



CAL FIRE Request for Applicants to Serve on Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group



Request for Applicants

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) invites public involvement in the management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF). The Advisory Group advises CAL FIRE and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) on forest management at JDSF. **CAL FIRE requests that persons interested in serving on the advisory group apply by submitting a letter of interest and their resume. Applications must be received or postmarked by July 1, and should be sent to:**

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Background

JDSF, the largest of eight Demonstration State Forests, 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 JDSF Advisory Group provides CAL FIRE and the Board with advice on management of the Forest. It also is intended that interactions among the advisory group, the department, the Board, and the public will help to ensure transparency and create trust regarding JDSF management.

Seven of the 13 positions on the Advisory Group are expiring. CAL FIRE is seeking new applicants for these positions and encouraging current incumbents to apply for reappointment. New appointees will serve terms of 2 or 3 years.

The JDSF Advisory Group members will be selected to represent a range of local, regional, and state interests and areas of technical expertise such as forestry research, forest conservation, ecology, environmental education, environmental protection, fisheries, forest management, physical sciences, recreation, timber operations, and wildlife.

Applicants should have knowledge (formally or informally acquired) of and an interest in any of a broad range of forest management issues, including research and demonstration, restoration, watershed and ecological processes, fish and wildlife, timber management, recreation, invasive species management, and protection of forests from fire, insects, and diseases. The Director's appointees are subject to the approval of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Members are to represent the public. Meetings of the advisory group will be public.

Membership on the advisory group will require a significant commitment of time. Meetings are likely to be held quarterly or more frequently if needed. Additional preparation time between meetings will typically be necessary. Most meetings will be held in Fort Bragg, Willits, or Ukiah; the advisory group also may meet in Sacramento. There is no compensation for service on the advisory group; however, travel expenses can be reimbursed.

For more information, contact CAL FIRE Chief Deputy Director Crawford Tuttle at crawford.tuttle@fire.ca.gov or phone at (916) 653-7772.