

JDSF Monthly Report to JAG

January 9, 2009

General Forest Mangement:

- Ed Powers will install speed bumps on Rd 500 to slow down vehicle traffic.
- A new caution sign has been placed on JDSF east of Ed Powers's property for west-bound traffic. The old sign remains on Powers property for east-bound traffic. Mr. Powers prefers the older version of the sign.
- Large DF tree felled illegally across Road 500 last weekend. The tree has been removed to Parlin Fork Camp. JDSF Patrol Officer cited individuals removing tree for firewood.
- The Caspar Creek fish ladders are near completion, but bond fund expenditures have been curtailed by the Dept of Finance.
- Annual compilation of long term stream temperature monitoring data is complete. A second spike or peak in temperature occurred in most of the watersheds. Number of monitoring sites were increased using updated equipment purchased in 2007.

Timber Harvest Plan and Timber Sale Preparation:

- Hare Creek THP preparation is nearing completion.
- Dunlap North THP has been submitted for review by the Forest Practice Program.
- An amendment to the Camp 3 THP was filed. A second amendment dealing with helicopter landings and access routes is pending.
- South Whiskey Springs and Dunlap South THP field prep is progressing.
- Brandon Gulch timber marking is expected to resume in the near future.
- The NF Spur THP (with Option A) remains in the review process.
- SF Caspar Creek THP field preparation has been temporarily suspended due to training committments. USFS continues to work on the research study plan.

JAG interaction:

- Provided maps and analysis per JAG Landscape committee requests. Staff continues to prepare a map of current conditions relative to Management Plan Table 7.
- Provided maps and analysis per Vince Taylor requests
- Provided tour of Brandon Gulch THP sample marking, Jan 5.

Personnel:

- Remaining 2 seasonal aides have been laid off for the season.
- David Amadhi has reported to the CAL FIRE academy for 6 weeks of Company Officer training. David had been working on the SF Caspar THP.
- Existing staff vacancies will remain unfilled for an indefinite period, due to the budget situation.

Roads:

- Asphalt grindings have been applied to the surface of Road 500 from the junction of Caspar Logging road to approximately Road 530.
- Staff continues to conduct road maintenance inspections and complete emergency repairs.
- Conservation Camp crews are brushing roads throughout the forest.

Recreation:

- The new forest map is scheduled to be printed January 12th.
- Staff is working on CEQA documentation for maintenance of existing trails and other recreation projects.
- Staff received the suggested recreation work plan revisions and draft Task Force letter from the JAG recreation committee. The documents are under review.

Law Enforcement:

- Two individuals were cited for illegally cutting firewood on Road 500.
- Many illegal trash dumps have been discovered and cleaned up in past few weeks.
- Illegal OHV use seems to have increased in the Hare Creek area recently.
- Several illegal campers were evicted from the forest.