

PUBLIC NOTICE
(May 23, 2002 Supplement)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has released for public comment the **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan (DFMP)**. This document was prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and addresses the potentially significant environmental effects of managing the forest which is located between Willits and Fort Bragg in Mendocino County. Reviewers should focus on the adequacy and accuracy of this document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment, and ways in which the significant impacts of the project might be avoided or substantially lessened.

The DFMP provides direction for the management of all of the uses and resources of the forest based on the identified management emphasis areas of forest demonstration, research, habitat protection, watershed health, and recreation. The plan describes the application of a diverse set of silvicultural systems and the protection of existing old-growth redwood groves, resulting in a forest with a diversity of vegetation and habitats. The DFMP includes a plan for forest road management, addresses continued public recreation, provides for protection of archaeological resources, and describes actions proposed to enhance anadromous salmonid habitat. It recognizes several categories of Special Concern Area and describes the management constraints needed to maintain the associated values.

Several **potentially significant environmental effects** have been identified by members of the public during scoping or by CDF in the environmental review in association with implementation of the DFMP. Some of those identified are:

- The harvest of old-growth forest may have significant effects on wildlife habitat.
- Continued timber harvesting may adversely affect water quality.
- Timber harvesting may affect wildlife species that are listed as threatened or endangered.
- Management activities on JDSF may result in soil erosion.

These and other potentially significant environmental effects are discussed in the DEIR and mitigation measures are identified that will reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels.

The **public comment period** begins on May 17, 2002 and will end at 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2002.

Official comments must be submitted in writing. Email submissions will not be accepted. Comments should be mailed to Christopher P. Rowney, Demonstration State Forest Program Manager, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.

A **public hearing** for oral comment on the DEIR will be held at the Ukiah 12th District Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building, 1055 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482, on June 12, 2002, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hard **copies** of the DEIR and DFMP may be purchased at Mendo Litho, 100 North Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; telephone: (707) 964-0062. Electronic copies of the Draft EIR and DFMP are also available on the CDF website at www.fire.ca.gov.

A CD ROM version of the DEIR or the DFMP is available from On-Line Copy in Fremont. The cost is \$9.95 each for regular mail, and \$9.95 each plus shipping for overnight mail or UPS. On-Line Copy will send the CD ROM directly to the requestor. Contact:

On-Line Copy
48815 Kato Road
Fremont, CA
Phone: 800-833-4460
FAX 510-226-7543

Copies of the **DEIR may be viewed** at the following CDF Offices:

802 North Main Street. (Hwy. 1), Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707) 964-5674
17501 Highway 101 North, Willits, CA 95490 (707) 459-7414
135 Ridgeway Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 (707) 576-2275
1416 9th Street, Rm. 1516-24, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 657-0300

The DEIR has been distributed to the following **libraries**:

Sacramento County Library
Main Branch
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mendocino County Library
Fort Bragg Branch
499 Laurel Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Mendocino County Library
Willits Branch
390 East Commercial Street
Willits, CA 95490

Mendocino County Library
Ukiah Branch
105 North Main St.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Sonoma County Library
Third and E Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

California State Library
Library and Courts Building I
914 Capitol Mall, Room 220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sonoma State University Library
1801 East Cotati Ave.
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Humboldt State University Library
One Harpst St
Arcata, CA 95521-8299

Humboldt County Library
1313 Third Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Copies of documents referenced in the DEIR are available for public review at:

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Mendocino Unit Headquarters
17501 Highway 101 North
Willits, CA
(707) 459-7414

Note: Individuals who require **special accommodations** for the public hearing on July 12, 2002, are requested to contact Christopher Rowney at (916) 653-9420 by May 30, 2002. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-653-1498.

