

# MINUTES

## Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group

Fort Bragg, CA

June 13-14, 2008

### Advisory Group Members Present:

John Helms, Chairman  
Mike Anderson  
Kathy Bailey  
Peter Braudrick  
Linwood Gill  
Mike Jani  
Mike Liquori  
Jere Melo (June 14 only)  
Linda Perkins  
Vince Taylor  
Forest Tilley  
Brad Valentine

### Members Absent:

George Gentry (Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Liaison)  
Dan Porter

### Department Staff:

Giny Chandler, Chief Counsel  
Russ Henly, Assistant Deputy Director  
Marc Jameson, JDSF Manager  
Crawford Tuttle, Chief Deputy Director  
Lynn Webb, JDSF Research, Demonstration, and Education Program Manager

### Meeting Facilitator:

Gina Bartlett, Center for Collaborative Policy, California State University,  
Sacramento

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 AM.

## 2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was modified to move the item “Progress Report by Subcommittee on Later Seral Stage Development Prescriptions for Brandon Gulch and Camp 3 THPs” ahead of the item “Sub-Group Progress Reports” in the agenda.

The agenda, as modified, was move for acceptance by Mike Jani and seconded by Vince Taylor. The motion was approved by the JDSF Advisory Group (JAG) members.

## 3. Approval of Minutes from the May 9-10 Meeting

Note: This item was taken up after Item 4 in order to allow CAL FIRE Chief Counsel Giny Chandler the opportunity to complete her agenda item and depart to meet other commitments.

Draft minutes were provided for the JAG’s review.

The second paragraph on page 1 of the draft minutes as amended to read: “Recent legislation has limited the use of State Forest generated FRIF funds to use only on the State Forests or for return to the General Fund.”

The future JAG 2008 meetings dates on page 5 were corrected to read as follows:

June 13-14  
July 11-12  
August 1-2  
September 5-6  
October 3-4  
November 14-15  
December 12-13

The Minutes, as amended, were moved by Mike Anderson and seconded by Brad Valentine. The motion was approved by the JAG members.

## 4. Bagley-Keene Act Issues

CAL FIRE Chief Counsel Giny Chandler reviewed basic Bagley-Keene Act requirements for the JAG and answered questions about its interpretation and application.

Several action items for staff came out of the discussion of the JAG members:

- Develop a web process for JAG members to post discussion items and information to a JAG web page. (Russ Henly) [Note: Vince Taylor later volunteered to pursue the Google Group mechanism option for communicating in a publicly-open manner.

- Make available a toll-free conference number that is available for a standing JAG or JAG subcommittee meeting for every Thursday AM from 8 AM to 10 AM. Members of the public also would be able to access these phone conference meetings. (Russ Henly)
- Vince Taylor volunteered to work further with Giny Chandler to clarify any remaining Bagley-Keene Act questions and report back to the JAG. The JAG will work with Marc Jameson to develop a Bagley-Keene quick use guide. (Marc Jameson)

## 5. JAG Processes and Procedures

The JAG members had a detailed discussion of meeting process and procedure issues such as decision making and consensus processes. Several members indicated that processes that bring the members of the group together rather than driving them apart are important. Also, processes that lead to focused decision making rather than “wandering discussion” are favored.

The JAG members discussed the JAG Charter and potential issues of concern with respect to the Charter. Staff pointed JAG members to the section of the Charter that indicates how the Charter may be amended (see Charter at top of page 7).

The JAG requested that staff compile, and make as an attachment to the Charter, the JAG responsibilities that are defined in the JDSF Forest Management Plan and referred to in Charter item C. JAG member Bailey asked that this compilation be included as a part of these minutes (see Attachment 1).

Following discussion, the JAG members indicated that at some point, they would like to make a specific review of JDSF staffing, budgets, research and demonstration, information dissemination, education, Forest facilities, etc.

The JAG members had a lengthy discussion of consensus process, how they are described in the Charter, and how the JAG members would like to see them work. Members agreed that it was very important to work hard to avoid ending discussion and recommendations on a matter with any members having a fundamental disagreement with the outcome. The importance of full consensus for important matters being considered by the JAG, such as the landscape allocation plan, was stressed.

JAG members decided that they wanted their recommendations to go forward to the director and Board as being supported by all members, or not. Gradients of support will not be reported as a part of recommendations, but they will be captured in the minutes. There was consensus among the members that they supported the second paragraph in the Charter section on consensus processes, namely:

If an item receives a level of Fundamental Disagreement, the group will be asked to continue working until it appears a resolution is not attainable, or move on to an area where more agreement is possible. When a

resolution is not attainable, the members will note the nature of the disagreement and make a determination as to the best way to proceed in the particular issue area.

The JAG members agreed that for procedural issues, simple voting to make decisions or form recommendations would be used. Consensus processes will be used for policy-oriented decisions and recommendations.

The JAG members agreed on a working rule, which they did not think needed to be put into the Charter: Where one or more members have a fundamental disagreement on a matter being decided by the JAG, the Group would wait until the subsequent meeting to complete their action on the matter.

The JAG discussed information collection and sharing processes. The Group agreed that JDSF Manager Marc Jameson would be the central point of contact for JAG subcommittees or members to request information. Marc will then assign Forest staff to provide the information consistent with other staff workload and priorities (e.g., fire duties). The approach will be re-evaluated over time to make sure that it is meeting the JAG's needs.

Russ Henly will be the contact for posting information to the JAG area on the CAL FIRE website.

6. Progress Report by Subcommittee on Late Seral Stage Development Prescriptions for Brandon Gulch and Camp 3 THPs

The Late Seral Stage Development Subcommittee provided a report on their June 3, 2008 meeting. The subcommittee's charge is to develop prescriptions for the THPs to accelerate the development of late seral forest characteristics, while providing for demonstration, research, and recreation opportunities. Minutes from the June 3 subcommittee meeting are available on Google Groups: <http://groups.google.com/group/jackson-advisory-group/files> . Next meeting of the subcommittee is July 21 in Santa Rosa.

John Helms, chairman of the subcommittee, reviewed the due dates for the subcommittee's work:

Action	Brandon THP Due Date	Camp 3 THP Due Date
Subcommittee report to JAG members	July 23	August 27
JAG discusses subcommittee report and develops recommendations	August 1-2 JAG meeting	Sept. 5-6 JAG Meeting
JAG recommendations due to Director	August 9	Sept. 19
Director's decision and all other necessary information to CAL FIRE Staff	September 1	November 1
THP amendment filed for CAL FIRE Forest Practice Review	October 15	December 15
Operations on THP can commence	April 1, 2009	April 1, 2009

Public comment on this item indicated a concern that access roads to JDSF are poorly marked, particularly with respect to recreation opportunities. Another comment suggested that monitoring of carbon sequestration, both above ground and in the soil, could be an important element of the research component of these THPs.

#### 7. Work Plan Development—Part I

The facilitator used a combination of small group and whole group processes to start the discussion of Work Plan development. The Work Plan is called for in the JAG Charter. The discussion process led to the development of Attachment 2.

#### 8. Subcommittee Progress Reports

Each of the three subcommittees provided brief reports of their work.

##### **Forest Structure Subcommittee**

Kathy Bailey is working with JDSF staff to find out information is available on Forest stand structure.

##### **Science, Demonstration, and Outreach Subcommittee**

The subcommittee developed a table of the JAG responsibilities that are designated by the Charter and the Management Plan (see Attachment 1). The subcommittee concluded that the structure of the three established subcommittees fits these responsibilities well.

##### **Forest Management Subcommittee**

The subcommittee met informally on May 14. They are looking into a number of areas, which are documented in Attachment 4.

## 9. Work Plan Development—Part II

The JAG had extensive additional discussion of Work Plan development, with key comments presented below.

Some of the JAG members emphasized the importance of Charter items A1 and A2 (related to forest structure goals and silviculture) as areas the JAG should address; item A4 (recreation) also was identified as being important. Kathy Bailey stressed that more information was needed on current forest structure, especially for older forest areas, in order to address future forest structure goals.

John Helms briefly described the approach taken at University of California, Berkeley, Blodgett Forest to forest structure, silviculture, and research.

Brad Valentine indicated a need for information on where and how to consider the range of natural variation. He also indicated that neighboring landowners may have stands that could be useful for collaborative research and demonstration purposes. He noted that in some areas, there could be conflicts between JDSF purposes, e.g., recreation activities may conflict with the protection of marbled murrelet habitat.

Mike Liquori said that the JAG would need to look at the Forest's research, demonstration, and monitoring objectives, and then consider how the landscape needs to complement these. He also said that direction would be needed regarding how to manage riparian areas for listed species and how management could restore desired functions.

Vince Taylor raised the question of how much area of each vegetation type would be needed to have enough variety for research. He also suggested that the context of forestry in the state will be changing over time due to population growth, increasing demands for recreation, and shifts in land ownership.

Vince Taylor identified a need for more information about carbon sequestration, climate change, and related management issues. Crawford Tuttle also emphasized the importance of climate change issues.

John Helms suggested the importance of identifying priority, mission-oriented areas of research and that the Forest should be managed to maintain a wide range of stand conditions for research.

Linda Perkins and Peter Braudrick said they thought it was important to move up the establishment of the recreation users group and the recreation survey.

There was some initial discussion of revisiting the JAG's subcommittee structure, but no decisions were made.

## 10. Review of Day's Discussion

With the assistance of Facilitator Gina Bartlett, the JAG briefly reviewed the day's discussion and action items.

The June 13 meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

The June 14 meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

## 11. Work Plan Development Part III

Discussion of Work Plan development continues for a third session. Attachment 3 shows the product of the discussion. Points from the discussion are summarized below.

Mike Liquori provided the initial template for the Work Plan framework. Other JAG members suggested additional items.

There was a general discussion of information requests by the JAG. Several members stated that they needed basic information to help them consider various management issues.

Kathy Bailey suggested that more specificity be added to the forest structure task of the Charter.

Vince stated that the forest structure decision is very important and should be one of the last JAG tasks.

Mike Jani suggested that Charter tasks A1 and 2 are the JAG's top priority, but that the Forest Management Plan should be carefully reviewed first.

Gina Bartlett suggested that the JAG needs to discuss the Forest Management Plan and request information. The group would want to know what the long-term target condition is, what the constraints are.

Mike Liquori stated that the research and demonstration plan should be better defined.

John Helms suggested that education and outreach be added to the R&D plan.

John Helms suggested that the current sub-committees be disbanded, that sub-committees would come and go, depending upon the subject matter being considered.

Mike Liquori stated that resource allocation and R&D questions go hand-in-hand.

Brad Valentine stated that some R&D questions are needed before resource allocations can be made.

Linwood Gill suggested that the JAG get moving on consideration of Charter tasks A1 and 2, and elevate task 4 (recreation).

Linda Perkins suggested that the JAG begin considering a specific task, to get going on something.

John Helms suggested that the JAG needed to first define what an R&D forest is. How does an R&D forest differ from other forest ownerships. This task should be completed prior to resource allocation.

Vince disagreed with Linwood Gill, stating that tasks A1 and 2 should wait for a year, and that the JAG needs a better understanding of all issues. He stated that there are 2.5 years remaining.

Kathy Bailey agreed with Vince Taylor's sentiment. She wants to know what information is available, and to spend a lot of time in the Forest. She stated that tours tend to return to the same places due to accessibility.

Peter Braudrick stated that the JAG should first define what a demonstration forest is.

Forest Tilley agreed with Vince Taylor and Kathy Bailey that the JAG needs to get to the field, read the Forest Management Plan, and the JAG's charge is to review the Forest Management Plan and make recommendations on modification.

Vince Taylor suggested that small groups of 2 persons go to JDSF for information and report back to the JAG.

Mike Jani agreed with Vince Taylor's idea.

Kathy Bailey suggested that the group tour the JDSF road system, that there is a good road system.

Mike Anderson stated that he favors John Helms idea of disbanding the sub-committees. He wants to set up the recreation user group. The August and September meetings will be devoted to prescriptions for Brandon Gulch and Camp 3. The JAG should begin with a discussion of resource allocation at the next meeting. JDSF should provide a presentation on the Forest Management Plan and management constraints.

Jere Melo stated that the JAG should support JDSF and get the program going. The recreation, sales, minor forest products need to be operational. He agreed with Mike Anderson. The Forest Management Plan and Environmental Impact Report have been completed and adopted. Social and economic effects associated with an absence of an operational forest management program are of concern.

Gina Bartlett suggested that field visits are a priority for the JAG. What is an R&D forest. The recreational user group should be formulated. August and September



meetings will be devoted to Brandon and Camp 3. The JAG should formulate R&D questions and make information requests. The JAG needs to consider future conditions.

Jere Melo suggested that the JAG include input from staff regarding management progress.

Kathy Bailey suggested that recreation be moved to July and asked Peter Braudrick to make a list of recreational groups.

Peter Braudrick indicated that he would provide a 2-page report on recreation for the late-serial sub-committee.

Mike Jani suggested that Charter item A4 be moved up, and that a group of 2 persons discuss recreation with a users group. This sub-committee would report back on what they learn from the recreationalists.

Mike Anderson stated that Charter items A1 and 2 are the JAG's top priority.

Vince Taylor stated he believed that the JAG had reached consensus on initiating a recreational user group.

Lynn Webb stated that JDSF staff had begun work on formation of a recreational user group by beginning a list, and suggested that the JAG work with JDSF staff on this.

Brad Valentine indicated that the Charter task is to advise JDSF on process.

Mike Anderson indicated that a recreational interface with JAG was needed. JDSF should provide information on recreational user group progress to the JAG at the July meeting.

Vince Taylor stated that the JAG should set up the recreational user group.

Marc Jameson stated that the Charter requests advice from the JAG, not that the JAG form a user group.

Kathy Bailey stated that the JAG should receive a user group report from JDSF prior to the next meeting.

Action Item: A subcommittee of Vince Taylor and Peter Braudrick will meet with JDSF staffer Craig Pedersen concerning the current list of recreational users, then meet with some recreational groups and report back to the JAG at the July meeting, making a recommendation for a JDSF recreational user group and the role for a JDSF recreation subcommittee.

Mike Liquori suggested that the JAG sub-divide the Forest Management Plan review, and review one chapter per month. Research and Demonstration questions can be put off until 2009. First deal with the definition of a Research and Demonstration forest. Move up the consideration of visioning, taking on a little at a time, perhaps beginning in October.

Mike Anderson requested a presentation of the Forest Management Plan at the July meeting, with a focus upon Charter items A1 and 2 plus constraints, combined with a field trip.

Kathy Bailey suggested that the JAG read Chapter 3 and the Goals in the Forest Management Plan.

Gina Bartlett suggested that the question of what is a Research and Demonstration forest be considered in July, along with a focus on Charter items A1 and 2.

Mike Jani stated that specific research and demonstration questions can be identified at any time.

Gina Bartlett suggested that there be on-going bins to capture issues related to research and demonstration, outreach, education, and monitoring and adaptive management.

John Helms volunteered to be the keeper of the bins.

Mike Jani suggested that after the July meeting, the entire JAG consider what information is needed and available.

Kathy Bailey asked if she could determine what information is available from JDSF. The groups supported this.

Action Item: Kathy Bailey will meet with JDSF staff and report back to the JAG in July concerning JDSF information that is available to the group.

Linda Perkins suggested that the JDSF July presentation include a report on information availability.

Brad Valentine requested a list of GIS layers and accompanying metadata if available.

Action Item: The JAG approved of Vince Taylor's request to meet with Sebastian Roberts.

Kathy Bailey requested a monthly staff report.

Gina Bartlett asked whether the July meeting should include a field trip, and if so, on what day.

Action Item: The July meeting will include a Friday field trip. The purpose of the field trip is to provide an overview of resource condition at JDSF, and may begin with a tour of the Camp 20 grove.

## 12. Other Items

John Helms requested volunteers to serve as vice chair of the JAG. The appointment of a vice chair will be put off until later on. He suggested that facilitated meetings continue.

Vince Taylor recommended Steve Zuiebach as facilitator.

Mike Jani suggested that Gina Bartlett continue as facilitator due to the institutional memory that she has accumulated on the work of the JAG.

John Helms indicated that he would work with Gina Bartlett and CAL FIRE on the facilitator issue.

Brad Valentine suggested that the group keep science in mind.

The June 14 meeting adjourned to the Field Tour at 12:30 PM

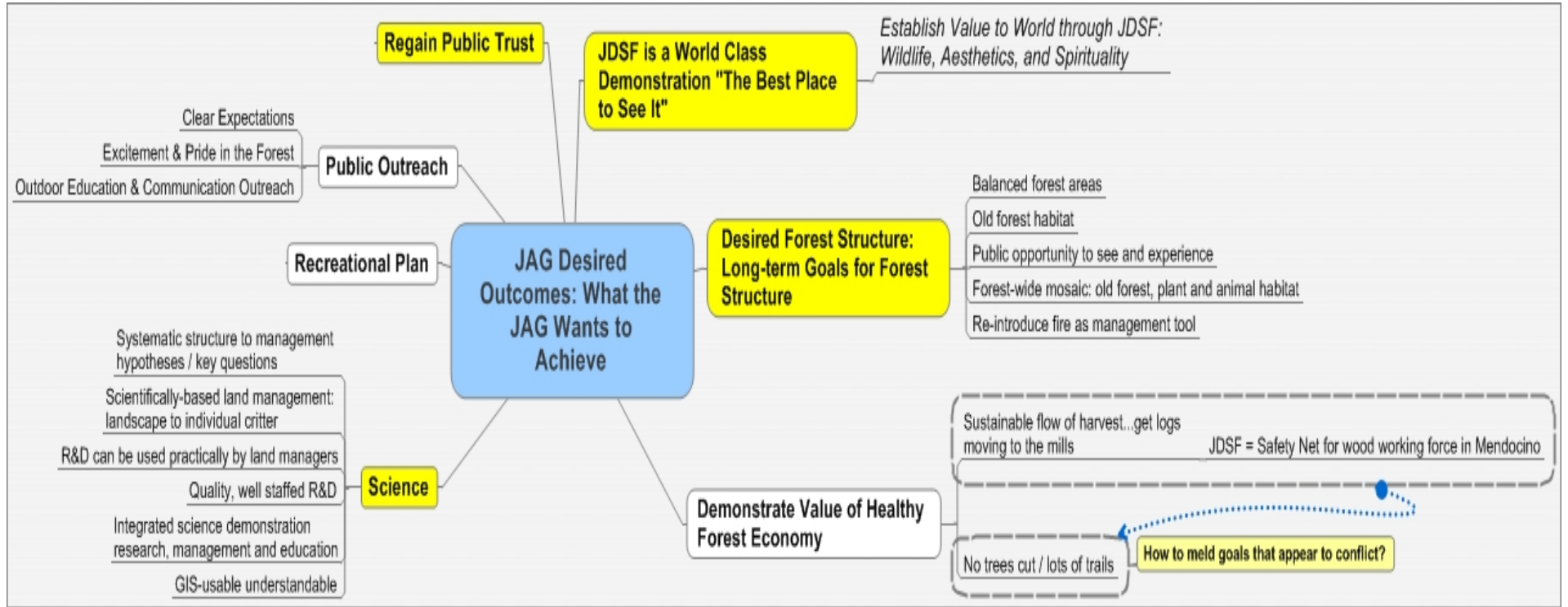
## 13. Field Tour

The focus of the Tour was proposed late seral forest development management approaches for the Brandon Gulch and Camp 3 timber sales. The Tour began at Camp One, proceeding by vehicle to the junction of Roads 360 and 363, thence on foot along Road 360 to Road 362, then up Road 362 to Road 1000, west on Road 1000 approximately one-quarter mile, then generally downslope along a trending ridge to Road 360, then to the vehicles. The tour completed at approximately 4:30 PM.

## Attachment 1


<b>Summarized Responsibilities of the JAG per the JAG Charter and the JDSF Management Plan</b>			
<b>Source</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Page #</b>	
<b>Charter: Initial Implementation Period Priorities</b>	Forest Structure Goals & Silvicultural Treatments	1	
	Long Terms Goals	Late Seral Distribution	1
		Old Growth Structure Zones	1
		Residual Old-Growth	1
		Hardwood Controls with Herbicides	1
		Recreation	1
<b>Charter: Ongoing Priorities</b>	Management Plan Implementation	1	
	Forest Management Policies	1	
	Even-Age Harvest Practices	1	
<b>Additional Duties by Reference (in Management Plan)</b>	Research & Demonstration Priorities	Needs	5
		Priorities	5
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## Attachment 2



**Attachment 3**

**Jackson Advisory Group Draft Work Plan**

<b>July 2008</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec 2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Staff Presentation: <b>Management Plan Goals &amp; Desired Outcomes</b> and Related Available Information	<b>Brandon Gulch Review</b>	<b>Camp 3 Review</b>	<b>Forest Visioning:</b> future, limitations, trends in populations, etc; legal constraints	<b>Long Term Goals:</b> Late Seral Development & Old Growth Structure (% allocation and programmatic)		(Ch 4) <b>Research &amp; Demonstration:</b> Identifying Questions and Developing an Agenda	
Define: <b>What is a Research Forest?</b>			Information Needs			(Ch 5) <b>Monitoring &amp; Adaptive Management</b>	
Proposal on <b>Recreation User Engagement</b>							
<b>Field Visits:</b> Lots of Time in the Field							
<b>Ongoing Bins to Track Insights &amp; Inform Agenda Items</b>							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research &amp; Demonstration</li> <li>2. Education/Outreach</li> <li>3. Monitoring and Adaptive Management</li> <li>3. Staffing Needed to Implement the Forest Management Plan</li> </ol>							
<b>Public Outreach</b> 							
<b>Science Always Informing Work</b>							

## Attachment 4

### Forest Management Subcommittee Notes

Below are the items listed on the flip charts at our meeting of May 14, 2008, our initial meeting. I've expanded some of these based on the discussion and some of my own thoughts.

Everyone should amend and add to the items to reflect their own understanding.

Please use MS Word "Track Changes" (under Tools) when making modifications and recirculate to our group.

I placed the Recommendations first, because these are the meat of our discussion. The Needs and Issues are the context for the recommendations.

This is obviously a very preliminary listing of areas of concern for the JAG and possible recommendations. The hope is that this listing will bring forth more thoughts and ideas.

#### ***Recommendations to consider***

- Look into staffing projections for JDSF. Staff needs to be adequate to meet management needs and JAG staffing needs.
  - Explore grants to fund staff positions
- Establish JAG subcommittee on recreation with representation of all recreation groups and types of users.
  - Engage ORV community in exploring solutions
  - Explore possibility of neighborhood "Friends of Jackson" groups focused on recreation, data collection, and policing in local forest area.
- Make an inventory of all trails
- Explore grants for road inventory and remediation
- Relate inventory data to management units.
- Create and maintain GIS-based information system.
  - Use this system to collect and display monitoring information.
  - Mine historical data and incorporate in GIS information system
- Be aware that Upper Big River holding of the Conservation Fund could become available for addition to Jackson State Forest.

#### ***Needs***

- FRIF legislation – what is current law, how does it apply to JDSF revenues and funding.
- Profit and Loss Statements for JDSF. Is there a breakdown by category of operation, such as timber harvesting, recreation, facility maintenance, showing revenue generation and costs of operation by category?
- Budget compared to actual costs for JDSF for some number of past years. As JDSF has been under severe budget constraints since 2002, there is some question about the relevance of past comparisons for the future, but the existence of this system is important for management effectiveness.

- Projected Budgets for JDSF for the next 3 years, and projected budgets for the State Forest System as a whole beyond the next 3 years. These different budgets are relevant to planning timber harvests for JDSF, because during the initial 3-year period, timber harvests need to cover the costs of Jackson operation. Beyond 3 years, revenues from Jackson can be used to support the entire state forest system, including Jackson.
- Status and plan for inventorying the roads. This is a priority, because such an inventory is central to planning for rehabilitation, decommissioning, and obtaining grants for these purposes.
- Baseline inventory information for the forest, including timber, botanicals, fish, and wildlife.
  - What is now available from historical sources?
  - Need to be made useful and accessible. Put in GIS database
- Current timber inventory information.

### ***Issues for Public and Forest Users***

- Dumping
- Off Road Vehicles (ORV) – Demand for ORV access and damage from unauthorized ORV use
- Campgrounds – now used a lot by homeless and itinerants. Consider length of stay rules (now set by state code) and possible fees.
- Firewood sales – high demand from the public
- Access for recreation and hunting – roads closed off by gates prevent access, protect resources in winter.
- Timber harvesting near residential areas
- Mushrooming