



Director's Request for Applicants to Serve on Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group



Request for Applicants

The Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will be appointing a new advisory body to provide him, CAL FIRE, and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) with advice on the management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF). **Director Grijalva requests that persons interested in serving on the JDSF advisory group apply by sending him a letter of interest and their resume. Applications must be received or postmarked by February 8, 2008, and should be sent to:**

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BACKGROUND

JDSF, the largest of eight Demonstration State Forests (http://www.fire.ca.gov/rsrc-mgt_sf.php), 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. CAL FIRE anticipates that the Board will soon be considering action on a new management plan for JDSF. This new plan and the accompanying Environmental Impact Report are coming forth, in part, as the result of litigation. The JDSF Advisory Group will provide CAL FIRE and the Board with advice on implementation of the new plan, potential modification of the plan, and management of the Forest over time. It also is intended that interactions among the advisory group, the department, the Board, and the public will help to ensure transparency and create trust regarding JDSF management.

The JDSF Advisory Group members will be selected to represent a range of local, regional, and state interests and areas of technical expertise such as botany, forest conservation, ecology, environmental education, environmental protection, fisheries, forest management, physical sciences, recreation, timber operations, and wildlife.

Applicants should have knowledge (formally or informally acquired) of and an interest in any of a broad range of forest management issues, including research and demonstration, restoration, watershed and ecological processes, fish and wildlife, timber management, recreation, invasive species management, and protection of forests from fire, insects, and diseases. The Director's appointees are subject to the approval of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Members are to represent the public. Meetings of the advisory group will be public.

Membership on the advisory group will require a significant commitment of time. Initially, the advisory group will likely meet at least monthly. After a period of initial plan implementation, meetings are likely to be less frequent, perhaps two to three times per year. Additional preparation time between meetings will typically be necessary. Most meetings will be held in Fort Bragg, Willits, or Ukiah; the advisory group also may meet in Sacramento. There is no compensation for service on the advisory group; however, travel expenses can be reimbursed.

For more information, please contact Crawford Tuttle, CAL FIRE Chief Deputy Director, via E-mail at crawford.tuttle@fire.ca.gov or phone at (916) 653-4175.