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REQUEST FOR APPLICANTS TO SERVE ON THE JACKSON RECREATION USER GROUP TASK FORCE

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 recreation in JDSF through participation of the JDSF Recreation User Group Task Force (RTF). The JDSF RTF shares in the stewardship, development of policy recommendations, and other responsibilities related to recreation on Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

CAL FIRE is seeking JDSF RTF applicants to provide expertise in the following recreation user categories (one (1) each):

**Equestrian
Bicyclist
Hiker
Camper
General Recreation
Off-Road Use
Forest Neighbor**

Interested persons should apply by submitting a letter of interest and resume by March 28, 2024 (dated and/or postmarked). Applications should be sent to:

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BACKGROUND

JDSF, the largest of eight Demonstration State Forests (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demonstration-state-forests/jackson-demonstration-state-forest>), is located in Mendocino County. The 48,652-acre Forest is managed primarily for research and demonstration associated with a range of forest management purposes, including environmental stewardship, timber production, and recreation.

The JDSF Recreation Task Force (RTF) was created in 2009 as a result of the 2008 JDSF Forest Management Plan (FMP). Recommendations received from the RTF and results on the 2014 User Survey supported development of the 2016 Recreation Plan. A new vision for management on JDSF was established in 2023, identifying key pillars to be addressed through an updated JDSF Forest Management Plan (FMP), including accelerating forest restoration, expansion of stakeholder input, improve Tribal relationships and strategic state investments, including recreation. Currently, the JDSF Recreation Program, to name a few, is working towards another user survey, establishing maintenance needs, increasing signage and interpretation, outreach, volunteerism, and development of a trail plan. It is intended that interactions of the Department, the RTF, the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG), and the public will help achieve the recreational goals and objectives to support the new vision.

MEMBERSHIP

The JDSF RTF members will be selected to continue representing a full range of interests in recreation on JDSF. Members may include, but not be limited to JDSF neighbors, cyclists, equestrians, target shooters, teachers, hunters, hikers, campers, bird watchers, mushroomers, nature photographers, trail guide writers, and event organizers. Applicants should expect to be interviewed.

Applicants may represent themselves, an organized or informal user group, or an organization. Preference will be given to those representing organized user groups in those areas of recreation where such groups exist. Members are to represent the interests of the general public. Meetings of the RTF are public.

Membership on the RTF will require a commitment to attending scheduled meetings. The RTF meeting schedule varies but will meet at least four times per year. Most meetings will be held in Fort Bragg or Mendocino, although occasional meetings may be held in other locations. There is no compensation for service on the JDSF RTF.

General information regarding JDSF can be found on our [website](#). See **Recreation, Maps & Permits** tab for general recreation information and **Recreation Task Force** tab for the RTF charter and previous meeting minutes, etc.

General Forest Management Plan is available on the CAL FIRE website at: [General Forest Management Plan](#)

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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/>