

Recreation Work Plan – Recreation Committee Suggested Revisions

Jackson Demonstration State Forest

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JAG Recreation Committee is expected to:

- Continue working with the recreation community to enhance recreation opportunities in Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF).
 - Facilitate ongoing work to develop and publish maps and information that will enhance use of forest trails and roads.
 - Work with staff and users to develop a cooperative low-cost project, such as signage at entry roads and intersections, to involve user groups and show them “good faith” progress on the part of JDSF.
 - Act as a liaison between recreation users and JDSF staff, including participation in meetings of the User Group Task Force.
- Provide advice to the JAG on forming and structuring a Recreation User Group Task Force, based on the input that it has received on this subject from the recreation community.
 - The JAG will review the advice of the Recreation Committee and make its recommendations to JDSF staff on establishing and utilizing the User Group Task Force. JDSF staff request this guidance from JAG by mid-January 2009.
 - The Recreation Committee will assist JDSF staff in selecting members for the Recreation User Group Task Force.
- Solicit input from the recreation community regarding development and collection of user survey information. Provide JDSF staff advice on the process of conducting a user survey.
- Provide JDSF staff advice on developing a recreation plan.
- Attend Task Force meetings as necessary/desired.

JDSF staff tasks:

- Support low-cost efforts of users to enhance recreation opportunities in JDSF.
- Develop a draft document on Task Force structure, purpose and representation, taking into account recommendations of the JAG Recreation Committee. Develop a draft PSA soliciting membership on the Task Force.
- Complete prior to January 7, 2009 so that it can be reviewed by the JAG at its January 12-13, 2009 meeting.

- Place PSA's in local newspapers soliciting applications for Task Force membership, with a deadline of February 13, 2008 Follow up with radio announcements.
- Printed placement by January 23, 2008 (which requires delivery to weekly newspapers by January 16, 2008)
- Conduct interviews of candidates February 16 to March 28, 2008, with final selection by March 6.
- Conduct Task Force meetings. Hold first meeting by March 28, 2009.
- Task force members will work with members of respective User Groups to achieve the following goals:
 - Assist with involving users in developing and maintaining trails and associated infrastructure.
 - Assist the department to address conflicts between user groups.
 - Address how to mitigate land adjacency conflicts, such as shooting, off-road vehicle use, and mushroom collecting.
 - Address the issue of protecting recreation resources, including but not limited to the use of "recreation corridors," and attributes that should be protected.
 - Provide input on how to reduce damage from illegal activities.
 - Review current recreation policies and plans.
 - Develop recreation survey concepts specific to their interest area.
 - Provide input on the development of a JDSF Recreation Plan.
 - Help develop a recreation calendar for annual planned events.
 - Address other issues that are of concern to recreation users.
- Using the guidance of the Task Force, the results of the recreation users' survey, and the advice of the JAG, JDSF staff will develop a recreation plan for the Forest that identifies short-term and long-term priorities for enhancement of recreation opportunities. Staff will continue to consult with the Task Force throughout implementation of the plan, being open to modification of priorities and implementation methods based on user feedback.

Note on Organization

The Organization chart distributed by Cal Fire at the recent JAG meeting had JDSF in the center, with the JAG, the JAG Recreation Committee, and the Task Force all providing advice to JDSF. There was no connection between the User Group Task Force and the JAG Recreation Committee. We suggest rearranging the chart so that the Task Force is below JDSF and showing a two-way advisory relationship between the User Group Task Force and the JAG Recreation Committee.