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## Mendocino Unit

### **PUBLIC NOTICE (ORDER OF CLOSURE) TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE Thompson Gulch VTP**

**Mendocino County, CA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) is conducting a project that would act as a demonstration to the community, land managers, and other stakeholders on fuels treatments for fuel reduction in the coastal redwood region. The main purpose of the Thompson Gulch Cal VTP is to act as a demonstration, however, it will also be part of a slash treatment research project conducted by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). The project sites are within Thompson Gulch, via Little Lake Road adjacent to Road 640. Areas where treatments are occurring will be closed beginning immediately until formally rescinded.

Area closure is for public and worker safety during operations. Maps and information regarding the closure have been posted in locations near the project sites. Active operations are dangerous and include hazards, such as falling trees, heavy equipment, and widow makers (broken tree limbs suspended in the canopies of other trees), and prescribed fire implementation.

This notice is in accordance with Sections 1438 and 1439, Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations, and to ensure the health and safety of the public and personnel engaged in operations, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) hereby closes the area subject to fuel reduction operations, as depicted in the attached map(s) (the Closed Area). The Closed Areas may be accessed only by: (1) CAL FIRE personnel engaged in the inspection of operations or other law enforcement; (2) personnel of the Licensed Timber Operator or other contractor associated with the project, only to the extent that such personnel are actively engaged in the conduct of operations; (3) public safety personnel engaged in fire protection, law enforcement, or emergency medical services; or (4) such others as the JDSF State Forest Manager or his/her superiors may deem appropriate and who have written authorization to enter the Closed Area. All other members of the public, including, without limitation, any private security contractors not retained directly by CAL FIRE, are hereby excluded from the Closed Area and will be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Section 4656.3 of the Public Resources Code.

For additional information, including a map of JDSF, please contact our office or the website listed below.

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For more information about the Jackson Demonstration State Forest visit:  
<https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/demonstration-state-forests/jackson/>