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Dear Director Pimlott,

I am today resigning from membership on the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group. I do so with sincere regret.

My resignation is the direct result of the actions taken by the Board of Forestry on the Advisory Group's recommendations for future management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF).

By selectively choosing from the Advisory Group's recommendations, the Board unraveled the unanimously supported consensus that the Group worked arduously for 2-1/2 years to achieve.

If I were to remain a member of the Advisory Group, I would be tacitly accepting the actions of the Board. To do so would betray the thousands of people who have relied on me to represent their desire for meaningful reform of JDSF management.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter to the Board of Forestry explaining in detail why the Board's actions were deplorable.

I wish to stress that my resignation in no way reflects on the behavior of CALFIRE with respect to the Advisory Group. Your senior staff were exemplary in their attitude, responsiveness, and personal courtesy. I would especially commend Russ Henly, who provided exceptional support despite all of the other demands on his time. Marc Jameson, who did not agree with many of the recommendations being formulated by the JAG when he was JDSF Manager, never allowed his disagreements to interfere with timely and excellent fulfillment of Advisory Group requests.

I have an appointment to see you at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 7. We can discuss the situation created by the Board at that time. I hope also to be able to give you the benefit of my long association with the controversies over JDSF management.

Sincerely,



Vince Taylor

Encl: Letter to Board of Forestry from Vince Taylor, September 6, 2011