

Jackson Demonstration State Forest
Monthly Activity Report
March 2009

Administration:

The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) economics subcommittee met in Fort Bragg on March 12, 2009 and the landscape subcommittee met in Santa Rosa on March 13, 2009.

The JDSF office was closed for the ordered furlough on March 6.

JDSF Staff met with the Sacramento Contracts Office staff and Region Technical Services staff to review the contract process and gain a better understanding of each program.

Tina Fabula delivered a presentation on biological considerations at a CEQA training on March 11, 2009. Craig Pedersen attended the training.

Three staff members attended certified timber faller recertification training this month.

Timber Sale Preparation and Administration:

Second review of the Dunlap North THP was completed.

The Northfork Spur THP and associated Option "a" are scheduled for second review this month.

Timber sale contract packages for Northfork Spur and 14 Gulch THPs are progressing. Field tours of the timber sales for prospective bidders are scheduled for April.

THP field preparation activities are continuing in the Dunlap South, Upper Parlin and in the South Whiskey Springs areas.

Field staff have been marking timber in several timber sale areas.

Research and Demonstration:

The New Caspar Fish Ladders functioned well during their first high water event.

Lynn Webb will meet with the informal redwood genetics group on May 17.

Design for the Camp Three monitoring plots is underway.

Research and Demonstration staff are identifying fire research opportunity locations in the 2008 burn area.

Lynn Webb will attend the Spring Meeting of the Mendocino Coast Weed Management area, which JDSF is a founding partner.

Recreation:

Solicitation for membership on the JDSF recreation user's group task force was published in the local newspapers. The solicitation was also emailed to those who have provided their contact information at past JAG recreation subcommittee meetings.

Campgrounds are being visited to determine necessary maintenance activities prior to opening.

All day-use areas remain open.

Permitted mushroom picking continues to remain high.

Roads:

Designated roads have been closed for the season to minimize potential for damage to the road system and environment.

Illegal use of the forest by OHVs and full size four wheel drive vehicles continues to result in damage to road surfaces.

Road winterization has been completed.

Winter road inspections are on-going with no major problems being reported.

Law Enforcement:

Illegal abandonment of vehicles and garbage dumping remain a significant problem.

Several individuals were contacted and issued warnings for "four-wheeling" in pullouts and berms along open roads.

LE staff assisted in a search and rescue effort coordinated by the Mendocino Sheriffs Office for a lost mushroom picker on the west end of the Forest.

The lock on the School House at Camp 20 was cut but there was no apparent theft or damage. A brass plaque was taken from the kiosk at Camp 20.

Locks have been cut from several gates throughout the Forest.

Several trees were felled and removed throughout the Forest.

