IV.13 Responses to Individual DEIR E-Mail Modified Form Letters

This section presents responses to individual public comments that were based on form letters but include additional comments that may be substantive. The responses immediately follow each letter and are organized in the same order as the comments in each letter. Attachments were not included herein if our response did not directly reference the attachment. Form letters are found in section V of the FEIR.

E-mail submissions with multiple copies of a single letter format will be addressed in one sample from each type of form letter. Those with additional comments added will be addressed individually if the comment is substantive and thus warrants a separate response.

There will not be comment letters for every number within the series because some letters dropped if they were duplicates or if they were found to be form letters. Form letters are responded to in their own section of the FEIR.

C2D-27

From: mail@nwilsonphoto.com
Posted At: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 12:13 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

FL2 I adamantly oppose the state's proposed management plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation.

I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for wildlife and plant habitat, recreation, education and research.

1 The Draft EIR concludes that the state's proposed massive logging plan (Alternative C) can be carried out with "less than significant environmental impacts." This is an absurd fiction, a pre-ordained conclusion not supported by science or common sense!

2 I personally took aerial photos showing a massive matrix of 20 square miles of adjacent clearcuts done in a short 5-year span in the Noyo and Pudding Cr. watersheds by Georgia Pacific, and of course each part certified by CDF as having "no significant environmental impact."

3 It is photographic proof that CDF can not be trusted to protect the public interest. It is strong evidence that the CDF and the Board of Forestry exists to serve the economic interests of the logging industry while maintaining the illusion that "Californa has the toughest forestry rules in the nation." If only those rules had any teeth and were actually enforced!

4 I personally showed photo blowups and gave slide show presentations of these aerial photo to the BOF at their meetings in a windowless concrete auditorium in Sacramento. They were proof that the BOF had not adequately addressed the cumulative impact of allowing scores of adjacent clearcuts filling entire watersheds over short time spans.

5 Using the words "forestry" and "harvest" in place of "logging" is an Orwellian ploy to fool the public, to portray the logging companies as "growing and harvesting trees," when in fact the industry has for over 100 years been repeatedly strip mining natural forests that no human planted, and doing so without regard to very significant negative impacts on the environment, on wildlife, on water quality, and on the future productivity of the forests.

6 In the bad old days, until it was shut down by public interest litigation only a few years ago, Jackson State forest was operated as a cash cow to subsidize statewide operations of the CDF while satisfying special interest demands to log this publicly owned forest.

7 For decades Jackson State was intensively logged under the fictions that it was done for scientific research, to demonstrate sound logging methods, and that such intensive industrial clear cut logging could be done without "significant" environmental impact.

8 It's time now to let the land -- and the plant, animal and aquatic communities that depend on it -- recover from over a century of sustained abuse at the hands of humankind.

It's time for scientific research into the long term aftereffects of sustained industrial logging, and to study whether the forest can ever recover to its natural, unmolested

state.

I oppose approval of the draft environmental document(Draft EIR). It fails to consider the restoration alternative that I favor. The closest alternative, Alternative E, promotes restoration of old growth, but it fails to commit funds to repair or decommission the hundreds of miles of road that are pouring sediment into salmon streams, nor does it provide for actively restoring salmon habit or expanding recreation opportunities.

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Please reject the Draft EIR.

Sincerely,

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Email Letter C2D-27

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
Based upon the analysis performed, which incorporated the best science available, significant impacts are not expected to occur. Please see DEIR Sections VII and VIII. The comment is not supported.

Response to Comment 2
The Board is aware of the history of timber operations within the assessment area. The analysis of potential cumulative environmental impacts associated with individual timber harvest operations is performed by the registered professional forester and undergoes a multidisciplinary review during the THP process. Significant impacts are not expected to occur.

Response to Comment 3
The comment is not supported. The Board believes that the implementation and enforcement of the Forest Practice Rules through the THP process is generally effective in preventing significant impacts.

Response to Comment 4
The comment is not supported. The cutting history within the assessment area is known. Please see Map Figure H of the DEIR for recent cutting history. The DEIR also acknowledges that impacts have occurred in the past. The analysis demonstrates that significant cumulative impacts are not expected to occur as the result of future management of JDSF, considered in conjunction with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects within the assessment area.

Response to Comment 5
The comment is general in nature and not supported. The Board is aware of the fact that impacts have occurred in the past as the result of timber harvesting combined with other impacts. However, there is ample evidence of effective forest management within the assessment area. The degree of management and protection has generally increased over time, due to the implementation of regulations and a vast increase in management expertise and effective planning and implementation by land managers.

Response to Comment 6
One of the principle intentions of state forest management is to provide economic benefits. The revenue derived from the management of JDSF will continue to be used principally to fund the management of the state forests. In the past, this revenue has funded a number of state programs, as was deemed appropriate by the legislature.

Response to Comment 7
See General Response 2, 6 and 10.

Response to Comment 8
JDSF will continue to available for research on a broad range of issues related to forest management, including restoration and recovery.

C2D-30

From: doloresmclark@yahoo.com
Posted At: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:36 AM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

MY HUSBAND, MYSELF, AND OUR ADULT CHILDREN PURCHASED OUR PROPERTY BORDERING JACKSON STATE FOREST 10 YEARS AGO. WE REPRESENT THE NEW WAVE OF CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE 21ST CENTURY IN CALIFORNIA. IN THE 19TH CENTURY AND 20TH CENTURY THIS FOREST AND THE SURROUNDING FORESTS WERE SEEN AS A MEANS TO AN END--THE BUILDING AND REBUILDING OF NORTHERN CA. YOUR CONSTITUENTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY ARE NO LONGER MAKING THE SAME CHOICES FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN. AS WE UNIVERSITY EDUCATED AND FINANACIALLY ABLED "BABYBOOMER" RETIREES MOVE TOWARD A LIFESTYLE OF ECOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS, WE WANT OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO REFLECT OUR CONCERNS.

WE ARE AWARE AND OPPOSED TO THE CLEAR CUTTING OF JACKSON STATE FOREST, THE DESTRUCTION OF SECOND-GROWTH STANDS, AND THE USE OF HERBICIDES.

1 WE ARE ALSO APPALLED AT THE INEFFECTUAL PLANS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE RESTITUTION OF THE FOREST STREAMS FOR THE SALMON. WE HAVE MONITORED THE PROGRESS OF THE HARE CREEK SINCE THE FISH AND GAME AND THE FOREST DEPT. DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO DROP HEALTHY REDWOODS EVERY TEN FEET INTO THE STREAM. THE STREAMS HAVE WARMED UP BECAUSE OF THE LESSENING OF THE SHADE. POOLS THAT NATURE HAD CREATED HAVE FILLED UP WITH SILT BECAUSE OF THE BLOCKAGE OF THE TREES. RATHER THAN IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE SALMON, THE FISH ARE NOW HAVING TO BATTLE AGAINST A POLICY BADLY IMPLEMENTED.

THE NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE FOREST MUST, MUST, MUST INCLUDE AN ECOLOGICALLY TRAINED BIOLOGIST WITH POWER TO SUPERVISE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SALMON STREAMS!!!!!!! WE SUPPORT PLANS E OR F.

YOUR CONSTITUENTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY ARE WELL EDUCATED, KNOW HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE INTERNET TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARE DEAR TO THEIR HEARTS. JACKSON STATE FOREST ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING FORESTS THAT BELONG TO THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE REEVALUATED AS TO HOW WELL IT IS BEING MANAGED . THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF VOICED CONCERNS REFLECT ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW WAVE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

RESPECTFULLY, DOLORES M. CLARK 29001 HWY 20 FT. BRAGG, CA 95437

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Email Letter C2D-30

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Response to Comment 1
The LWD placement trial on Hare Creek is a cooperative effort with DFG and CAL FIRE. Subsequent assessment of the project by DFG has noted several positive effects. This includes further accumulation of woody debris, formation of deeper pools, storing of sediment, and sorting of gravels downstream from the LWD. This provides improved spawning habitat as well as winter cover for juvenile fish. Monitoring of water temperatures has produced no evidence of warming due to the incidental cutting of trees to provide LWD.

The authorized levels of State Forest staff and budget were increased beginning with the 06/07 fiscal year. This included adding a wildlife biologist. Also stated in the ADFFMP; “In assessing needs for the coming decade, greater biological expertise appears to be a high priority. Expertise in fisheries would augment the current wildlife biologist position. Additional expertise in geology, botany, hydrology, and ecology would also be of value. It is recognized that existing staff can be trained to perform many of these functions at a significant level, depending upon individual aptitude, education, and training.”

C20-33

From: redwoodmary@yahoo.com
Posted At: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 9:04 AM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1,2 Climate Change is here and each local decision now has cumulative impact. Stream
3 temperatures are rising, and science has clearly measured that salmon cannot come back to
4 spawn when impacted by logging. Species disappear with the elimination of forest cover. Species habitat is disappearing all over California. It is time to take the courage to do something different.

5 I have walked these forests of Jackson State Forest and seen the beautiful areas spared from current logging and people enjoying the beauty of this forest. I have also witnessed over the years the destructive logging driven by greed for the dollar. Money has become more important then saving a forest for future generations or for current generations to find refuge in from the daily grind of a society where nature is not valued.
As a California state resident who once resided near the border of Jackson State Forest and who now visits this precious natural resource to get away from the hustle and bustle of urban life, I cannot understand why the California Board of Forestry and the State of California who are guardians for the public trust do not take action to protect this forest.

6 We have already witnessed in our lifetime the transition of productive forests into clear-cut areas where biological diversity has been destroyed in Mendocino County. Yet, Jackson State Forest is a 2nd growth forest - and restoration companied by light use recreation is the only prescription that makes sense in order to restore the habitat for species. Using
7 this forest to allow timber companies to bid for roughshod logging has been wrong all along. This forest has been used for the State's revenue for discretionary projects for far too long.
Local Residents for years have pleaded for the State to protect this natural resource that is valuable to them as a forest
sanctuary- for species and humans.

Jackson State Forest cannot be kept as cash cow to keep feeding the state revenue, there is no justifiable reason to keep logging and destroying this precious biotic island of
8 diversity.Every area in the world where forests have been cut and diminished has suffered from change in microclimates.

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Email Letter C2D-33

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The potential for the future management of JDSF to significantly impact climate has been considered. The management of JDSF will provide net carbon sequestration, thus helping to reduce the potential for global warming. Please see DEIR Section VII.16 for the assessment of carbon and climate related effects.

Response to Comment 2
Data collected within JDSF indicates that water temperature has remained relatively stable over the past several years, and most sites are within a favorable temperature range for salmonids. Future management will provide for continued maintenance of cool water temperature, as well as continued canopy development in areas where shade canopy is lacking. Significant impacts related to water temperature are not expected to occur.

Response to Comment 3
Although logging of the past, in addition to other freshwater and ocean influences, have affected both the juvenile and adult salmon populations, no significant impacts to salmon populations or aquatic habitat are expected to occur. Forest management will not prevent salmonids from returning to spawn, since significant changes to habitat are not expected to occur. Please see DEIR Section VII.6.1 for the assessment of potential impacts to aquatic resources.

Response to Comment 4
The commenter has not provided significant detail related to the general concern that species disappear with the elimination of forest cover, and that species habitat is disappearing all over California. The Board has thoroughly considered the potential for timber harvest activity to impact wildlife, within JDSF and beyond JDSF within the assessment area. Significant impacts are not expected to occur. Please see DEIR Section VII.6.6 for the assessment of potential impacts.

Response to Comment 5
A reasoned response to the general and speculative comments related to greed and the value of nature is not possible. The Forest is being protected and managed as intended by the legislature and the Board.

Response to Comment 6
Forest restoration and public recreation are both major elements of the ADFFMP. The effects of past harvesting within the assessment area, including JDSF, have been considered. Although clearcutting can affect the diversity within specific harvest units, the forest and habitat continues to develop, retaining and recruiting a high degree of diversity at the landscape level. The practice of clearcutting will be limited within JDSF.

Response to Comment 7
JDSF was established by the legislature specifically to demonstrate economical forest management, including the production of forest products that creates revenue for the State of California. The expenditure of the revenue is determined primarily by the Governor and the Legislature on an annual basis. Generally speaking, the spending of this revenue is not discretionary, though some discretion is exercised within the annual allocation in an effort to manage the state forest in an appropriate manner.

Response to Comment 8
It is recognized that stand management creates temporary changes in microclimate. The commenter fails to provide a specific cause for concern related to changes in microclimate. Within the state forest, these changes tend to be both localized and temporal in nature, as the forest stands regenerate, grow, and develop. Significant impacts related to minor localized changes in microclimate are not expected to occur.

CZD-37

From: captainf@albionnatioin.org
Posted At: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 3:33 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest Utilization

Subject: Jackson State Forest Utilization

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 I advise this review committee that the very nature of forest product utilization and the ecology of the North Coast are in jeopardy in the movement of CDF towards immediate profit as opposed to long term benefit for this forest.

2 The primegrowth aspects of the redwood forest are impaired by current logging practice as indicated by many studies and the common sense examination of several watersheds (10 mile in
particular) where the immediate needs of corporate owners has, and is, proceeding at a
3 totally reckless pace. This situation is one where examples of appropriate forestry are demonstrated by thining harvest and local yarding, all to maintain conditions for the optimal growth that the forest practice act depended on.
4 Failing this task undoubtedly means substantial and perhaps terminal damage to the forest's ability to respond to the rapidly changing conditions; we are now forming the redwood forest's immune system and MUST be wise in our efforts.

5 Please attend to the rapidly changing forest and cultural dynamic that seriously extends to the very survival of our biosphere.

FL2 That being said: I strongly oppose the proposed management plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation. I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for habitat, recreation, education and research.

I oppose approval of the draft environmental document(Draft EIR). It fails to consider the restoration alternative that I favor. The closest alternative, Alternative E, promotes restoration of old growth, but it fails to commit funds to repair or decommission the hundreds of miles of road that are pouring sediment into salmon streams, nor does it provide for actively restoring salmon habit or expanding recreation opportunities.

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Email Letter C2D-37

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The planned management of JDSF does not jeopardize the nature of forest product utilization or the ecology of the North Coast, as the writer asserts. Nor is it the intent of either the Board or the Department to move towards immediate profit, rather than the long term benefit of the forest. Due to the general and unspecific nature of the concern, a reasoned response would call for speculation.

Response to Comment 2
The expressed concern related to prime growth aspects of the redwood forest being impaired by current logging practice is also unclear, as is the concern relative to corporate owners proceeding at a totally reckless pace.

Response to Comment 3
The Board and the Department intend to utilize appropriate forest management methods for JDSF. Stand thinning is one of the management methods that will be used. The commenter mentions a term called "local yarding" intended to maintain conditions for the optimal growth, but does not include a sufficient explanation of the intended meaning of the term. A reasoned response is not possible.

Response to Comment 4
It is unclear what the commenter means by "failing this task" and "substantial and perhaps terminal damage to the forest's ability to respond to the rapidly changing conditions", as well as the meaning of "we are now forming the redwood forsest's immune system". A reasoned response is not possible. The ADFFP will manage the Forest with the goal of maintaining or restoring natural ecological function.

Response to Comment 5
It is not clear what the commenter means by the statement, "Please attend to the rapidly changing forest and cultural dynamic that seriously extends to the very survival of our biosphere." No specific potential adverse impact is stated, and a reasoned response is not possible.

C2-44

From: aklydian@yahoo.com
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 12:43 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

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1 It is of primary interests for everyone to develop environmentally friendly industries and technologies. The loss of so much forrest land would have dramatic and unpredictable concequences. The forests in question act as a stabilizing agent in the ecosystem over a much larger area and cutting down the trees would result eventually result in ever increasing climate changes over the entire area eventually spreading beyond the boundaries of the state. Water tables and contamination filtering would be altered resulting in wildlife loss and widescale ecosystem imbalences in the whole region. Please protect the Jackson State forest at all costs. It's the only rational thing to do.

Sincerely, Richard Dame

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Email Letter C2-44

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The concerns expressed by the writer are very general in nature. As stated the concerns are not related to specific management actions or proposals. A reasoned response cannot be made. The Board concurs that "environmentally friendly industries and technologies" are of primary interest, and are beneficial.

The Board does not propose to produce a "loss" of forest land. The Forest will be managed in a sustainable manner, and natural ecosystem process will be maintained or restored. The potential impacts of management were extended beyond JDSF to the assessment area. The Board has determined that no significant impacts related to climate change are expected to occur. The Forest growth will result in a net increase in carbon sequestration during the planning period.

Forest management will be conducted in a manner that reduces long-term sedimentation and that applies appropriate techniques to avoid significant levels of new sediment. The comment related to "widescale ecosystem imbalances in the whole region" is not specific and not clearly stated. No support is provided for any of the concerns expressed in the letter.

C2-46

From: karlstad@mcn.org
Posted At: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 1:17 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest Highest Use

Subject: Jackson State Forest Highest Use

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 I strongly support the management of Jackson State Forest this century for maximum carbon sequestration so that revenue-generating activities, in the name the people of California, at Jackson State Forest are not merely negating the vital (and costly) California initiatives addressing GHG emissions. For state and national economic and security interests, the Jackson State Forest key priority must be restoration to old growth redwood forest for maximal carbon sequestration and related research. The appropriate compatible uses are protection/restoration of fishery habitat and use/enhancements for recreation, and education.

FL2 I firmly oppose the proposed management plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation.

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2 The people of California must not have the best carbon sink they own degraded and limited....for the short-sighted convenience of a little "cash cow"!

Sincerely,

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Email Letter C2-46

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The management of JDSF will promote a high level of carbon sequestration, resulting in a positive cumulative effect. Carbon will be sequestered in the growing inventory of standing live trees, as well as within the forest products that come from the Forest. The growth and use of wood will further off-set the production and use of building materials that utilize vast amounts of fossil fuel. Significant impacts related to carbon sequestration are not expected to occur. Please see DEIR Section VII.16.

The Board agrees that protection and restoration of both habitat and fisheries are compatible uses for the Forest. However, the legislation and policy related to the management of JDSF specify that sustainable forest management and timber production are primary uses of the Forest.

Response to Comment 2
JDSF represents an active carbon sink for the State of California and the nation as a whole, in addition to the many millions of acres of timberland in public ownership. The Forest will not be used as a "cash cow". The growth and utilization of timber will remain sustainable, and harvest will remain well below the level of annual growth during the term of the management plan.

C2-60

From: kschubeck@hotmail.com
Posted At: Sunday, February 12, 2006 3:50 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

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1 I studied the DEIR and was amazed that all of the shaded charts gave alternatives C1 and C2 the same level of negative effects or positive effects as alternative D, E and F. Considering the drastictly different silverculture methods, stream buffers and other differences found in alternative D, E and F from what is business as usural in C1 and C2 I find the shaded areas in the DEIR to be false and misleading.

2 The citizens of California concerned with the managment of JDSF have been working and speaking out on this issue for many years including lawsuits and creating the alternative D which I spent over a 1000 hours working on over 18 months with a diverse groups of concerned people. You as the BOF should know that we will keep active with more lawsuits and public education until you adopt a management alternative that restores the forest and restores the salmon habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Monroe Robinson Mendocino Forest Restoration Coalition

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Email Letter C2-60

Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The comment related to finding of similar negative or positive effects attributable to many of the alternatives is unclear. This comment is assumed to concern the various tables within the DEIR that compare impacts among the various alternatives. The Board recognizes that the resulting impacts may vary by alternative, depending upon the specifics being considered, but also wishes to inform the commenter that the level of impact depicted in the tables is segregated by broad classes or levels of impact; from beneficial to significant. Alternatives C1 through F often share the similar impact level category, but this is not always the case (e.g. Table VII.14.4 Recreation).

Response to Comment 2
It is the Board's intention that the management of JDSF provide for restoration of forest and aquatic habitats.

C2-75

From: skippy@mcn.org
Posted At: Monday, February 06, 2006 11:27 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 The draft eir/Plan for Jackson forest does not encompass the vision promised by the State at the inaugaration of Big River Park -- that the Mendocino Coast Parks in combination with that part of Jackson State Forest in the Big River watershed would all be allowed to become an old-growth forest protected form commercial logging: to create a wildlife sanctuary.

I strongly oppose the proposed management plan for Jackson State Forest. I oppose the plan's clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation. I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for habitat, recreation, education and research.

I oppose approval of the draft environmental document(Draft EIR). It fails to consider the restoration alternative that I favor. The closest alternative, Alternative E, promotes restoration of old growth, but it fails to commit funds to repair or decommission the hundreds of miles of road that are pouring sediment into salmon streams, nor does it provide for actively restoring salmon habit or expanding recreation opportunities.

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This makes a mockery of the EIR process.

The Draft EIR concludes that the state's proposed massive logging plan (Alternative C) can be carried out with "less than significant environmental impacts." This is absurd.

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Response to Comment 1
The portion of JDSF that lies adjacent to Big River State Park in the Big River watershed will be largely managed to promote late seral conditions. This includes late seral development prescriptions specifically intended to recruit habitat for the marbled murrelet (see RDEIR Map Figure 1). Late seral habitat development will be provided by either no harvesting to allow stands to develop in a non-managed state, or by understory thinning, selective harvest or other management activities designed to promote late seral characteristics. There will be an emphasis on the retention and recruitment of snags and downed wood. See also General Response 9 and 12.

C2-83

From: jdh_666@comcast.net
Posted At: Saturday, February 04, 2006 3:38 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

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FL2 I oppose approval of the draft environmental document(Draft EIR). It fails to consider the restoration alternative that I favor. The least harmful alternative to the forest, Alternative E, promotes restoration of old growth, but it fails to commit funds to decommission the hundreds of miles of road that are pouring sediment into salmon streams and fragmenting wildlife habitat, nor does it provide for actively restoring salmon habit.

The draft EIR rules out Alternative E as a feasible alternative by making a conclusory statement that it is contrary to state law and Board of Forestry policy. This makes a mockery of the EIR process, because it does not provide the legally required consideration of Alternative E.

1 Your agency may not apporve your preferred alternative if there is an alternative that would substantially lower the negative environmental effects of the project as proposed. Public Res.
Code section 21002. Alternative E is such an alternative. The EIR is legally required to compare the merits of Alternative E and the other alternatives and evaluate that comparison.

2 Cal.Code Regs. section 15126(a). Your conclusory rejection of Alternative E is also illegal, because a finding that Alternative E is not feasible must be accompanied by an explanation of why that alternative is not feasible. Cal. Code Regs. section 15126.6(c). You must also accompany any such finding with "a supporting statement of facts." Resource Defense Fund v. Local Agency Formation Com. (1987) 191 Cal.App.3d 886, 896.

The Draft EIR concludes that the state's proposed massive logging plan (Alternative C) can be carried out with "less than significant environmental impacts." This is contrary to logic and absurd on its face.

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Sincerely,

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Senator Carole Migden

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Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
CEQA (PRC §21002) requires a lead agency to mitigate the significant environmental effects of a proposed project to a level of less than significant **or**, where that is not achieved, adopt a feasible alternative that avoids or substantially lessens the project's significant effects. The DEIR analysis of Alternative C1, originally selected by the Board as the proposed project alternative, identifies mitigation measures that reduce all of the project's significant effects to a level of less than significant; therefore, there is no requirement to adopt a project alternative.

The RDEIR provided analysis of a new Alternative G that incorporates elements from several alternatives, including E. Again, this proposed project alternative identifies mitigation measures that reduce all of the project's significant effects to a level of less than significant; therefore, there is no requirement to adopt a project alternative.

Response to Comment 2
Alternative E was not "rejected", and was thus included in the alternatives analysis in both the DEIR and RDEIR. The DEIR and the RDEIR included an in-depth comparison of the proposed project alternative and the other project alternatives, including E, as required (CCR §15126.6). A detailed impact analysis revealed that elements of several of the final alternatives under consideration (A, D, E, and F) may be infeasible in part (see DEIR Table VI.1 or RDEIR section II.5 and Table II.4) due to the fact that they may not be consistent with the Public Resources Code, regulations, or Board policies. A clear discussion of the statutory framework from which the state forests are managed is contained in Section II (Introduction) of the DEIR and a detailed compilation of relevant statutes, regulations, and Board policies is provided in DEIR Appendix 5.
The Board, prior to certifying the FEIR, will make the findings required under CCR §15091 supported by substantial evidence in the record
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C2-115

From: bats3@comcast.net
Posted At: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:12 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 It is rather pathetic that CDF is still proposing clear cut logging on publicly owned land, specifically Jackson State Forest. It is not the legal charge of CDF to justify by example the most destructive form of log extraction used by private industry, i.e. clearcut and herbicide logging. Old forests are already extremely rare in Mendocino
2 County. The County has already had its private forest lands pealed and its streams degraded by decades of such needlessly destructive logging practice. It this what CDF
3 means by "demonstration"? I have toured the water quality monitoring sites at Jackson and read reports from Jackson. Some are legitimate, some are obviously intended to support and cover for the dammage done at Jackson and on private lands under permit by CDF.

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Response to Comment 1
The commenter states that clearcut and herbicide logging is proposed, and that this practice is the most destructive form of log extraction used by private industry. The practice of clearcutting may be utilized, but will be limited to research and specific regeneration problems. Herbicides will also be utilized, but in a careful and controlled manner. The comment is not specific in identifying the form of destruction that is believed to occur as the result of these management practices. Both clearcutting and herbicide use will be practiced and mitigated in a fashion that is not likely to produce significant impacts. Please see DEIR Section VII the assessment of potential impacts to forest resources, including wildlife, fisheries, and watershed resources.

Response to Comment 2
The forest will be managed to develop a significant acreage of late seral and older forest structure. The Board is aware of the harvest history within the assessment area, and of the historic stream damage that has occurred. The management of the Forest will not produce impacts at levels observed in the past. The Forest will be managed in a manner that provides an opportunity for recovery of forest, watershed, and biological systems. Significant cumulative impacts are not expected to occur.

Response to Comment 3
The Board will not speculate as to the specific water quality monitoring sites and reports being referred to by the writer. The basic premise of the comment is unsupported and unfounded.

C2-129

From: bill.bauriedel@stanfordalumni.org
Posted At: Monday, February 13, 2006 10:35 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 It is always time to rebuild our redwood forests. Jackson State Forest must be saved from the axe and saw. There are so many good reasons to preserve rather than destroy. Salmon streams are essential to the survival of this species. Third growth forests are not as strong as second growth which in turn is not as strong as first growth redwood, so lets not replace second growth with third growth. Jobs are important, so put the former loggers to work rebuilding streambeds, managing these precious forests and rebuilding a diverse ecoculture. The days of clearcutting are over, so we must invest in productive ecosystems, tourism and private and public forest management.

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Sincerely,

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Assembly Member Ira Ruskin

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Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The meaning of the comment related to rebuilding our redwood forests is not clear. It is the Board's intent that the redwood forests within JDSF remain healthy and sustainable, and that ecological process be maintained or restored. A significant area of JDSF will be managed to develop late seral forest or older forest structure. All old growth groves will be preserved.

Please see the assessment of potential impacts to the various biological resources of JDSF, found in DEIR Section VII.6. Significant impacts are not expected to occur.

It is unclear what the commenter means by the statement that third growth forests are not as strong as second growth, which is not as strong as first growth. A reasoned response is not possible. While future management will create new age classes of trees as part of the sustained management of JDSF, most of the forest will be managed on an uneven-aged basis, which will ultimately produce stands of trees of different sizes and ages. The terms second and third growth are relevant primarily to even-aged forms of stand management, which may be utilized on no more than 26 percent of JDSF.

JDSF is, and will continue to be a diverse ecosystem. Clearcutting remains a viable form of stand management within the region, the state, and the nation. However, the use of clearcutting will be limited within JDSF.

C2-148

From: ipcnt@juno.com
Posted At: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 3:49 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 The proposed management plan will undoubtedly increase damage to stream habitat and which in turn will severely negatively impact salmon spawning. The resulting decrease in salmon will be a further economic hardship to the comercial salmon fishery. This would ultimately have the effect of reducing tax revenues to the state.

In addition to commercial fishing, it would impact recreational fishing. There are large politically active organizations affiliated with recreational fishing. I am sure that they would bring their politcal clout against any politician or other official who supported a plan, like the proposed management plan, that would endanger salmon habitat.

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Sincerely,

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Assembly Member Leland Yee

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Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The management of JDSF will provide for continued recovery of the stream habitat system. Please see the analysis performed in the DEIR (Section VII.6.1). Significant impacts are not expected to occur. The plan is not expected to contribute to a decline in the commercial or sport fishery.

C2-149

From: tworns@pacific.net
Posted At: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 3:45 PM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

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1 I would like to add to add to this standard letter that I am not opposed to careful logging in Jackson State Forest and that I think herbicides might need to be used on exotic plants that threaten to crowd out our natives. Clear cutting seems to have created an environment at Jackson State Forest where some exotic invasives thrive and it seems to me that the loggers have gotten away with leaving the logged areas in an environmental shambles, prone to erosion, no shade for forest floor species and vulnerable to invasion by exotics. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
The Board considers the management plan for JDSF to include provision for logging activity that is both careful, mindful, and protective of the various resources found within the Forest. Invasive plants will be controlled and prevented from spreading, by use of an integrated weed management system.

Most of the invasive plants found within JDSF and on adjacent forest lands in the assessment area can thrive in an environment that includes sunlight and bare soil surfaces that are prone to seed establishment. In cases where past clearcuts or other forms of harvest have created these conditions, invasives have expanded. The Plan will incorporate consideration of these mechanisms and will attempt to control conditions under which invasive species can spread. This will include control of existing populations to reduce the availability of seed. The common invasive species within JDSF include French broom, Scotch broom, and Pampas grass. These species do not tend to invade areas in the absence of bare soil. Most timber harvest areas retain significant levels of ground cover. The proposed management of invasive species has been assessed in the DEIR. Please see DEIR Section VII.6.2 and Section VII.8.

Recent timber harvest operations within JDSF have prevented significant impacts associated with erosion, and have maintained a well vegetated understory. However, there have been instances where roads and trails utilized to move logs from the forest have created conditions conducive to the establishment of invasive species. The management plan provides for consideration of these conditions, and provides a means to prevent the spread of invasive species. Redwood forest is capable of rapid regeneration when the overstory canopy has been reduced or removed. The regeneration potential is clearly evident throughout JDSF, including areas that have been clearcut in the past. Significant impacts related to reductions in shade are not expected to occur.

CZ-173

From: gioia@sonic.net
Posted At: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 1:44 AM
Conversation: Jackson State Forest

Subject: Jackson State Forest

Members Board of Forestry
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear Members Board of Forestry,

1 I strongly oppose the latest draft nvironmental report (DEIR) for the Jackson State Forest. I've been ill, but this issue is very important to me so I hope this will reach you in time and be included in your considerations.

We've been fighting for six years to prevent massive logging of this recreational and ecological treasure. It is more important than ever for you to start managing our redwood forest for restoration instead of wholesale logging. Now that the Mendocino Board of Supervisors voted to reject the California Department of Forestry's plan for management of Jackson State Forest, the possibility of real reform has suddenly opened up.

The board's action broke a 10-year deadlock. Progress is now possible, but although the "compromise" plan supported by the supervisors would be an improvement over clearcutting 30 percent of the forest, it would still emphasize industrial logging rather than the restoration alternative that I favor. The closest lternative, Alternative E, promotes estoration of old growth, but it fails to commit funds to repair or decommission the hundreds of miles of road that are pouring sediment into salmon streams, nor does it provide for actively restoring salmon habit or expanding recreation opportunities.

FL2 I oppose the DEIR's plan for clearcutting, large-scale commercial logging, cutting of the oldest second-growth stands, inadequate stream protection, herbicide use, and lack of a plan to expand recreation. I personally want Jackson State restored to an old growth redwood forest for habitat, recreation, education and research.

1 "We the People of California" bought the Jackson State Demonstration Forest to demonstrate wise logging practices to the industry and to provide income for the Department of Forestry to run its program. It is the negligence of the Department that forced us to take the legal actions we continue to support to stop all logging activity in the forest until we work this out. "We the People of California" want our forest back.

2 We've witnessed heartbreaking abuses by logging companies that were allowed to clear cut large areas with no supervision. The forest managers admitted that they were unaware that this abuse would take place and were unhappy with the outcome,but no one was punished for the outrage. We've been camping in the forest when companies were flying the trees out by helicopter from sun-up to complete dark - on a weekend - to get as many trees out as they could before the courts opened on Monday. We've filled in surveys about sharing the forest with recreation and education without seeing any positive change. We've written letters and sent emails that fallen on blind eyes. We've supported legal actions with money that we can't afford to spend. We've worked with legislators to get new laws passed that were vetoed by the governor.

3 We will not give up the fight. This is an incredible, very unique forest and we must protect it and you must help us protect it. It's not just a source of money for your coffers.
It's a magnificently beautiful redwood forest; one of the only forests that still has accessible, nearly pristine areas the public can enjoy (when we were allowed to). We've been involved there for 30 years and have seen all the changes, while you have new personnel every few years. We're going to continue this fight until you come up with a truly balanced plan for recreation, restoration, education, and income - in that order.

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Sincerely,

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Please see response to Form Letter 2

Response to Comment 1
Opposition to the DEIR noted. The Forest will be managed on a sustainable basis for research and demonstration purposes. Restoration of older forest and properly functioning ecological processes is one of the goals of the management plan.

The County Board of Supervisors voted in support of Alternative D. Many elements of Alternative D have been incorporated into the alternative that was adopted (Alternative G).

The Board believes that JDSF has been managed in an appropriate manner, in compliance with the legal mandate established by the legislature, and according to Board policy. Alternative G will provide for a broader range of management than in the past, with restoration and ecological function being very important considerations.

Response to Comment 2
The comments related to clearcutting of large areas without supervision are general and unsupported. The Board does not concur with these unsupported claims. Reference to helicopter yarding after dark prior to the opening of courts is unclear and does not appear to refer to JDSF. No helicopter yarding operations within JDSF have been associated with civil suits.

Response to Comment 3
Please see the DEIR for an assessment of the potential impacts to recreational resources (Section VII.14). Significant impacts are not expected to occur. The Forest has remained open to recreational activity.

C5-1

From: Marien Grace [mariengrace@sbcglobal.net]
Posted At: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 9:01 AM
Conversation: Comment on Draft EIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Subject: Comment on Draft EIR for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

George D. Gentry, Executive Officer
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Dear Mr. Gentry:

This letter is written to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

FL 5 Alternative C-1, the proposed project, permits too much logging and provides too little protection for old-growth forest, wildlife habitat, and watercourses.

1 Jackson is the largest of eight state-owned forests in California, covering nearly 50,000 acres. It is the only state forest that is home to a significant percentage of mature redwoods, an increasingly rare and valuable forest ecosystem for both wildlife habitat and recreation. The forests have been under stress from too much logging and other unsustainable practices for too long. Please protect these resources for the future generations.

FL 5 I urge you to revisit the environmental impact report for Jackson Demonstration State Forest, and develop an alternative that would:

o restore the natural forest ecosystem;
o safeguard fish and wildlife habitat;
o protect water quality;
o eliminate clearcutting as a management tool; o cordon off old growth from harvest; and o end herbicide use.

Thank you,

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Please see response to Form Letter 5

Response to Comment1
See General Response 9, 14, and 15.

7-1

From: Lamar Pittman [jinxandme@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:35 PM
Conversation: Request for Jackson State Demonstration Forest protection

Subject: Request for Jackson State Demonstration Forest protection

Feb 16, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

1 First I want simply to say save all of the forest. Each tree cut down would require many, many years to be replaced. Mature trees are so vital to provide oxygen to our oxygen compromised atmosphere.
There can never be enough trees.

In addition to the above is the obvious need to keep habitat for wildlife intact. The human uses for wood can easily be substituted by other readily available products. Tragically wildlife habitat is steadily being encroched upon for human use. I feel this is an undue and avoidable error. So please leave the forest to remain as it is now.

FL 7 As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

Alternative F balances a high level of environmental protection with a carefully implemented timber production program. Such a gently applied timber management program would be consistent with the existing legislative mandate. Alternative F would also enhance fish and wildlife habitat, which is now scarce in the region. 42

Jackson Demonstration State Forest is a unique resource in the redwood ecosystem. It is situated in the central part of the coastal redwood range, where there is no national forest with redwoods, and where redwoods are preserved at the lowest rate of their entire range.
In the area that includes Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties, only 1.36 percent of redwoods are protected in parks and reserves, according to an analysis published by the Save-the-Redwoods League in 2000. The forest's special place in the redwood ecosystem makes its proper management all the more important for future generations of Californians.

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Email Letter 7-1

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1

See General Response 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16. The Board contends that the “human uses of wood” cannot be easily replaced with resources that do not have environmental impacts.

7-18

From: Sue Pappalardo [robinbyrd2@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Friday, February 17, 2006 5:42 PM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 17, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

1 I believe redwood forests should be protected. They are disappearing at an alarming rate. I don't know why logging redwoods is allowed at all. They should be treated like an endangered species.

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See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
The comment writer states that redwoods should be treated as an endangered species. According to the *Dictionary of Forestry* published by the Society of American Foresters, the definition of an endangered species is: "any species of plant or animal defined through the Endangered Species Act of 1976 as being in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, and published in the Federal Register." The broad range and abundance of redwood trees in California exclude them from this definition.

7-23

From: Cristine Bailey [cnjbailey@frontiernet.net]
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 10:18 PM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 11, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

FL 7 As a Californian who loves the state for it's open spaces and natural heritage, and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

Alternative F balances a high level of environmental protection with a carefully implemented timber production program. Such a gently applied timber management program would be consistent with the existing legislative mandate. Alternative F would also enhance fish and wildlife habitat, which is now scarce in the region.

1 Fir can be treated to act like redwod. We must balance all aspect s of our lives to protect the unique resources that make our state worth visiting like the redwood ecosystem in Jackson Demonstration State Forest situated in the central part of the coastal redwood range.

FL 7 There is no other national forest with redwoods nearby, and here redwoods are preserved at the lowest rate of their entire range. In the area that includes Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties, only 1.36 percent of redwoods are protected in parks and reserves, according to an analysis published by the Save-the-Redwoods League in 2000. The forest's special place in the redwood ecosystem makes its proper management all the more important for future generations of Californians.

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Cristine Bailey
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Canyon Dam, CA 95923-0203

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Email Letter 7-23

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
JDSF is not managed solely for the production of redwood lumber. The role of JDSF as a research and demonstration forest cannot be replaced with a shift to an alternative timber product.

7-24

From: Barbara Smith [bls92742@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 1:03 PM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 14, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

1 Because I am an American citizen and tax payer, I believe I am a co-owner of all national and state lands. I want open land to remain as is, I do not want more roads, services, or harvesting of resources and as a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

FL 7 Alternative F balances a high level of environmental protection with a carefully implemented timber production program. Such a gently applied timber management program would be consistent with the existing legislative mandate. Alternative F would also enhance fish and wildlife habitat, which is now scarce in the region.

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I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Smith
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Email Letter 7-24

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
JDSF will remain a redwood forest and will continue to be managed for research and demonstration. See also General Response 2, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

7-35

From: Kathleen Stevens [crazyteacher07@aol.com]
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 6:28 PM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 10, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

F1 7 As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest. 42

1 Alternative F balances a high level of environmental protection I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. As a native Californian, I beg you to preserve this area for our posterity. It took hundreds, thousands of years to grow these unique giants. It would be criminal to endanger them in any way.
There is no valid economic reason to destroy this habitat. This area is more precious than any amount of money. It can Never be replaced.

2 My brother, John Gray, was well known in CDF for his forestry management. He would turn over in his grave if he thought you would endanger this property. I speak for him. Let future generations look upon the Jackson Demonstration Forest with awe and wonder at it's venerable beauty! Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Stevens
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Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730-1329

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Email Letter 7-35

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
The ADFFMP does not propose to cut old growth (see General Response 8). The management plan calls for sustainable management of the forest (see General Response 15).

Response to Comment 2
Rather than "endanger" the forest, the ADFFMP represents significant advancement in the management practices aimed at protection and restoration of environmental resources. One of the primary goals of the JDSF Management Plan is to achieve net improvements of conditions for all natural resources over time in comparison to existing conditions. The plan is designed to balance demonstration and research, production of timber products, and the desires of the public, while improving the overall health and ecosystem function of the forest.

Since its inception, JDSF has been managed as a research and demonstration forest. JDSF serves as a unique resource for developing the science that will guide the development of improved management practices and future forest practice rules. To support the research and demonstration mandate there has been an effort to maintain a viable outdoor laboratory by managing the forest to create diverse stand and habitat types. This diversity is needed to assess the effects of a broad range of management activities. Requests to manage JDSF for a single purpose, such as development of late seral and old growth stand conditions, while important, will severely limit the research and demonstration potential of the forest. The diverse habitats created by a broad spectrum of management practices has allowed for flexibility and opportunity for research as the issues and concerns involved in forest management have evolved over the past 50 years.

JDSF's management direction derives directly from legislative statutes, regulations, and policies set by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Per Board policy, the primary purpose of JDSF is to conduct innovative demonstrations, experiments, and education in forest management (Board of Forestry Policy 0351.2). The legislation that provided for establishment of JDSF makes it very clear that demonstration of maximum sustained timber production is one of the primary purposes of forest management on JDSF. Implementation of the ADFFMP is not expected to cause significant adverse environmental impacts.

7-54

From: Susan Fiedler [ocgypsy@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Saturday, February 11, 2006 10:19 AM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 11, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

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FL-7 Jackson Demonstration State Forest is a unique resource in the redwood ecosystem. It is situated in the central part of the coastal redwood range, where there is no national forest with redwoods, and where redwoods are preserved at the lowest rate of their entire range.
In the area that includes Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties, only 1.36 percent of redwoods are protected in parks and reserves, according to an analysis published by the Save-the-Redwoods League in 2000. The forest's special place in the redwood ecosystem makes its proper management all the more important for future generations of Californians.

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

1 I'd like it publicized who the wood is being sold to, as well.
A certain country that has demolished all their own resources as fast as they could and took out Pearl Harbor once upon a time?
My father would have frowned upon my having a Japanese car in his driveway and so I never have crossed that line. Nearing 50 and still want America to take care of her resources, the bottom line of your corporations be damned.....

Sincerely,

Susan Fiedler
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Anaheim, CA 92804-3311

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Email Letter 7-54

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
Information regarding who the timber is sold to is available to the public. Sale of raw timber from JDSF for export is not allowed. PRC 4650.1 requires that timber from JDSF cannot be exported "unless it is sawn on four sides to dimensions not greater than 4 inches by 12 inches". CCR 1516 requires that "said timber will not be substituted for timber exported from the purchaser's private land". See DEIR Appendix 5; Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing State Forests.

Currently California imports approximately 70% of its wood products.

7-81

From: Kent Oberlin [kent.oberlin@cox.net]
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 6:33 PM
Conversation: Please protect the future of Jackson forest...

Subject: Please protect the future of Jackson forest...

Feb 10, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board , 42

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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My family and I have enjoyed hiking through the forest for years...we make an anual trip to the beautifully quaint town of Mendecino and trek out from there. Growing up nearby in Marin County I developed a love for such wonderful areas as Mendecino, Mt. Tampalpais, and Point Reyes...I do not think I would be who I am today without "knowing" these natural habitats.

1 ..please consider the uniqueness of the Northern California reqion and its unspoiled natural habitats before you consider changing management plans that have protected these areas for years...

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Kent Oberlin
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San Marcos, CA 92078-0912

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Email Letter 7-81

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
The designation of JDSF as a research and demonstration forest remains unchanged. See Email Letter **7-35**, Response to Comment 2.

7-114

From: Roseann Dudrick [rossiwrites@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Sunday, February 12, 2006 10:06 PM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 13, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

1 With the crisis of global warming at hand, ridding our state of the last of these forests is a wrong move and one we can ill-afford. These trees serve as the last if our protection and those in denial of this crisis need a wake-up call. Are we going to keep destroying then try to repair the damage when it's too late? As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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In the area that includes Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties, only 1.36 percent of redwoods are protected in parks and reserves, according to an analysis published by the Save-the-Redwoods League in 2000. The forest's special place in the redwood ecosystem makes its proper management all the more important for future generations of Californians.

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Danville, CA 94506-1136

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Email Letter 7-114

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
See Email Letter **C2-46,** Response to Comment 1; and Email Letter **7-35,** Response to Comment 2.

7-122

From: Sandi Morey [ssmofa@cwnet.com]
Posted At: Sunday, February 12, 2006 8:15 AM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 12, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board , 42

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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On a personal level, I have spent time in this forest. It is ethereal and beautiful. 1 There is a type of fungus called "pipe fungus" which looks like a small circle of fairy pipes. This grows nowhere else, not even in other old growth redwood forests on the coast. I have personally seen a family of river otters playing in the river that runs through this forest. I found a colony of bats in an overturned large redwood stump, have 2 seen a huge, magenta telia moth resting on a tree trunk, was dive bombed by a large, bottle green beetle with gold curling antenae, found a group of mormon crickets as big as your fist, seen a pink and black foot long tiger salamander one evening by the river. To lose this treasure for any reason seems shortsighted to me. It will be more valuable as a 3 resource in the long run to bring ecotourism perhaps or pricey outdoor education opportunities. I feel it is valuable beyond any use we may have for it in its ability to shelter so many species, but I appreciate that humans have to "use" any resource to make it "pay its way".

I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Sandi Morey
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Email Letter 7-122

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
The comment letter states that "pipe fungus" grows nowhere else than JDSF. The comment letter does not provide a scientific name. The common name provided does not match any common name any used in David Aurora's 960 page reference book "Mushrooms Demystified, (Second edition, 1986, Ten Speed Press, Berkley CA.) There is fungus known as fairy clubs. *Monotropa uniflora* is a non-green plant known by the common name Indian pipe. It has some status as a rare plant (G5-S2S3 CNPS2.3), but is not known from Mendocino County per CNDDB 6/2/2007.

The DEIR (VII-6.2-10) discloses there are five fungi species known only from JDSF. These species do not match the description in the comment letter. The comment letter does not provide adequate information to support the claim that this plant or fungi occurs only at JDSF. The DIER and FEIR contains measures insure rare plants are protected from management impacts. Because JDSF has a range of forest ages and conditions, there may be plants or fungi found at JDSF that are not found in old growth redwood forests as the commenter observes.

Response to Comment 2
The management of JDSF will continue to provide a broad range of habitat for wildlife. See General Response 11 and 12.

Response to Comment 3
See General Response 2, 14 and 15.

7-186

From: Kelley Pedigo [kelleymp@pacbell.net]
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 11:49 AM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 10, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

1 Please consider the future generations;your children and your grandchildren. Too many forest resource dependant communities have died because of greed and lack of foresight. If the forest communities dont manage their resources, which includes jobs and healthy thriving communities, than the workers and communities have noone to blame but themselves. Having been a forest worker for 20 years I have lived in some of the most beautiful small towns located next to some of the wildest most wildlife and forest rich communities. I have seen some of these communities place a value on these valuable resources, by placing protections and high standards of management these resources have paid back the communities in endless ways. Noone wants to pay to come and see clearcuts and muddy streams.

FL 7 As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

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I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Please do the right thing by thinking about the next generation to come.

Sincerely,

Kelley Pedigo
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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151-6537

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Email Letter 7-186

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
See General Response 15.

7-209

From: Ted Raab [tkraab@stanford.edu]
Posted At: Friday, February 10, 2006 11:03 AM
Conversation: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Subject: Comments on Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan

Feb 10, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

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Dear California State Forestry Board ,

As a Professional Ecologist and supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

Alternative F balances a high level of environmental protection with a carefully implemented timber production program. Such a gently applied timber management program would be consistent with the existing legislative mandate. Alternative F would also enhance fish and wildlife habitat, which is now scarce in the region. In the remaining
1 forests of Northern California, we need to maintain habitat for 'mesocarnivores' such as martens.

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Sincerely,

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Email Letter 7-209

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
The DEIR provides analysis of potential impacts and mitigations of the proposed project related to mesocarnivores such as marten and Pacific fisher (DEIR section VII.6.6). That analysis indicated that no significant adverse impacts are anticipated due to implementation of the proposed project as mitigated.

7-251

From: Dolores Boutin [boutin@goldrush.com]
Posted At: Monday, February 13, 2006 1:06 PM
Conversation: Save Jackson State Demonstration Forest

Subject: Save Jackson State Demonstration Forest

Feb 13, 2006

California State Forestry Board California State Forestry Board P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear California State Forestry Board ,

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife and California's great natural heritage, I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative F, the "Older Forest Emphasis" plan for management at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

1 If logging is necessary, it should be done in such a way that it does not damage the habitat and the environment any more than is absolutely needed. For wood products, most should be grown in private tree farms, not public forests. For paper products, plants
2 other than trees should be used, and again, grown on farms. Exporting of timber should be strictly controlled so as to not lose our valuable natural resources. Logging jobs are being lost to mechanization and other sources of work need to be looked into. Financial
3 support for restoration and maintenance of our forests could help keep some of the people working on the land.

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I urge you to adopt the meaningful reforms that are outlined in Alternative F. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Tuolumne, CA 95379-1450

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Email Letter 7-251

See response to Form Letter 7.

Response to Comment 1
See General Response 2, 15, and 16.

Response to Comment 2
Sale of timber from JDSF for export is “strictly controlled”. PRC 4650.1 requires that timber from JDSF cannot be exported “unless it is sawn on four sides to dimensions not greater than 4 inches by 12 inches”. CCR 1516 requires that “said timber will not be substituted for timber exported from the purchaser’s private land”. See DEIR Appendix 5; Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing State Forests.

Currently California imports approximately 70% of its wood products.

Response to Comment 3
Analysis of the economic setting and effects of the proposed can be found in Section III of the DEIR. Timber sales are the primary source of funding for restoration and maintenance on the state forests.