

# Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Forest Management Plan Update
Restoration Ecology

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.

## Stakeholder Interviews & Focus Groups

Talk to Miles or Jen if you want to schedule one.

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Comment Anytime

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### Registration Packet Materials

<u>Jacksonstateforestplan.com</u>

Scroll down to "Jackson
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- The Agenda
- JDSF Map
- Land Use Allocation Definitions
- Forest Zoning Summary
- Newsletter articles: JDSF and Carbon, Multi-decade climate change study, research on burning and thinning, and wildlife in JDSF
- Management Plan Update Flow Chart

## **Meeting Materials**

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These public meeting presentations, materials and other documents will be posted for review and further comment

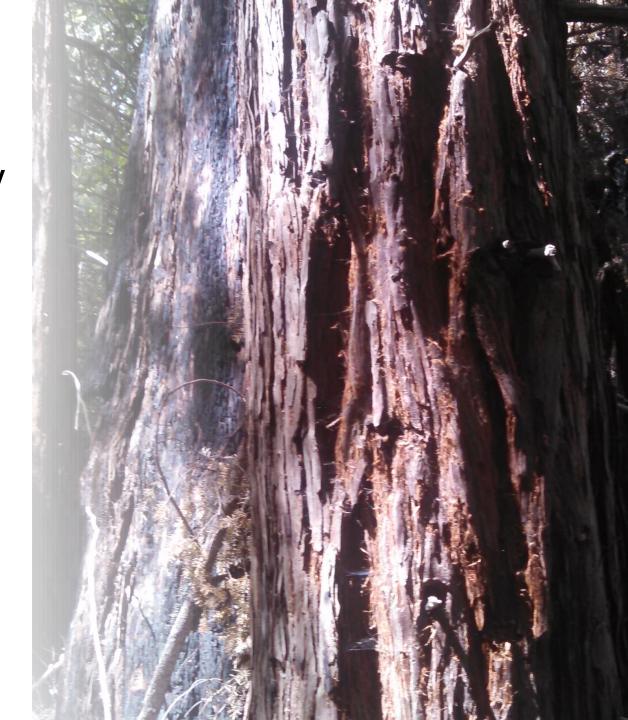
### Understand the purpose of a public "Demonstration" Forest

# **Objectives**

- Understand the management zones and the elements and examples of ecological management at JDSF
- Provide input on ecology management objectives and priorities at JDSF for the management plan update

# Restoration Ecology vs. Restoration Economy

Estelle Clifton, Forester & Botanist Clifton Env



## Special Topic Meetings - held and upcoming

#### **Topic: Introductory Meeting**

- Monday, Oct. 21, 5-7 PM: Fort Bragg Town Hall
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5-7 PM: Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse

### **Topic: Tribal Co-Management**

- Tuesday, Oct. 29, 5-7 PM: Fort Bragg Town Hall
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# Restoration Ecology vs. Restoration Economy

Restoration Ecology/Economy overlap

#### **Restoration Ecology includes:**

- Research
- Botanical surveys
- Fish projects
- Wildlife surveys
- Invasive species monitoring
- Fire



# Agenda

- What is the "Demonstration" part of Jackson Demonstration State Forest?
- Elements and Examples of Ecological Management at JDSF
- Break
- Public Input using Land Use Allocation Management Zones Objectives
- Prioritization of Management Objectives and Activities
- Closing and Next Steps

# Bike Rack

Items not on Today's Agenda

 Items on agenda that you want to comment on, but didn't have time

# Notecards

- If you have questions or comments during the presentation, please write these down for reference during the public input session
- Or you may write comments and leave with us at the end

### **Demonstration State Forests**

Kevin Conway
Demonstration State Forests
Program Manager

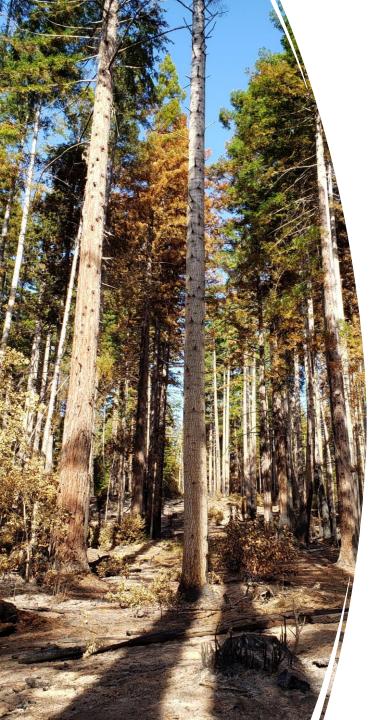
- State Land Stewardship
- Overview of Demonstration
   State Forest Program
- Role of Demonstration State Forest Program
- Example Management Activities

# State Land Stewardship

- Each agency has a unique role.
- Collectively, this group represents the state's interest in forests and natural lands.
- The CAL FIRE
   Demonstration State
   Forests represent about
   2% of the state's land
   holdings.
- Fill a unique role in demonstrating and understanding principles of sustainable forestry for social, ecological, and economic values.

Table 1: State-owned land management area by agency.

State Agency	Approximate Owned or Administered Acreage
CAL FIRE	85,135
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	1,197,741
California State Lands Commission*	458,943
California State Parks	1,596,816
California Tahoe Conservancy	6,500
Caltrans**	350,000
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	8,316
University of California Natural Reserve System***	130,638
TOTAL COMBINED ACREAGE	3,834,089



# **Demonstration State Forests**Multiple Sustainability Objectives

- Silvicultural practices compatible with:
  - Recreation
  - Soil protection
  - Water quality and quantity
  - Wildlife and fisheries values
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Aesthetic enjoyment
- These constraints are recognized in the Option A to constrain maximum sustained productivity of forest products.
- Jackson further recognizes the importance of nontimber values in designating land use allocations.

# Demonstration State Forests

Demonstration of Multi-Use Management

- Conduct innovative demonstrations, experiments, and education in forest management.
- Projects within regulatory framework private landowners are subject to.
- Utilize and support same workforce and infrastructure available to private landowners.
- Demonstrate balance of ecological goals to private landowners within commercial activities.
  - State also uses grant programs and regulatory authority to protect public interest in forest resources.



# Land Allocation Zones in JDSF

- Implementation of all land allocations allows the Forest to maintain a diverse "library" of different stand structures and conditions.
- Land allocations have separate goals, considerations, and activities.
- Land allocations were developed through community input, researchers, JAG, CAL FIRE, and Board of Forestry.





### **Land Allocation Zones**

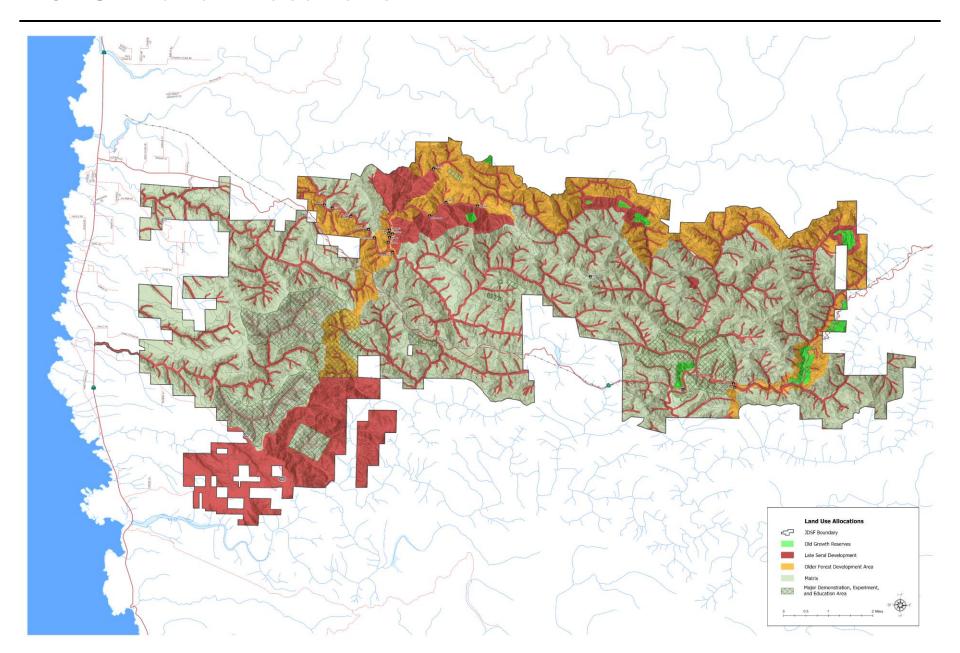
- Old Growth Reserves
- Late Seral Development
- Older Forest Structure
- Matrix and Research

35% or 15,801
acres are Old
Growth, Late
Seral
Development or
Older Forest
Development

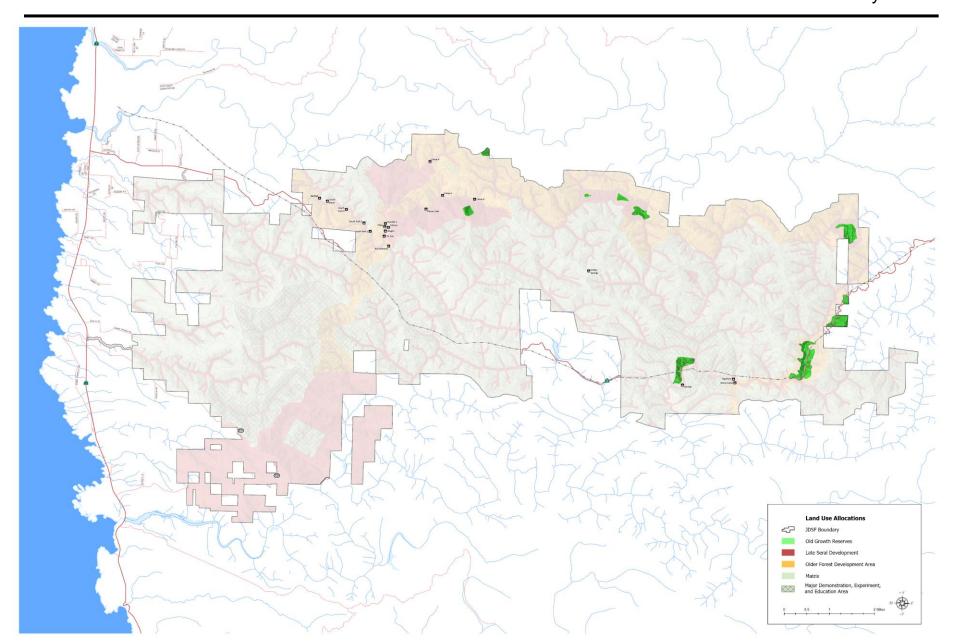
Areas
12%

Old Growth Groves

### **JDSF Land Allocations**



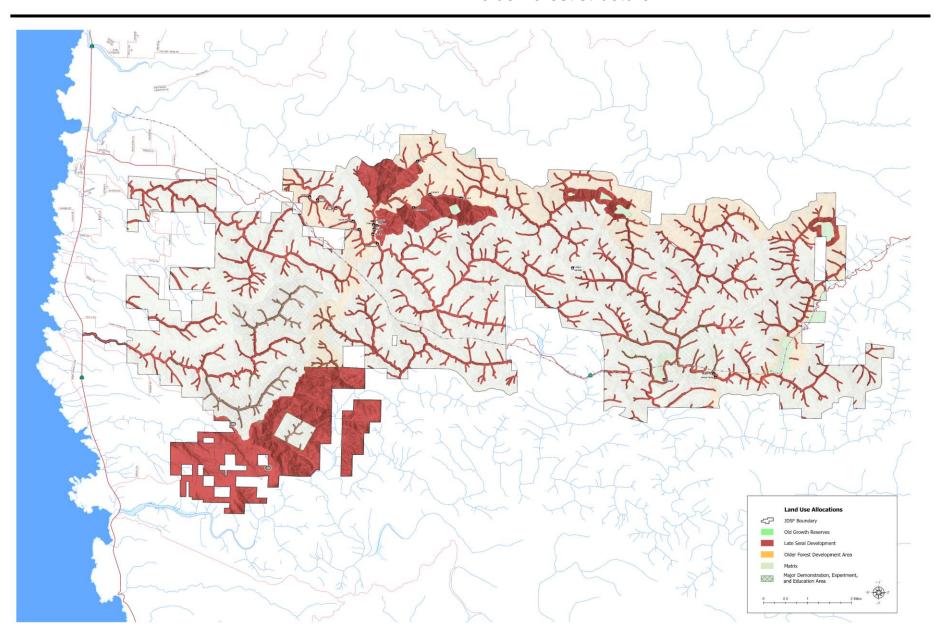
# **Management Goals**Maintain forest health and resiliency



### **Late Seral Development**

### **Management Goals**

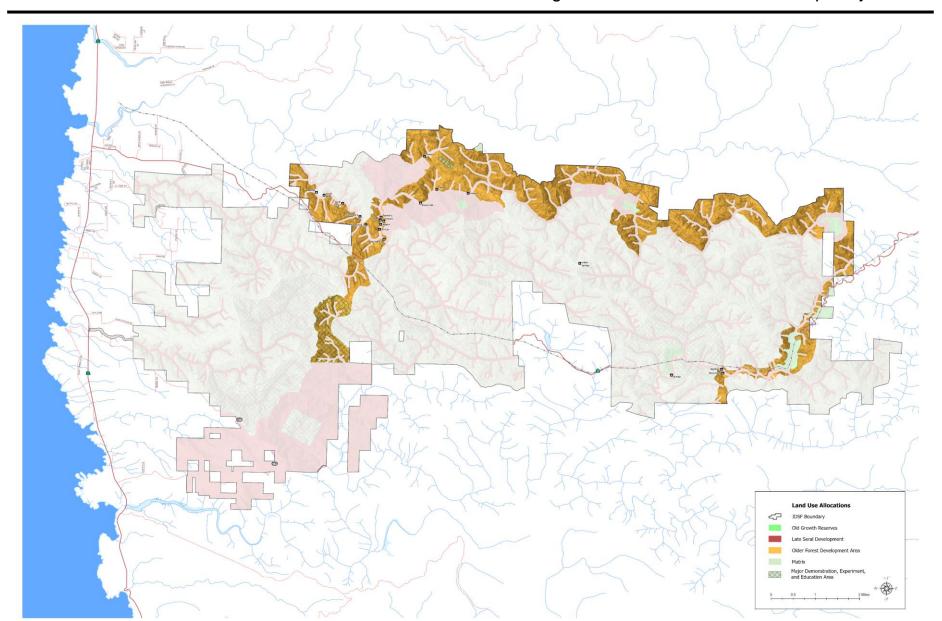
Accelerate the development of larger trees and older forest structure.



### **Older Forest Development**

### **Management Goals**

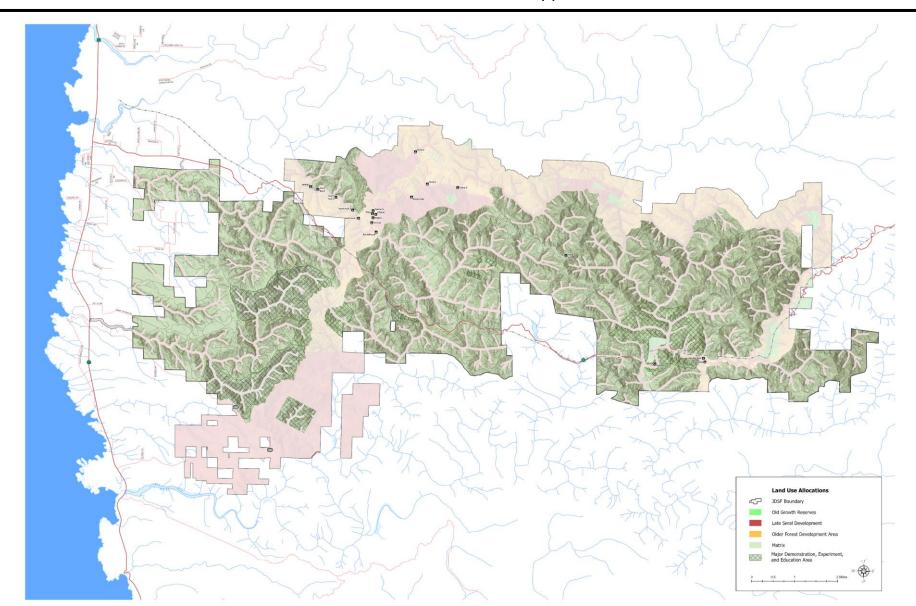
Manage forest with extended harvest rotations and higher levels of forest habitat complexity

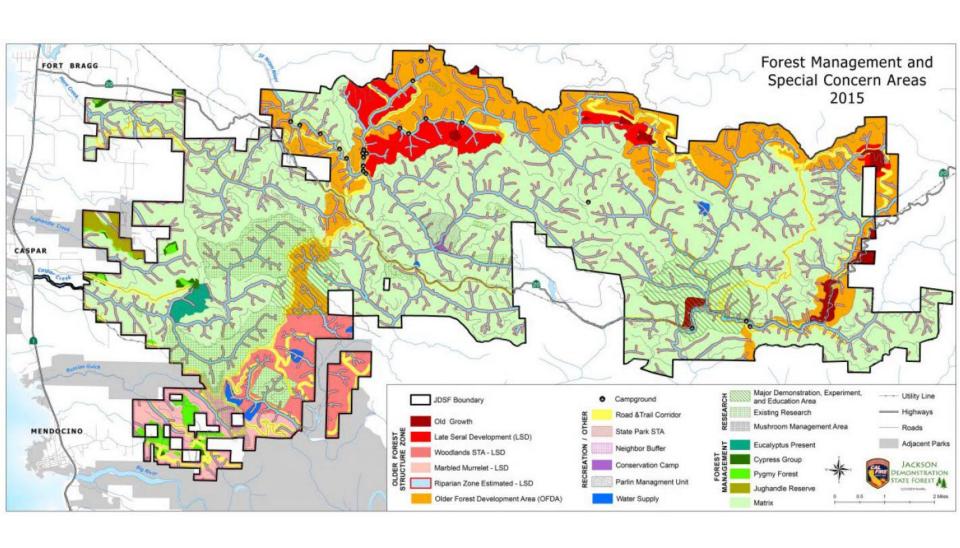


### **Matrix and Research**

### **Management Goals**

Manage forest with a variety of silvicultural methods to create a heterogeneous landscape and support forest research.







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From Hair Brained to Hare Creek

How Ecology Research Comes to JDSF

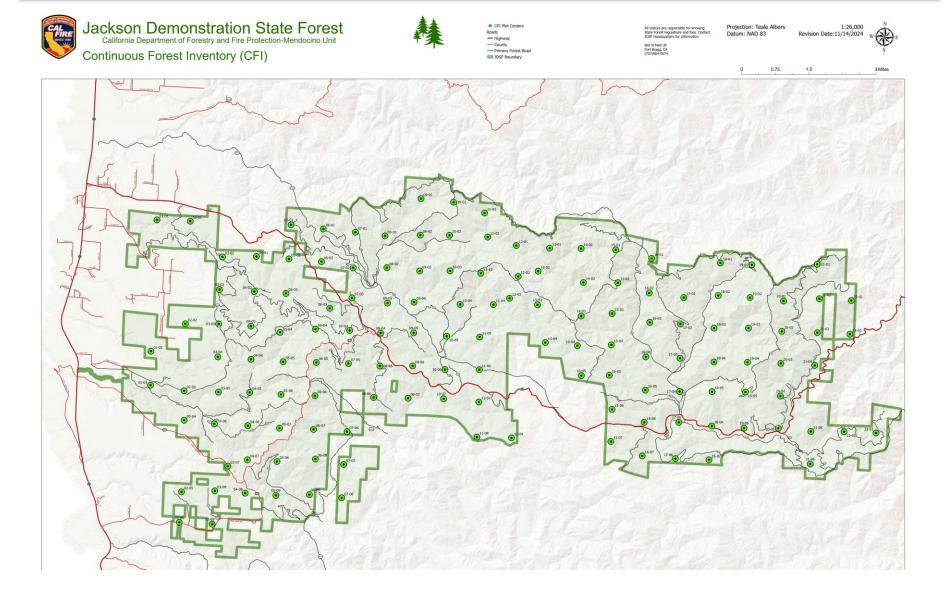
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Robert Douglas, State Forest Biologist, CAL FIRE

Kyle Farmer,
JDSF Historian and Fire Advisor
Clifton Env



### **Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) Plots**



### **Stream Habitat Restoration - LWD Projects**





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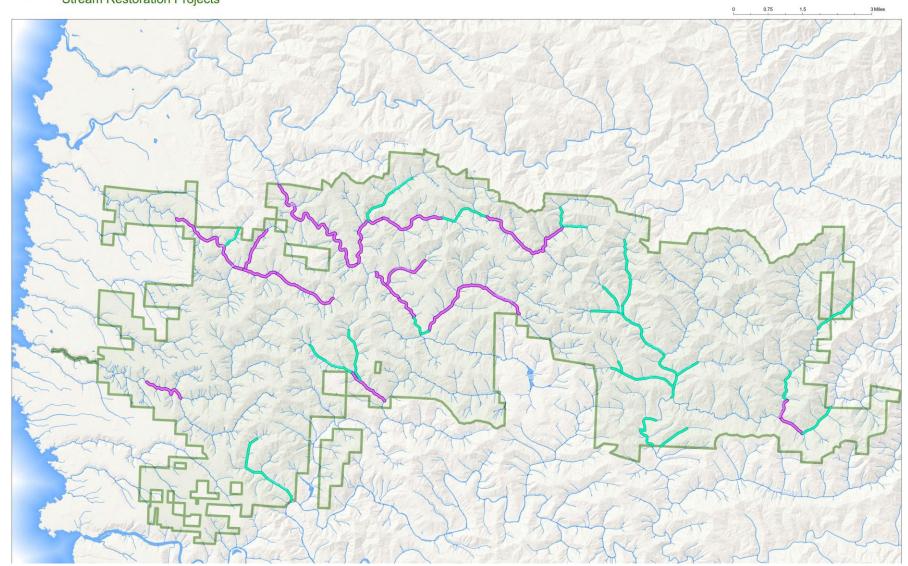
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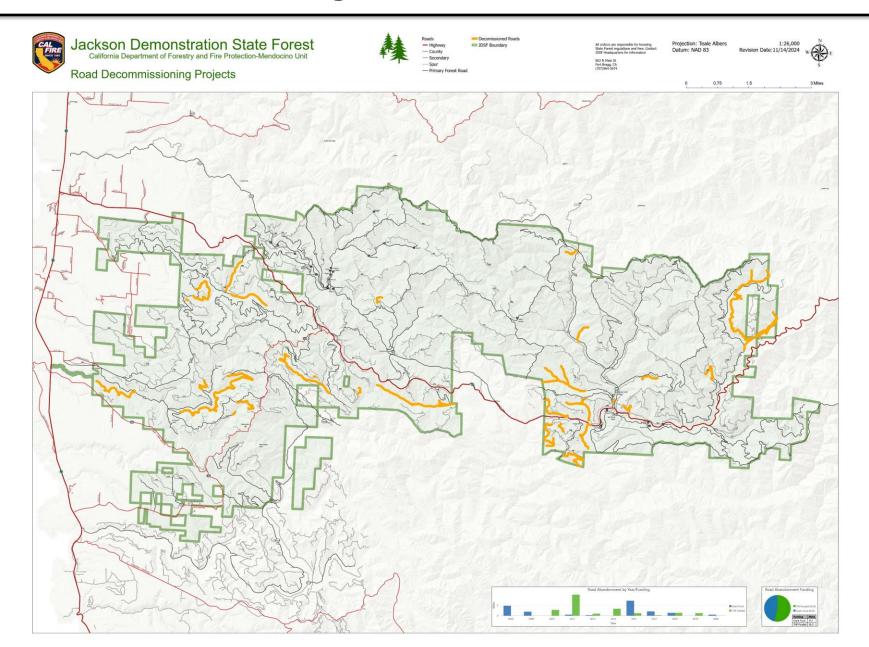
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All visitors are responsible for knowing State Forest regulations and fees. Contact JDSF Headquarters for information 802 N Main St. Projection: Teale Albert Datum: NAD 83 1:26,000 Revision Date:11/14/2024

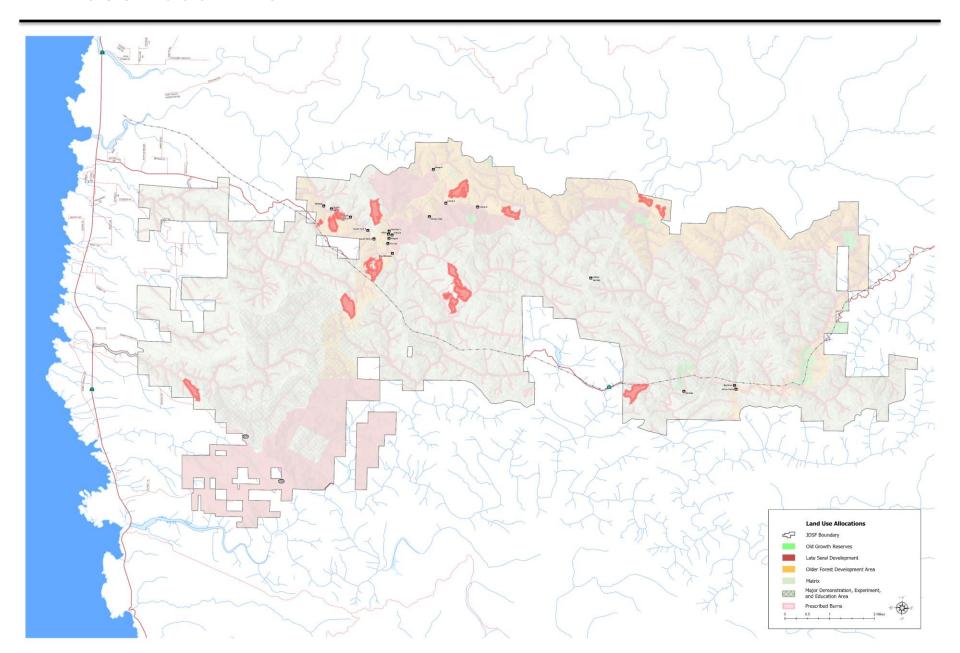




### **Road Decommissioning**



### **Prescribed Fire**



### **Protocol Botanical Surveys**

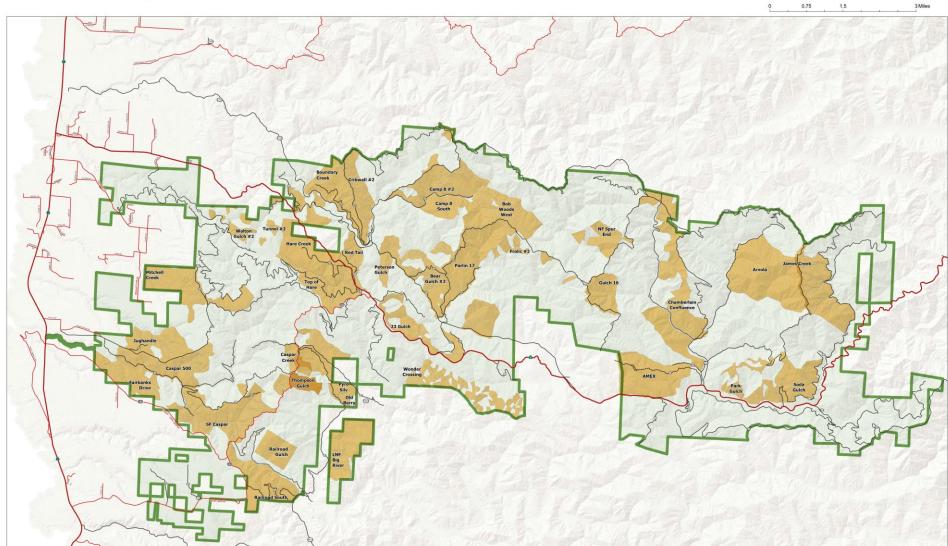




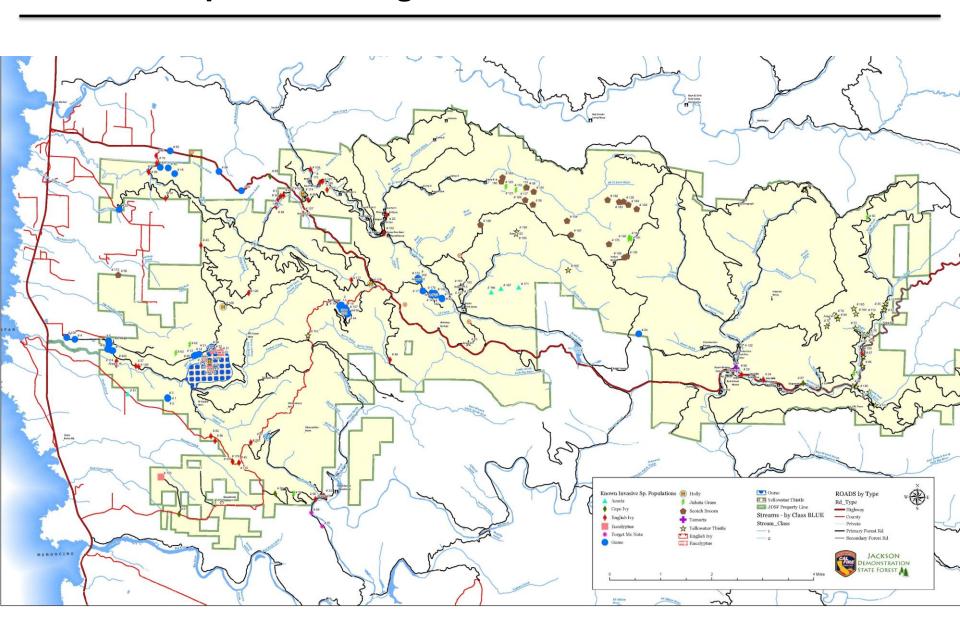
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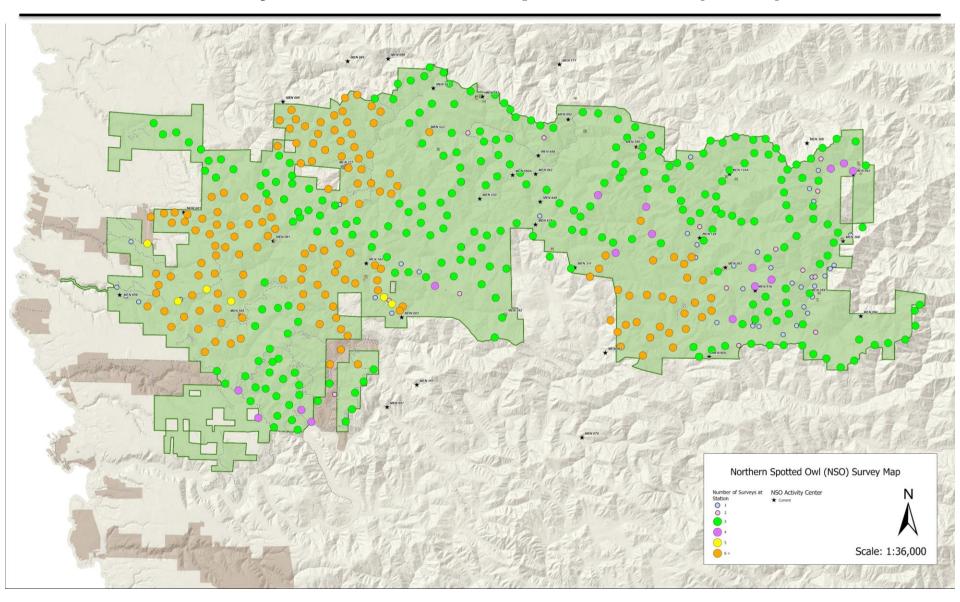




### **Invasive Species Management**



### Wildlife Surveys for Northern Spotted Owl (NSO)



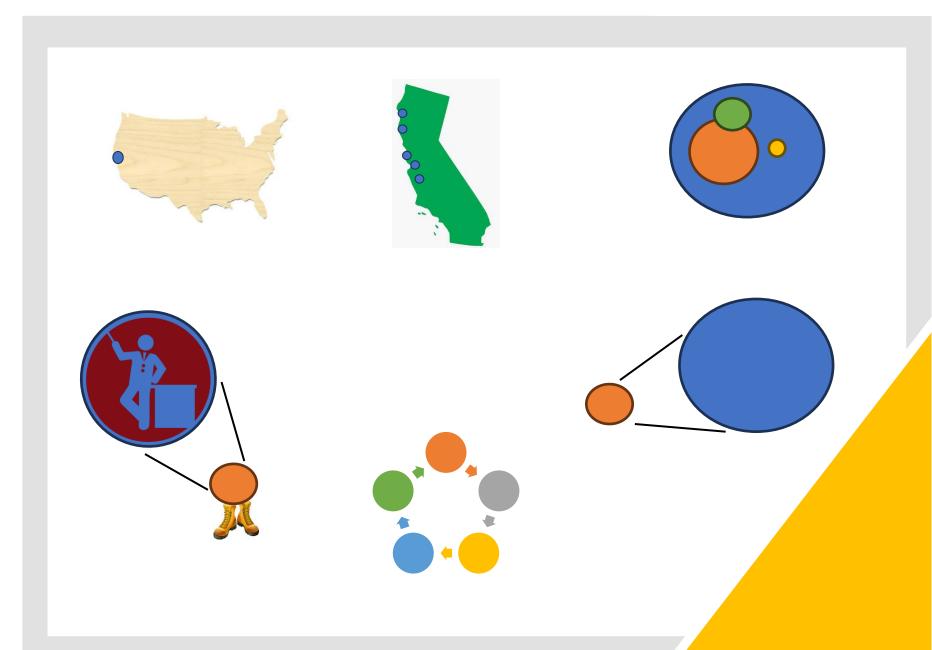
#### University of Wisconsin Barred Owl Studies

UW researchers are removing barred owls across JDSF and surrounding landscapes to answer questions:

- 1. How much effort is needed to keep barred owls at low numbers?
- 2. Where and how frequently do barred owls return to removal areas? Does it vary across landownership?
- 3. How many spotted owls return to former territories after removal?
- 4. What do barred owls eat and how frequently in west coast forests?
- 5. What effects are barred owls having on other forest owl species?







## Nested



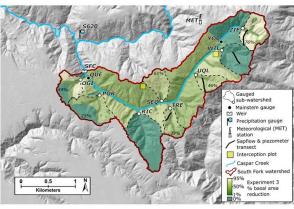


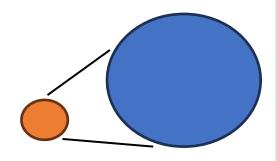
Figure 4: Basal area reduction in the South Fork Caspar Creek as part of the third experiment (Dymond et al., In Review).



Figure 9: Photograph of leaf wetness sensor (LWS) secured to a bracket and mounted at a height of 6.1 meters (20 feet) in a *S. sempervirens* tree at the harvested ridge study site.

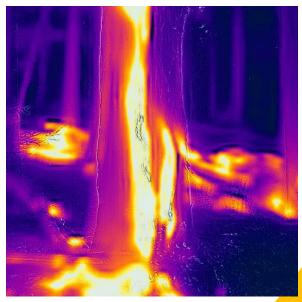
Fog Presence and Ecosystem Responses in a Managed Coast Redwood Forest Julia Petreshen

# Demo Leading to Research





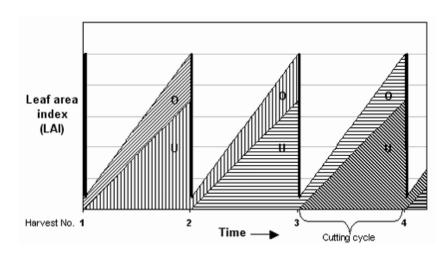




Mike Jones (UCCE), Rob York (UCB), Grad Student

# Formal Demonstration





#### **MASAM (Multiaged Stocking Assessment Model)**

O'Hara, K.L.; Valappil, N.I. 1999. Masam—a flexible stand diversity management model for meeting diverse structural objectives in multi-aged stands. Forest Ecology and Management 118: 57-71.

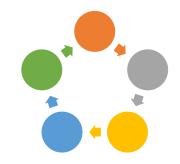
Modeling Coast Redwood Variable Retention Management Regimes<sup>1</sup>

John-Pascal Berrill<sup>2</sup> and Kevin O'Hara<sup>3</sup>



## Board of Forestry

## **Effectiveness Monitoring Committee**





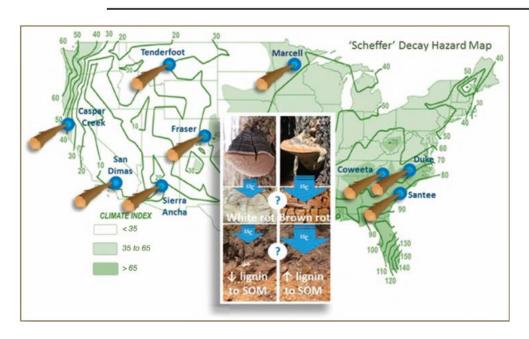


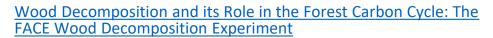
Tori Norville



## Fed - lead











## Regional Sampler





Influence of microclimate and forest management on bat species faced with global change
Chelsea Andreozzi





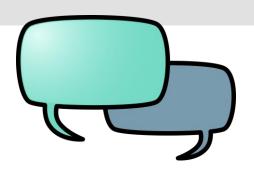
## JDSF lead



Stream-associated Amphibian Detection And Fine-scale Distribution Inferences from Environmental DNA

**Kelsey Marshall** 

## Walk and Talk





Assessing the biogeochemical response of forest soil to prescribed fire and mastication treatments in the rare and threatened Pygmy Forest Ecosystems of California





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- 20 minutes in each group
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#### Prioritization

- Review all comments
- Prioritize for next 10 years
- One dot per activity or comment
  - 10 dots of each:
    - Green high priority
    - Yellow- medium priority
    - Red- Low or not a priority

# **Update Process and Next Steps for Community Input**

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