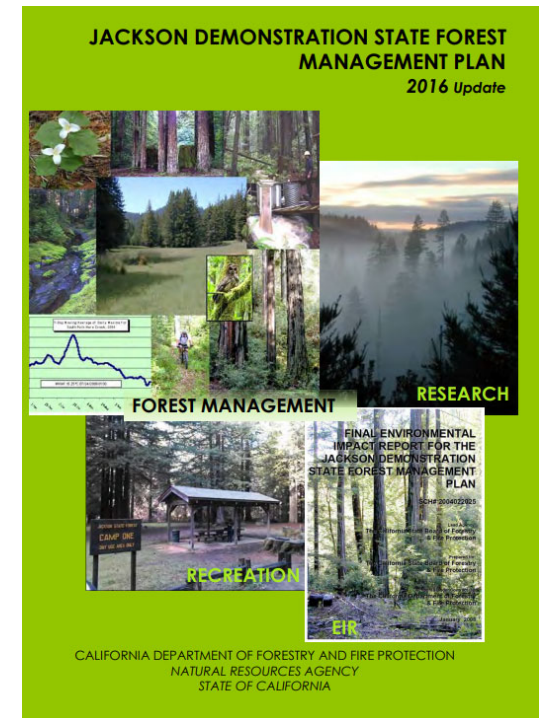
PRC § 4645: The director, acting in accordance with **policies adopted by the board**, shall administer this chapter.

CA Board of Forestry & Fire Protection Policies, Chapter 0351.10

Management Plans ... shall be **prepared by the Department**, with appropriate public review, for approval by the Board. CAL FIRE shall present to the Board a thorough review of each existing management plan **at least every ten years**.

The Forest Management Plan:

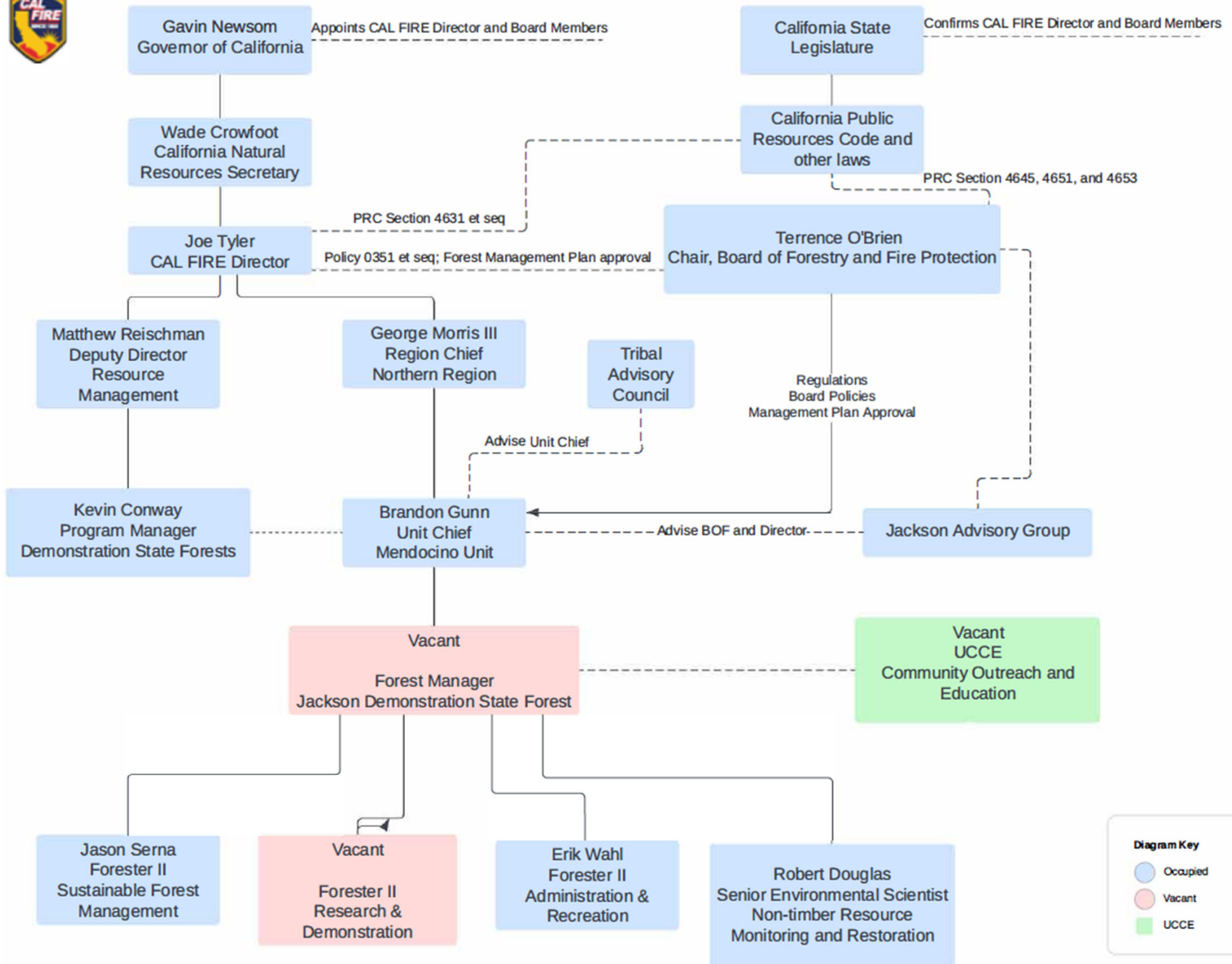
- synthesizes knowledge of current resources conditions on JDSF
- articulates the desired future of the Forest
- provides guidance on developing that future condition
- establishes abundant opportunities for future research and demonstration activities



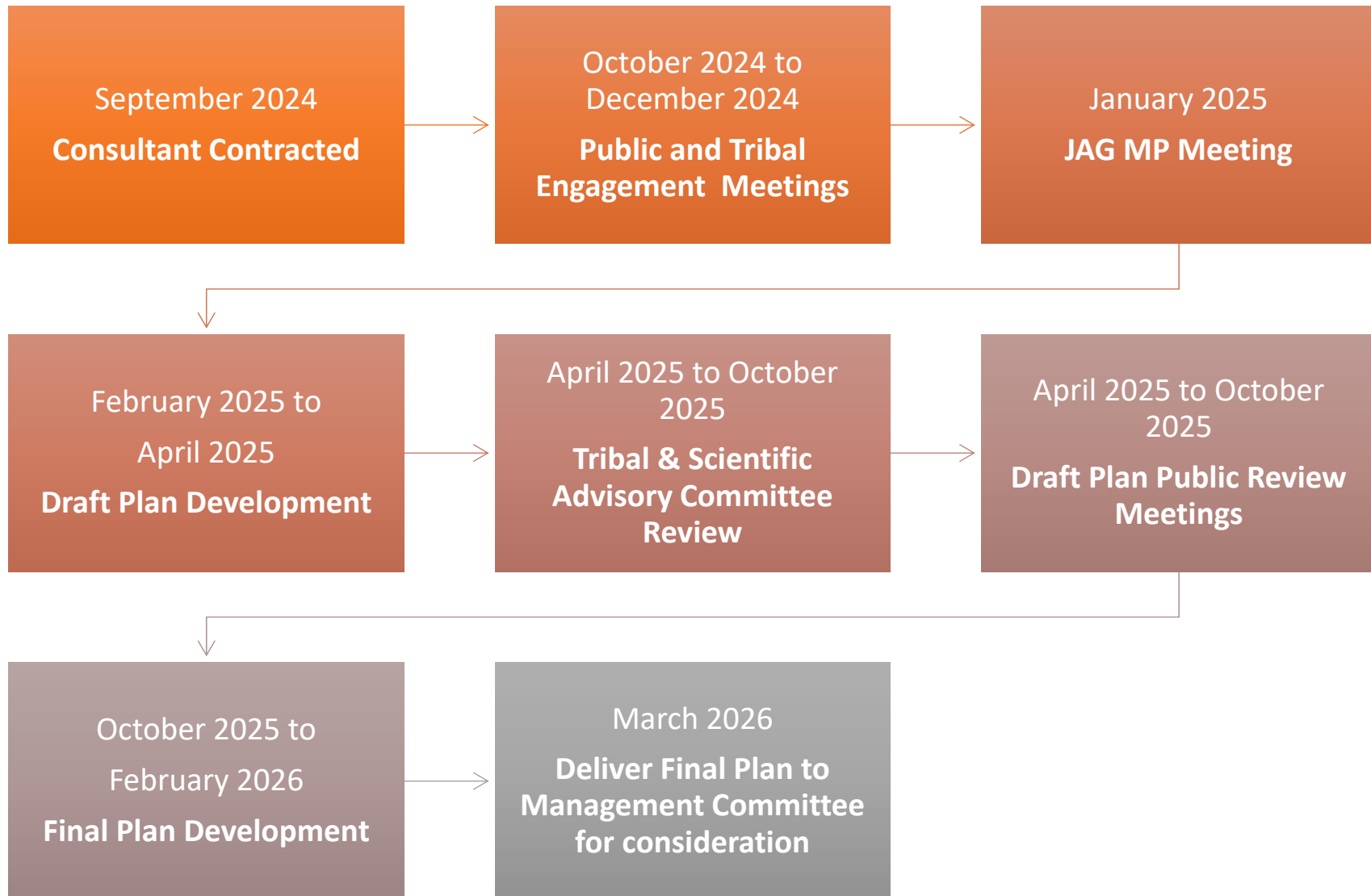
Forest Management Plan Requirement & Purpose

The Forest
Management
Plan guides:

- Research and demonstration
- Sustainable forestry operations
- Monitoring and research
- Road management
- Recreational opportunities
- Protection and restoration of wildlife habitat



Management Plan Review Projected Timeline



Update Process and Next Steps for Community Input

Topic: Tribal Co-Management

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The Context of Management at JDSF

How does a project get reviewed and approved at JDSF?

What is the role of the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG)?

Where does public input occur?



How does a project get reviewed and approved at JDSF?

The process for Project approval at JDSF starts with the Forest Management Plan.

Management Plan Goals & Objectives
+
California Forest Practice Rules



JDSF PROJECT PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT FLOWCHART



Formal Public Comment

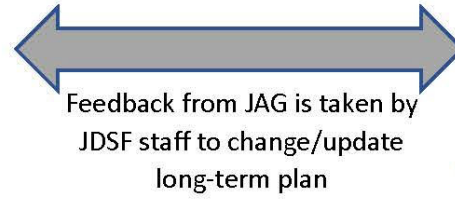


informal public
comment: call 707-964-
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foresters if you have
questions or concerns

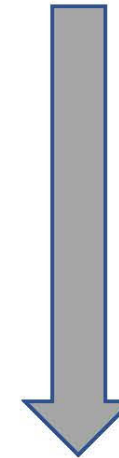
START

Internal long-term plan
development in
conjunction with Forest
Management Plan (FMP)

This includes looking at research needs,
road abandonments, etc.



JAG meetings are noticed
and open to the public and
input from the JAG
members as well as the
public is considered

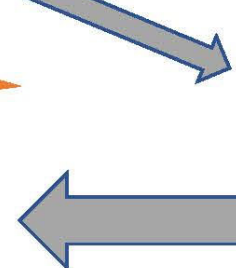
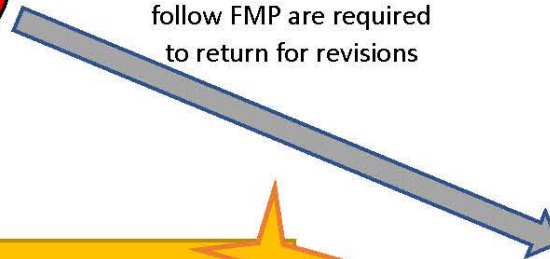


JDSF staff works on
project layout and
CEQA documentation

Start laying
out/correct project for
environmental
permitting process

Project found to
not follow FMP

Projects found to not
follow FMP are required
to return for revisions



JAG Meeting with
discussion of
proposed project

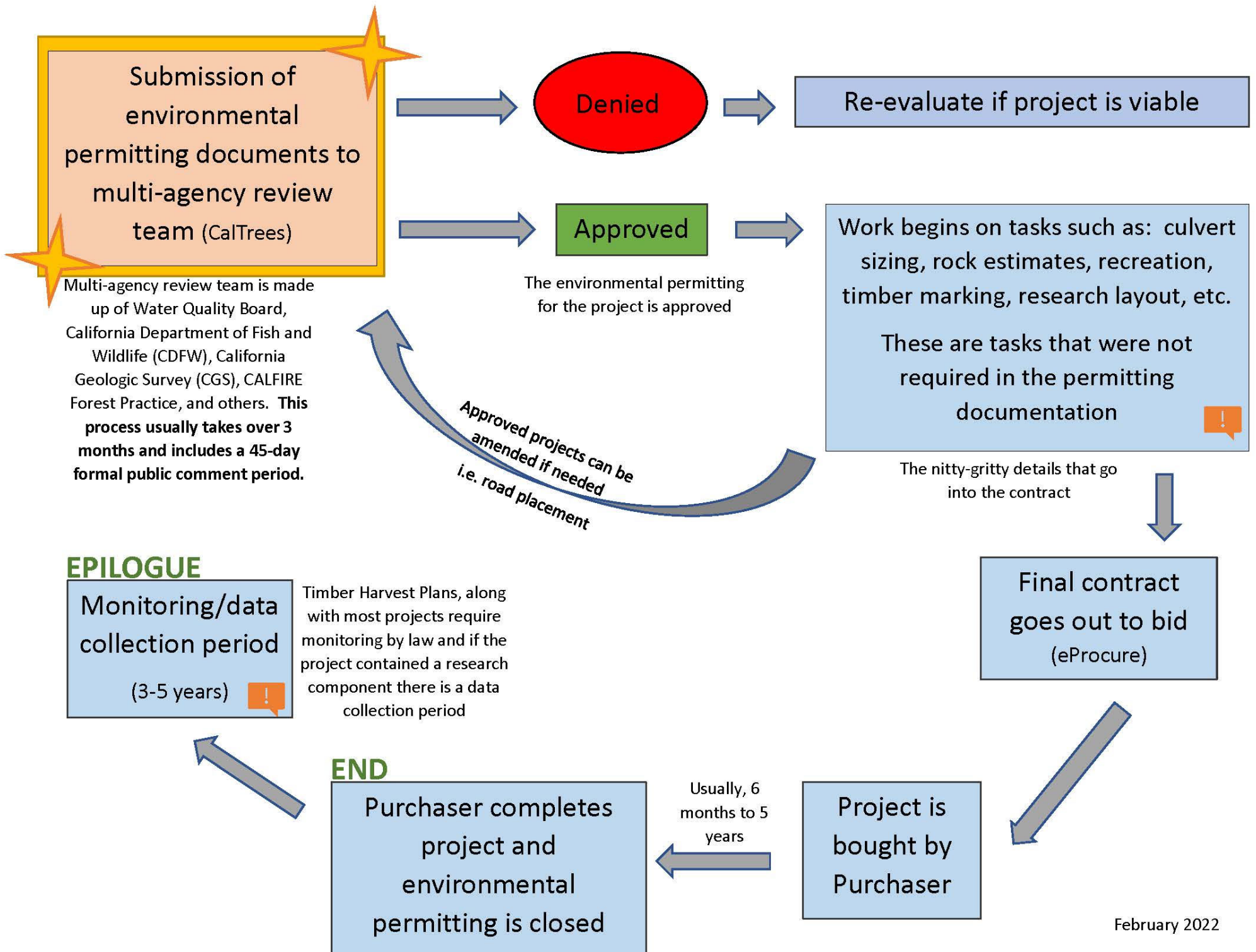
When JDSF staff has enough work to show the scope of the
project, proposed project gets scheduled for a JAG meeting



Many projects are approved
with recommended changes

Project found to
follow FMP






EXAMPLE


**JDSF TIMBER SALE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
DRAFT**

- ☐ **1. Sustainable Forest Management Forecasting**
- Provide annual map to Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) and Tribal Advisory Council identifying potential future management areas.
 - Prioritize development of timber harvest plans based on feedback JAG, Tribal Advisory Council, and public.


-  ☐ **2. JAG Review**
- Early notification to local Tribes of project footprint and goals.
 - Early development of timber harvesting plan (THP) including identifying research, restoration, recreation, and fuel reduction opportunities.
 - JAG Review of proposal, including field tour.
 - JAG and local Tribal recommendations incorporated into plan.

-  ☐ **3. JAG Approval**
- JAG determines if project is in compliance with the Management Plan and New Vision (until management plan review is complete).

- ☐ **4. THP Permitting**
- CEQA required notification to local tribes.
 - JDSF staff completes development of THP and submits for multi-disciplinary review process.
 - Outreach to potential research partners.

-  ☐ **5. Pre-Timber Sale Public Tour (optional)**
- This tour will take place during development of the Timber Sale
 - Show approved THP field work.
 - Discuss additional contract items to include in timber sale agreement such as recreation improvements, timber stand improvements, fuel reduction opportunities, firewood sales, and aesthetic concerns.
 - Tour is optional based on public interest and JDSF staff availability.

- ☐ **6. Timber Sale and Operation**
- Advertise and award Timber Sale
 - JDSF staff conducts contract administration during operations.

-  ☐ **7. Post-Operations Public Tour (optional)**
- May be at JAG meeting or separate.
 - Review outcome verse identified management objectives.
 - Review research and restoration projects
 - Tour is optional based on public interest and JDSF staff availability.

- ☐ **8. Adaptive Management**
- Produce timber sale summary documenting operations, any challenges, and recommendations for future projects for JDSF records.
 - Incorporate lessons learned into future projects.

Timber Harvest Plan (THP) Review Process



Notification

Letters of Intent are sent to notify local tribal representatives and landowners within 300 ft of the proposed harvest. Landowners within 1,000 ft downstream of a proposed harvest are also notified.



Confidential Archeology Review

RPF requests survey records from the CA Office of Historic Preservation, conducts field surveys, and writes archeology report that is reviewed by CAL FIRE archeologist. Findings are not disclosed to the public to protect sensitive information.



Agency Review

CAL FIRE distributes THP to a Review Panel comprised of CDFW, CGS, and the CA Regional Water Quality Control Board.



RPF Response

The panel submits questions, clarifications, and comments. Panel may request as many review periods as necessary, but RPFs generally work through two or three reviews.



Plan Operations

Logging requires the use of a certified License Timber Operator (LTO) whose signature is required for a complete THP. There can be more than one LTO per THP.

The THP process ensures that logging operations are compliant with all environmental laws and regulations. Any violations are promptly addressed and may result in civil penalties, fines, criminal proceedings, or the revocation of an RPF or LTO license.



Fieldwork

RPF conducts biological and cultural surveys, conducts a timber inventory, designates silvicultural prescriptions, maps plan areas, and designs road construction and maintenance.



Sign & Submit

Once RPF writes the THP, signatures are required from the landowner, RPF, and timber owner. Once signed, THP is sent to CAL FIRE regional review office, assigned a number, and the review begins.



Pre-Harvest Inspection (PHI)

Review panel physically examines proposed plan area. PHI report is submitted to review team and includes first review questions. PHI marks the start of the 30-day public comment period.



Public Comment Period

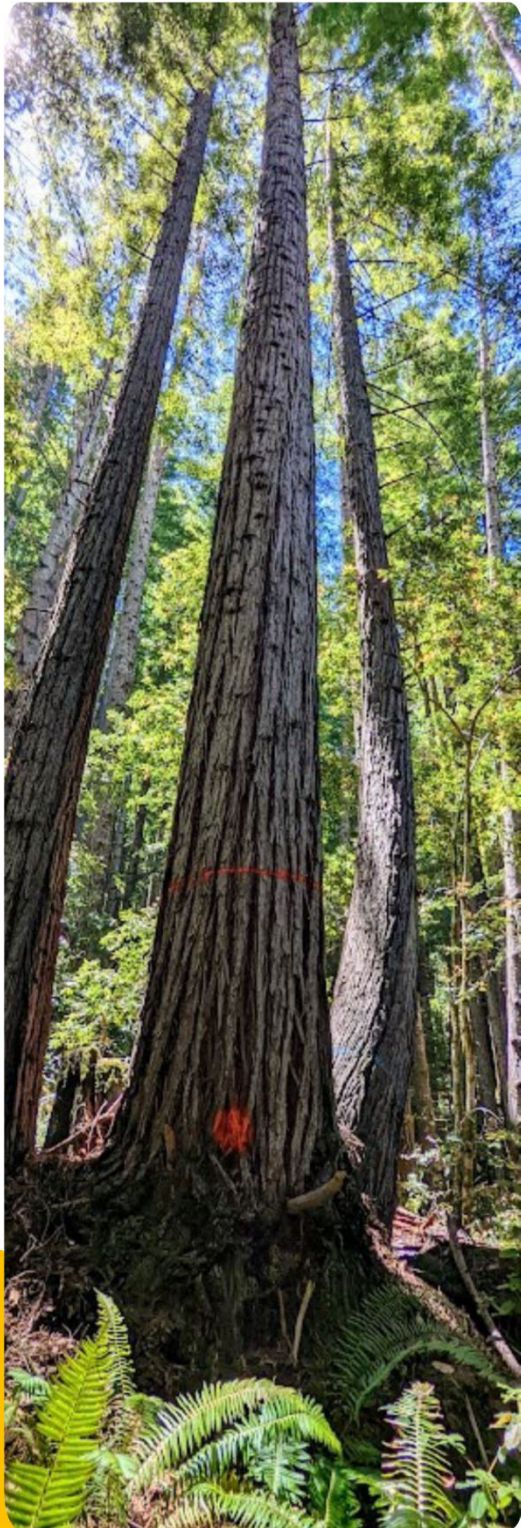
Public comment period lasts 30 days after PHI. Within 15 days of end of public comment period, CAL FIRE director must make the final decision and approve the plan if it aligns with the Forest Practice Rules.



Begin Harvest

Once a THP is approved, representatives from CAL FIRE or the review panel may inspect the harvest periodically. A THP is valid for 5 to 7 years.





Community Input

- Count off
- Remember community agreements
- Briefly Introduce Yourself: Name and where you live
- 25 minutes in your group
- Facilitated Group Questions:
 - Where have there been successes in this process? What works? How to build upon them?
 - Where have there been challenges? Problems? or Failures in the process? How to improve them?

A photograph of a dense forest. Several large, vertical tree trunks are prominent in the foreground and middle ground. The ground is covered with a thick layer of brown pine needles and fallen branches. Lush green ferns are growing in the undergrowth, particularly on the right side. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the forest floor. The text "15 MIN BREAK" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

15 MIN BREAK

Building JDSF Collective History and Future

Kyle Farmer, JDSF Historian
and Fire Advisor



Building JDSF Collective History and Future

TIMELINE KEY

- Administrative *
- Public Engagement *
- Research *
- Recreation *
- Restoration *



Building JDSF Collective History and Future

Reflect on YOUR experience
with JDSF and its future.

Add to the timeline

- Important events
- Milestones

Add desired future, based on
YOUR vision

- Important events
- Milestones

Use words. Draw pictures.



Meeting Results

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How will the input
be shared? How to
give additional
input?

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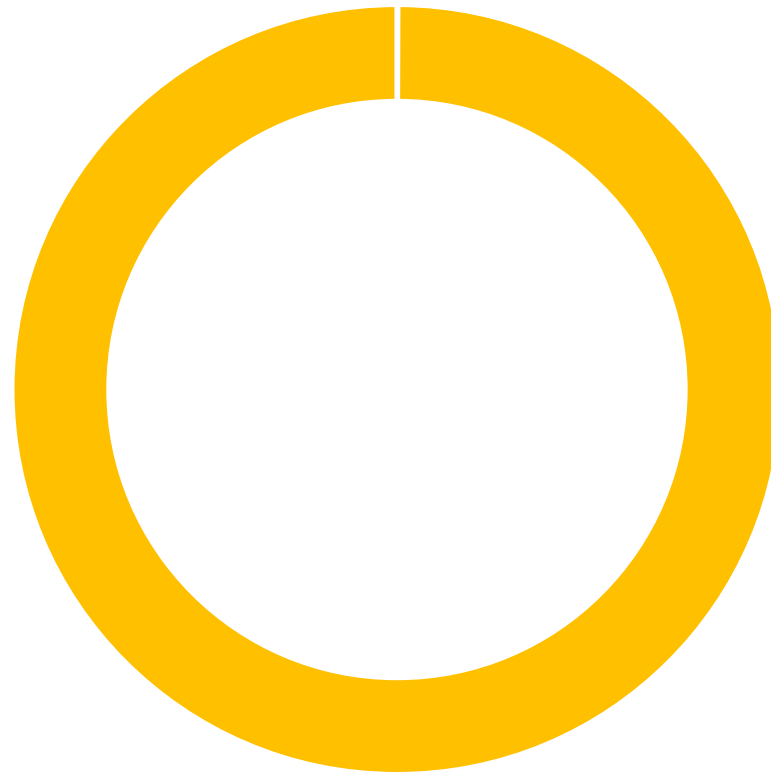
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A photograph of a dense forest, likely a redwood forest. Several large, thick tree trunks are visible, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. The forest floor is covered with a thick layer of green ferns and fallen branches.

Thank you

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1860s-1930s



■ Selection

■ Clearcut

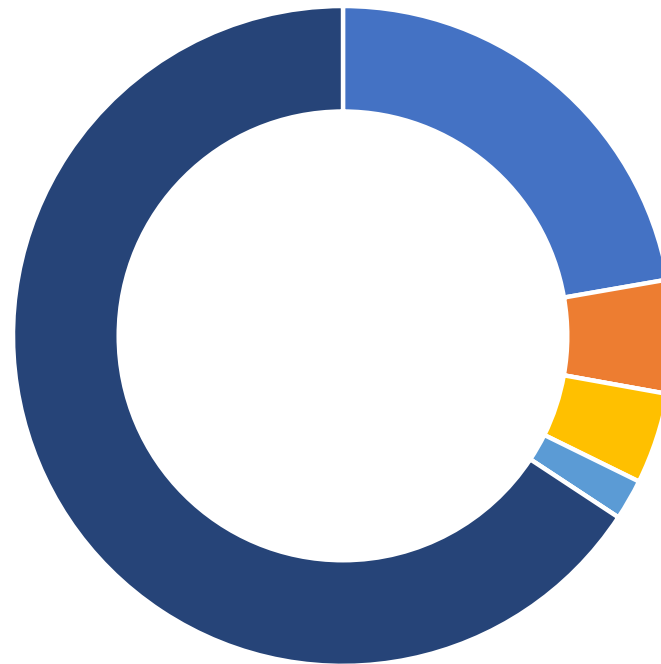
■ Group Selection

■ Commercial Thin

■ Variable Retention

■ Road Right-of-Way

1940s-1980s



■ Selection

■ Group Selection

■ Variable Retention

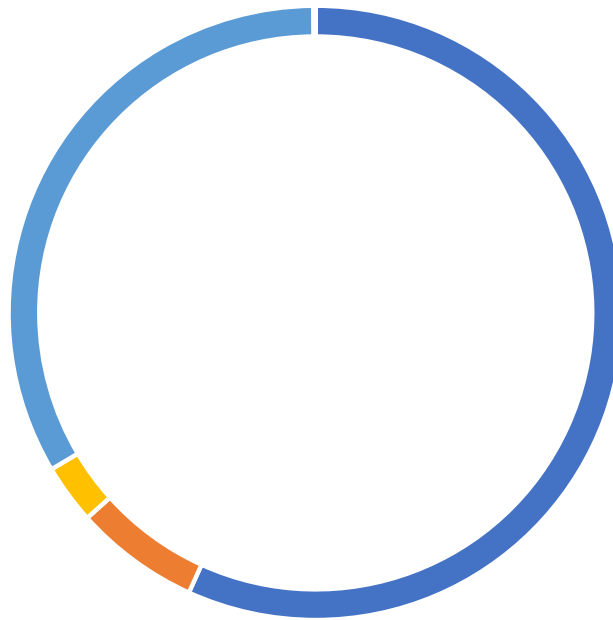
■ Clearcut

■ Commercial Thin

■ Road Right-of-Way

■ Diameter Limit Cut

1990's-2020's



■ Selection

■ Group Selection

■ Variable Retention

■ Clearcut

■ Commercial Thin

■ Road Right-of-Way

■ Diameter Limit Cut