



Request for Applicants to Serve on Jackson Demonstration State Forest Recreation User Group Task Force

The Mendocino Unit of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) invites public involvement in the management of recreation in JDSF in Mendocino County. The JDSF Recreation User Group Task Force shares in the stewardship, development of policy recommendations, and other responsibilities related to recreation on Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

JDSF Forester II Craig Pedersen requests that persons interested in serving on the User Group Task Force apply by submitting a letter detailing his or her interest and relevant experience. Applications must be received or postmarked by (August 26, 2011) and should be sent to:

**Jackson Demonstration State Forest
802 North Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Fax (707) 964-0941
Task Force**

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.

The Recreation Task force was created in 2009 as a result of the 2008 JDSF Forest Management Plan. The group has prepared and submitted preliminary recommendations to CAL FIRE. The management plan also established a Jackson Advisory Group to facilitate public input on a variety of management issues, including recreation. It is intended that interactions of the Department, the Task Force, the Jackson Advisory Group, and the public will help achieve the recreational goals and objectives of the JDSF management plan.

MEMBERSHIP

The JDSF Recreation User Group Task Force members will be selected to represent a full range of interests in recreation on Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Members may include, but not be limited to JDSF neighbors, cyclists, equestrians, target shooters, teachers, hunters, hikers, campers, bird watchers, mushroomers, nature photographers, trail guide writers, and event organizers. Applicants should expect to be interviewed.

Applicants may represent themselves, an organized or informal user group, or an organization. Preference will be given to those representing organized user groups in those areas of recreation where such groups exist. Members are to represent the interests of the general public. Meetings of the Task Force are public.

Membership on the Task Force will require a commitment to attending scheduled meetings. The Task Force meeting schedule varies but will meet at least once per year. Most meetings will be held in Fort Bragg, although occasional meetings may be held in other locations. There is no compensation for service on the Task Force.

For more information, contact CAL FIRE Forester Craig Pedersen at craig.pedersen@fire.ca.gov or phone at 707-964-5674.