

Memorandum

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Management Plan Review

JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN - FIVE YEAR REVIEW

As part of the ongoing Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) Management Plan review pursuant to Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) Policy 0351.10, the Board's Management Committee was briefed on the JDSF Option 'a' implementation during their September 27, 2016 meeting held in Eureka. The final update for completing the five year review includes review and approval of a Recreation Plan which is to be incorporated into the Forest Management Plan (FMP) as an amendment.

Background

On January 9, 2008 Board certified the EIR and approved the JDSF Management Plan (FMP) which included 3 years of Interim Guidelines. Once the FMP was approved, the Director interviewed stakeholders forming the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) all 13 recommended members were confirmed by the Board. This initial advisory group prepared a report *Vision for the Future* which the Board reviewed and took action on in July 2011, creating some changes in the FMP. As identified in the approved FMP, additional planning was required to complete the comprehensive management plan (*i.e.*, a Research Plan as well as a Recreation Plan). The Board directed the Department to complete a Research Plan and in August 2013, the Board adopted the JDSF Research Committee along with an identified process to complete a research plan. The Board approved the JDSF Research Plan as an amendment to the FMP in January 2015.

Five-Year Review of JDSF Management Plan

Now, in 2016, JDSF is presenting a synopsis of changes made to the 2008 Plan as revised in an ongoing process since its approval in 2008, specifically in 2011 (Board Findings of JAG Report) and 2015 (Research Plan amendment) and the 2016 Recreation Plan, a proposed FMP amendment. The Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) approved with the 2008 FMP continues to be directly correlated to proposed activities to date. Additionally, the EIR is programmatic and thus many of the activities conducted under this FMP are subject to further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) evaluation at the project level; these CEQA documents then "tier" to the approved EIR. The JAG has been involved in each step of the above processes and with consensus recommended that it is too soon to re-open the EIR process and redraft a new management plan. With the ongoing involvement of the Board as well as the JAG during each of the plan revision/amendment processes, a public forum for input and comment has been an integral component.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Documents

The following documents comprise the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan. Each of these documents are available on the CAL FIRE - JDSF website under “JDSF MORE INFO”

http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson:

- 1). JDSF Management Plan (FMP)
http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson_mgtplan
- 2). JDSF Research Plan (approved amendment to the FMP) – note, Map 1- JDSF Land Allocations (page 58) in this document replaces Map Figure 5 in the FMP.
http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/JDSF_ResearchPlan_Dec2014.pdf
- 3). JDSF DRAFT Recreation Plan (Amendment submitted for approval Oct. 2016)
http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/DRAFT_JDSF_Recreation_Plan.pdf
- 4). EIR for The JDSF Management Plan
http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson_deir