

I am writing in support of the resolution requesting a scientific review of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF). I do so based on the premise that such a review will substantiate that JDSF's stewardship and research already addresses climate change and forest resiliency.

JDSF is being managed for multiple resource values including wildlife habitat and watershed protection, recreation, as well as timber production. It is fundamentally a false premise that JDSF's only goal is the generation of timber revenues and that a forest is "protected" by simply letting nature take its course.

Lastly, I should also note that JDSF made significant changes to its management as a result of the last review of its Forest Management Plan. Based on my interactions with the JDSF staff, it is clear that it fully recognizes that forest stewardship is an adaptive not a static process, and that it is open to adjusting its management based on well-grounded scientific evidence.

Thank you for your attention.

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