

Handout - Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) Recreation Task Force Meeting – June 14, 2024

The following were questions asked to develop the 2014 JDSF Recreation Visitor Survey, conducted by Cal Poly University – San Luis Obispo (posted on JDSF Website – Recreation, Maps and Permits tab). This handout is for reference to develop a questionnaire for the 2024-25 Recreation Survey.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest Recreation Survey Questionnaire (2013)

Hello my name is ... I am working for Cal Poly as a research assistant on behalf of Cal Fire. Would you please consider participating in a visitor survey to aid in the development of a recreation plan for the Jackson Demonstration State Forest? Your participation will take approximately 10 minutes. Please read the informed consent letter that I am providing you to voluntarily participate in the survey.

1. Subject ID (begin with 1001 or 2001; first digit is your id, second three are subject id)

2. DATE AND TIME OF CONTACT (record)

3. LOCATION OF CONTACT (Select from list)

A Junction Rd 500 & County Rd
nearest Hwy 20; Junction Rds 500 &
600 (staging area); Rd 450 & Simpson
Ln

B CAMP ONE Area (campgrounds
& day use)

C CAMP 20 Area (campgrounds &
day use); junction 200 & hwy
20; junction 800 & hwy 20

4. How many people are in your group today? _____

5. How many adults? _____

6. How many children under the age of 18? _____

7. How many females are in your group? _____

8. How many males are in your group? _____

9. Who came with you to the forest today? For example, family or family and friends... (don't read, select the single best match)

Family

Family and friends

Friends

By self

Club or organization

School group

Volunteer JDSF group

Other _____

10. On average, approximately how many days each month do you usually visit this forest? __

11. On average, approximately how many days each year do you usually visit this forest? _____

12. During the past 12 months, how many times did you visit a forest, park or outdoor recreation area? (This includes forests, parks, lakes, rivers, beaches, scenic areas, trails, and open spaces)

13. During this visit, are you staying overnight in the forest or are you a day use visitor?
__ Overnight visitor __ Day use visitor

ASK OF DAY USE VISITORS ONLY

14. How many hours do you plan to stay in the forest today? _____

ASK OF OVERNIGHT VISITORS ONLY

15. How many nights are you staying in the forest? _____

16. What campsite(s) will you be using while you are staying overnight? (check all that apply)

CAMP ONE AREA

- Tin Can
- Trillium
- Teacher's
- Wagon
- Tilley Group Camp
- Roundhouse
- South Fork 1-3
- South Bend
- Redtail (horse)
- Camp 6 (hike-in)
- Volcano (hike-in)
- Poison Oak (closed)

- Camp 4 (closed)
- Camp 8 (closed)

CAMP 20 AREA

- Dunlap Camp
- Horse Camp
- Big River Camp
- Indian Springs (closed for season)
- Don't know yet

ASK OF EVERYBODY

17. What activities do you and members of your group usually participate in during a visit to the forest? (DO NOT READ LIST, SELECT ALL RESPONSES GIVEN, PROBE FOR OTHER IF NECESSARY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hike-in camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom picking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood cutting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Target shooting with firearms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/running | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildflower viewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving for pleasure on hwy | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving for pleasure dirt roads | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |

___ Other: _____

___ Other: _____

18. Of these activities, which is usually your primary activity during a visit to JDSF? _____

19. In general how crowded is Jackson Demonstration State Forest when you visit? Please answer this question using a scale from 1-9. 1=Not at all crowded 3=Somewhat crowded 6=Moderately crowded 9= Extremely crowded N/A (REPEAT THIS SCALE AS NECESSARY, SO THAT PARTICIPANTS GIVE YOU A NUMBER)

On weekdays? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 N/A

On weekends? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 N/A

20. Please indicate your satisfaction with the forest's existing facilities and services using a scale of 1=Very dissatisfied 2=Dissatisfied 3=Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 4=Satisfied 5=Very satisfied DK

(REPEAT THE SCALE AS NECESSARY, SO THAT PARTICIPANTS GIVE A NUMBER)

1 2 3 4 5 DK Number of loop trails

1 2 3 4 5 DK Total mileage of trails

1 2 3 4 5 DK Availability of parking at trailheads

1 2 3 4 5 DK Availability of parking at campsites

1 2 3 4 5 DK Accessible trailheads to enter the forest

1 2 3 4 5 DK Accessibility for individuals with disabilities

1 2 3 4 5 DK Online information about recreational opportunities on the forest

1 2 3 4 5 DK Printed information about recreational opportunities on the forest

1 2 3 4 5 DK Educational/interpretive programs on the forest

1 2 3 4 5 DK Frequency of law enforcement patrols

1 2 3 4 5 DK Enforcement of rules and regulations

1 2 3 4 5 DK Areas for large groups in day use areas

1 2 3 4 5 DK Areas for large groups in campgrounds

1 2 3 4 5 DK Signs posting trail information

1 2 3 4 5 DK Signs posting educational information

1 2 3 4 5 DK Camping facilities for equestrians

1 2 3 4 5 DK Camping fee of \$15 per night

1 2 3 4 5 DK Process for self-registration camping fees

1 2 3 4 5 DK Permit process for special use events

1 2 3 4 5 DK Permit process for mushroom picking

1 2 3 4 5 DK Permit process for firewood cutting

1 2 3 4 5 DK Availability of trash receptacles

21. Please indicate your level of support for the following potential managerial actions at JDSF using a scale from 1-5.

1= Strongly oppose 2=Oppose 3=Neutral 4= Support 5=Strongly support NA=No opinion

(REPEAT THE SCALE AS NECESSARY, SO THAT PARTICIPANTS GIVE A NUMBER)

1 2 3 4 5 NA Restoration of the Red Schoolhouse

1 2 3 4 5 NA Designate trails for multiple use

- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Designate trails for single use (e.g. only mtn. biking)
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Install educational signs along the demonstration trails
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Designate areas or zones of the forest for specific use
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Designate area for firearms target shooting
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Designate area for archery target shooting
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA No development of additional recreation facilities
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Build a visitors center
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Create a formal volunteer program
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Develop horse trailer parking
- 1 2 3 4 5 NA Develop water facilities for horses on trails

22. During this visit to Jackson Demonstration State Forest, how much of a problem did you find the following issues to be, using a scale from 1-4.
 1= Not a problem 2=Slight problem 3=Moderate problem 4= Big problem N/A
 (REPEAT THE SCALE AS NECESSARY, SO THAT PARTICIPANTS GIVE A NUMBER)
- 1 2 3 4 NA Litter along a trail, at a campsite, or at picnic area
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Discourteous behavior of visitors/campers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Noise of visitors/campers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Conflicts between equestrians and hikers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Conflicts between equestrians and mountain bikers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Conflicts between mountain bikers and hikers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Conflicts between timber management and recreation use
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Conflicts between off-highway vehicles and other forest visitors
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Encountering large groups of people (8+ people in a group) on a trail
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Vandalism to forest resources/facilities
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Vault/pit toilets that need cleaning
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Camping too close to other campers
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Illegal camping
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Parties in the forest
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Illegal off-highway vehicle use
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Vehicle use on closed trails/roads
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Evidence of illegal campfires
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Human waste along a trail or at a campsite
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Target shooting at appliances, trees, etc.
 - 1 2 3 4 NA Roadside dumping of garbage in the forest including abandoned vehicles
23. Please rate the acceptability of the following current conditions/facilities at JDSF using a scale from 1-5.
 1= Totally unacceptable 2=Unacceptable 3=Marginal 4=Acceptable 5=Totally acceptable DK
 (REPEAT THE SCALE AS NECESSARY, SO THAT PARTICIPANTS GIVE A NUMBER, PROVIDE EXAMPLES IN PARENTHESES IF NEEDED)
- 1 2 3 4 5 DK Overall condition of trails (erosion, vegetation loss, tree root exposure, downed trees)
 - 1 2 3 4 5 DK Overall condition of campsites (erosion, vegetation loss, tree root exposure, picnic tables, fire rings)
 - 1 2 3 4 5 DK Overall condition of day use areas (erosion, vegetation loss, tree root exposure, picnic tables)
 - 1 2 3 4 5 DK Vault/pit toilets
 - 1 2 3 4 5 DK General information signage

1 2 3 4 5 DK Overall condition of dirt/fire roads

24. How did you first learn about the JDSF? (DO NOT READ LIST. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends or family | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a hotel/motel/b&b | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving by on hwy 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

25. How do you obtain recreation information about the forest? (DO NOT READ LIST. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends or Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a hotel | <input type="checkbox"/> CAL FIRE office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I just show up to recreate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine | |

These final questions are to help us get a picture of who visits the forest. All of these questions are voluntary and you may decline to answer any of them.

26. Male or female? (don't need to ask verbally) Female Male

27. What is your marital status? Married Widowed Divorced Never Married
(If subject says separated include as married)

28. What is your age? _____ (in years)

29. What is the highest level of education that you have completed? (do not read list, choose one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some high school | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year college degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school | <input type="checkbox"/> Some graduate school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed graduate degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year college degree | |

30. What is your approximate annual household income? (don't read list, check one only)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 to \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$59,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 to \$79,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

31. Please tell us the racial category or categories that best describes you? (don't read list, check one or more)

American Indian or Alaskan
Native
 Asian Indian
 Black or African American
 Chinese
 Filipino
 Indian
 Japanese

Korean
 Latino/Hispanic
 Native Hawaiian
 Other Asian
 Other Pacific Islander
 Vietnamese
 White
 Other _____

32. Do you live in California? _____ Yes _____ No (If no skip to #35)
If yes ask, What county do you live in?

Mendocino

Other County _____ (write in)

IF MENDOCINO COUNTY RESIDENT, ASK:

33. How did you get to the forest today?

Hike/walk/run Bike Vehicle Ride horse

34. How many minutes did it take you? _____

IF NON-CALIFORNIA RESIDENT, ASK:

35. What state or country to you live in? _____

36. What is your zip code? _____ (only report for U.S. residents)

37. What other comments about JDSF would you like to share?

(Read at conclusion of survey)

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY. WE
APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN FOR AND INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF JACKSON
DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST.