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Hello Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking up the critical public issue of how our Jackson State Forest is managed.

I am a resident of Mendocino County and I want to see our – the people of California's – Jackson State Demonstration Forest treated as the valuable resource that it is: a living, carbon sequestering, life-enhancing treasure. It's long past time to stop using it as a commodity to slash and plunder.

The science that details better ways to manage JDSF is well-established. Forests' critical role in mitigating climate change is accepted fact world-wide. We do not need another study to support the need for a change in approach. The scientific community agrees that present approaches to logging forests contributes to climate change because it depletes the forests' ability to absorb vast amounts of the warming gas CO₂. Restoring forest landscapes helps enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation. New research from studies already conducted around the world shows that trees are consuming more carbon dioxide than previously reported, making forests even more important in regulating the Earth's atmosphere and forever shift how we think about climate change.

Management of JDSF needs to come into compliance with Governor Newsom's (Oct 07, 2020) EXECUTIVE ORDER N-82-20 . We need an end to the dangerous pretense that logging is the only or best way to manage this valuable resource.

Thank you,
Cynthia Gair
Mendocino