

August 8, 2008

Ruben Grijalva, Director  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Director Grijalva:

**RE: Recommendations Regarding Changes to the Brandon Gulch THP, Jackson  
Demonstration State Forest**

I am pleased to provide you the attached report from the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group containing its complete recommendations regarding changes to the Brandon Gulch Timber Harvest Plan.

As directed by the Settlement Agreement, the report provides a recommended prescription that demonstrates treatments aimed at accelerating development of late-seral forest conditions. The prescription also recognizes the importance of recreation uses, and suggestions are made for providing information to the public relating to the compatibility of forest management with diverse social and ecological values.

The Jackson Advisory Group decided to provide a single treatment prescription. A subsequent second entry in approximately 20 years should be considered after evaluating effects of the first entry.

The attached report was adopted by the 13-member Advisory Group in the following manner:

Unqualified Support .....	
Strong Support .....	10
General Support .....	1
Qualified Support .....	
Fundamental Disagreement ...	
Absent .....	2

I would be pleased to clarify any component of this report should the need arise.

Sincerely,

John A. Helms  
Chair, Jackson Advisory Group

Encl.: Jackson Advisory Group Report  
cc: Stan Dixon, Chairman, California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection