

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention through the work of the Mendocino Trail Stewards that there are plans to log seven areas of Jackson State Demonstration Forest in the near future. I am appalled that the community was not adequately made aware of these THP's so that public comments could be heard. I have been a resident of the Mendocino Coast for 40 years, and frequent JSDF on foot and while riding my horse. I would like to see the Caspar 500 THP revoked so that I can continue to enjoy these beautiful old forests with friends and family.. I would like to see more information made public on the other plans.

Our community depends on ecotourism to draw visitors to our area to support our declining local economy. Hiking and biking these forests is a major tourist draw to the Mendocino Coast and hence supports our local businesses.

Additionally, old trees have thicker bark and more protection from fires. The forests support a wealth of biological diversity that we are only just beginning to understand and study.

It is time for a change in how we manage JSDF. We need to manage mature forests for true forest health and at the same time preserve old forests for future enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Quentin