

Jackson Demonstration State Forest  
Monthly Activity Report  
June 2009

Administration:

The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) met in Fort Bragg on June 26 and 27, 2009. Committee reports, discussion, and breakout sessions of the Landscape, Research, and Economics are scheduled both days.

Forestry aides Marc Barker and Drew Fitzpatrick began their seasonal employment.

Forestry Aide Patrick Lendrum has returned to school to obtain a Masters degree.

Fred Postler attended a grant-sponsored GIS/Remote Sensing course in Redding.

Timber Sale Preparation and Administration:

The Dunlap North THP bid opening was held on June 9, 2009. There were no bids.

THP field preparation activities are continuing in the Dunlap North and South, Upper Parlin, South Whiskey Springs and in the Camp 6 areas. Field staff are continuing marking timber in several timber sale areas.

The Hare Creek THP went through 2<sup>nd</sup> Review.

Northern Spotted Owl surveys are nearing completion. Marbled murrelet surveys are ongoing. All field work for early and mid season botanical surveys have been completed by the contract botanist.

Tech Services completed 2 of the property line projects (Caspar area and Brandon Gulch/Camp 6).

Research and Demonstration:

JDSF staff worked with an undergraduate student from Marlborough College in Vermont who was interested in fire effects. The protocol developed by JDSF staff may be useful for other students interested in field projects.

UC Berkley researchers have begun conducting the study of fire and Redwood sprouts.

The geology and water flows near the Caspar South Fork Fish Ladder were examined by Julie Bawcom of CGS with assistance of Forest Service and JDSF staff.

JDSF staff worked Forest Service folks to install the summer removable weirs at the new Caspar Fish Ladders.

June 13 the combined costal and inland chapters of the California Native Plant society held a field trip on JDSF, hiking up to Bob Woods Meadows. JDSF staff shared information on history, characteristics of the alkali springs, and soils.

On June 18 a Cone Collection workshop will be conducted at JDSF by CALFIRE Nursery staff. If the cone crop remains as promising as the early indications, this year may offer a rare opportunity to build seed reserves for redwood.

JDSF research staff are working with UC Berkley Researchers on details of the Sudden Oak Death Study with the RPF for Dunlap North.

Whiskey Springs- Lindquist Study will be moved to a new phase as JDS staff plan the South Whiskey Springs harvest in that area. Staff is also looking for study plot locations for a potential Multi-Cohort Silviculture study by HSU Researchers.

Annual invasive weed work has commenced on the forest with over 300 star-thistle plants hand pulled.

#### Recreation:

Members of the JDSF recreation user's group task force have been selected and the first meeting of the group is scheduled for July 2, 2009. Nine members representing the various interests were selected.

All campgrounds and day use areas are open with the exception of a few that remain closed pending completion of biological surveys in the area.

The Dunlap area campground use remains relatively light while the Camp One area campgrounds have been full the past few weekends.

#### Roads:

A culvert on Forest Road 70 was replaced as a timber harvest plan requirement.

Road maintenance has been completed on Forest Roads 200 and 500.

Numerous barriers have been removed and or bypassed by four-wheel drive vehicles. Various barricade options are being explored.

#### Law Enforcement:

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

A reported assault in one of the campgrounds resulted in a vehicle accident, cuts to a camper's hands and arms (he reportedly punched through the vehicles windows), and a DUI arrest. CALFIRE LE Officers were not dispatched.

Three individuals were contacted on Road 100 for illegal camping. A disabled motor home and passenger vehicle, numerous vehicle batteries and other refuse, marijuana plants, substantial personal belongings were strewn about the area. Investigation continues.

Several campers were evicted from the campgrounds for repeated failure to comply with the permit. Violations include: failure to keep pets under physical control, occupancy time limits, illegal vehicles, failure to attend campfire.

Conservation Camp Crews removed a substantial quantity of refuse from an abandon marijuana garden/camp area.

A toddler was bit and/or struck by a small dog in one of the campgrounds. The child's parents were unwilling to press charges even if the dog's owners were located. Mendocino County Animal Control is attempting to locate the dog for quarantine.

Several small marijuana grows, ranging from 6-12 plants, were removed.

A contractor's employee was involved in an ATV accident on the forest. LE staff investigated the incident.