

## **Helms Draft**

### **Chapter 8 Public Involvement and Stakeholder Meeting Outcomes**

#### **A. Public Involvement**

Throughout all its deliberations, the JAG has fully recognized that the new Vision for JDSF must be centered on rebuilding public trust that will enable the public to enthusiastically support the goals, mission, and programs of their Forest. Through re-focused JDSF management, the public must be able to take pride in the central role their Forest plays in the ecology and economy of the redwood region of Northern California.

The central focus of gaining public support is reflected in the combined recommendations of this Report. Recommendations on land allocation are aimed at gaining increased acceptance by the public who use its forest for diverse recreation, experiences, and values. Research and demonstration has a prime focus on broad collaboration. Recommendations on timber management and silvicultural guidelines are aimed at demonstrating that timber management can be done in a manner that is sensitive to aesthetic considerations while providing funds for refocused forest programs that promote both JDSF and community welfare. In particular, recommendations recognize the critical role of outreach in gaining broad public support through strong programs in education and communication.

The “public” represents a very broad range of needs and values. These recommendations, taken together, represent the JAG’s best collective judgment on how to move management on JDSF towards gaining this critical base of broad public support.

Appendix 8 contains a statement on public participation by Mr. Ray Duff, who attended and contributed to most of the JAG’s public discussions.