

Monday, November 15, 2021

From: Willits Environmental Center
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To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Re: BOS Mon. 11/15/21 Meeting Agenda Item 4a), Adoption of Resolution Concerning Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management

Dear Chair Gjerde and Members of the Board;

The Willits Environmental Center urges the Board to adopt the above referenced resolution as a first step in registering Mendocino County's call to the State to alter and update the management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest to "demonstrate" the carbon storing capacity of this unique biome.

This forest, managed for its carbon sequestration, cooling, and moisture capturing capacity, is a sophisticated, self-sustaining, proven technological phenomenon capable of buffering the affects of climate change and it is staring us in the face. We hope that adopting this resolution will help turn the corner on how the State views and manages this forest, and thus be one step this County can take to contribute to the State's surviving the impacts of climate change.

We want to thank Chair Gjerde and Supervisor Williams for bringing this important resolution to the full Board.

Sincerely,

Ellen Drell, for the Willits Environmental Center