

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

DEMONSTRATION STATE FORESTS

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) operates eight Demonstration State Forests totaling 71,000 acres. The forests represent the most common forest types in the state and are designed to host research projects and demonstrate improved forest management practices, from timber production and environmental stewardship, to public recreation uses. The State Forests grow approximately 57 million board feet annually while the timber harvest level from these forests averages about half of the growth. With this conservative approach, habitat for fish and wildlife is improved, and the number of trees on the forests continues to increase while still providing enough timber to build over 3,000 single family homes. Revenue from these harvests fund primarily the operation of the Demonstration State Forests.

Jackson, LaTour, Mountain Home, Boggs Mountain, and Soquel Demonstration State Forests are used for both forest management projects and public recreation. On the Jackson Demonstration State Forest, for example, timber harvesting, cone collecting for seed, and a variety of university research occurs, as well as public recreation activities such as camping and hiking.

Las Posadas, Mount Zion, and Ellen Pickett State Forests were acquired as gifts and are the smallest of the demonstration forests. Hikers can enjoy Mount Zion, however, Las Posadas and Ellen Pickett are not open to the public (Las Posadas because it is dedicated solely to the purposes of study and research, and Ellen Pickett because there are no roads into the forest).

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<u>STATE FOREST</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
Jackson	Mendocino	50,195
LaTour	Shasta	9,033
Mountain Home	Tulare	4,807
Boggs Mountain	Lake	3,493
Soquel	Santa Cruz	2,681
Las Posadas	Napa	796
Mount Zion	Amador	164
Ellen Pickett	Trinity	160



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