

Appendix 3

Work Plan for JAG Committees

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Work Plan Committee

Facilitates JAG organizing its work, learning the content of the current Management Plan, evaluating the Plan, getting the JAG the information it needs to move forward with its tasks, and coordinating the development of the JAG's final report at the conclusion of the Initial Implementation Period.

Committee Members: Helms (chairman), Taylor, Melo, Anderson, Valentine, Jani
Staff: Jameson, Henly

Specific areas to address:

- Ensuring committee integration and Work Plan development/completion
- What **is** in the Management Plan?
- How can we better integrate CAL FIRE's information and updates in the JAG process in a way that does not use unnecessary staff work time?
- How do we stay informed about the economics of JDSF (see also Economics Committee)
- What is the feedback loop to ensure that JAG recommendations are implemented?

Landscape Committee

Reviews and develops recommendations on landscape allocations (Management Plan Map Figure 5 and related Plan elements such as found in Chapter 3) and desired mix of forest conditions over time.

Committee Members: Valentine and Jani (co-chairman), Bailey, Porter, Gill, Perkins
Staff: Marc

Specific areas to address:

- What input variables inform landscape scale allocations?
- What are appropriate landscape accounting units?
 - Stands
 - Watersheds

- Compartments
- How do we allocate lands **now** for future landscape goals?
- How much do we need for a dynamic mix of forest or stand types?
- Allocation of proportion of land to various silvicultural approaches and management objectives (needs input from Research Committee)
- What kinds of age class structures meet the needs of the 1100 small forest landowners (need input from the Research Committee)?
- Should hardwood densities “typical of mature conifer forests” be defined?
- Are there actions we can take to make a significant difference to the viability of regionally diminished flora and fauna (also applies at site-specific level)?
- Is the calculation of Option “a” or SYP adequate for the 100-year long-term schedule?
- OFSZ versus Late Seral
- Really, what is the difference between LSF and OFSZ?
- Is there a standard approach to OFSZ/LSF stands for the next 40 years—what distinguishes management and development of these two stand types over this period?

Recreation Committee

Reviews and develops recommendations on current recreation on JDSF, the recreation elements of the Management Plan, the process of establishing recreation user groups and conducting a recreation user survey, and the process of developing a recreation plan.

Committee Members: Taylor (chairman), Braudrick, Tilley

Specific areas to address:

- How do user groups get created and maintain their interest in the recreation program?
- Harvesting: Emphasis on aesthetics
- Detail in Recreation Plan: Improve the recreation experience on the Forest.
- Are there places where habitat needs overlap with human recreational interest?
- Should “low impact and rustic” recreation use be modified to allow for high impact recreation use?

Economics Committee

Reviews and comments on current and projected revenue flows, operating costs, cash flow, and funding needs for JDSF, as well as the broader economic implications of the management of the Forest.

Committee Members: Melo (chairman), Liquori, Tilley, Braudrick, Taylor

Staff: Eng

Specific areas to address:

- What revenue requirements are needed to meet the desired budget?
- What is the desired budget?
- What is the needed budget?
- Is CAL FIRE able to produce a profit-loss statement, at least quarterly, to track revenues, costs, and cash flow?
- How do we balance revenue generation and our priority goals? What can we afford?
- How do we leverage resources to develop the Science Agenda?

Operational Committee

Reviews and makes recommendations on specific management matters.

Committee Members: Assigned as by Helms (committee chairman), as needed for different items.

Staff: (Ask Marc)

Specific areas to address:

- Herbicide use
- Fire management, including prescribed burning
- Property configuration
- Road Management Plan implementation and its impacts
- Minor forest products, including nontimber forest products

Outreach Committee

Reviews and makes recommendations related to outreach on research, demonstration, education, recreation, and Forest management in general.

Committee Members: Helms (committee chairman), Braudrick, others as needed

Staff: (Ask Marc)

Specific areas to address:

- What are the informational needs of the public, and who are the stakeholders?
- Education outreach to the public.

Research and Monitoring Committee

Committee Members: Liquori (committee chairman), Helms, Valentine, Taylor, Anderson

Staff: Eng/Jameson

Develops the framework for research and demonstration.

First tier areas to address (policy and background related):

- Scales of interest (regional/local, state, national, international)
- Identify key stakeholders and their research and demonstration needs
- External research links
- Coordination/collaboration with other research forests
- What input on research is needed from others (key stakeholders)
- Balance between applied and pure research
- What are we doing now that we should continue/not continue
- Definitions
 - Research
 - Demonstration
 - Monitoring
 - Inventory
- What are the existing data resources for the Forest?

Second tier areas to address (science related):

- Scientific basis for management
- Models (quantitative and conceptual) used as a basis for management
- Working assumptions
- Key scientific and management questions to be researched
- Mission-oriented research

Third tier areas to address (implementation related):

- Administration of research and demonstration
- Role of timber harvest (core information of research or demonstration value recorded on all harvests).
- What's missing in the Plan related to these framework items.
- Research and demonstration staff needed on the Forest
- Research and demonstration facilities needed on the Forest
- Funding needs for research and demonstration
- Internal and external sources of revenue for research and demonstration

Fourth tier areas to address (crosscutting):

- What forest structures in what amounts are needed over space and time to provide varied research opportunities.
- Needs for monitoring and inventory
- Adaptive management system
 - Resource measures
 - Performance targets
 - Resource objective

Note that while the above four tiers are somewhat sequential, the process of addressing all of these areas also will be iterative to some degree.