

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I wish to add my name to Gene Parsons' letter. I too am a local family practice physician, a homeowner on the coast with a family of four. What drew me here from out of state 12 years ago was the rare combination of tremendous natural beauty, and a genuinely caring community.

The local forest trails are a vital part of life for many of us, and are a huge draw for much needed tourism which supports local businesses, in turn providing the tax dollars that we all depend upon. The JDSF trails now at risk have been developed and are maintained by hand, by locals with respect for drainage concerns and environmental diversity. Recent attempts to partner with JDSF have been only partially successful. Cyclists have supplied many hours of labor on trails where bicycles are not allowed. We have respected trail closures. Requests to do minor modifications to logging boundaries, and remediation of trails after timber harvest have been minimally successful. Logging provides a brief burst of dollars and leaves behind decades of ugliness, whereas tourism pays growing dividends every year. Quality of life is priceless. We do not oppose logging per se, we just ask that it not destroy a precious resource close to our homes. JDSF has tens of thousands of acres to draw upon.

We are aware that JDSF is a state agency. We are in hopes that you can intervene for us, but if not please notify us promptly so that we can voice our concerns properly before it is too late.

Sincerely yours,

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