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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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by email to BOS@mendocinocounty.org

RE: Agenda Item 4.a, November 15, 2021

**Resolution 21. REQUESTING SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF JACKSON
DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST (JDSF)**

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Leadership Team of the Coast Democratic Club, I am writing to strongly urge your consideration and vote of support for Resolution 21.

As the climate changes we experience in Mendocino County continue to manifest in devastating ways, specifically our horrific fires and severe drought, we look to our leaders to mitigate its dangerous effects.

We are concerned that logging has commenced in JDSF. The JDSF Timber Harvest Plan adopted by CalFire is outdated. It does not appear to reflect the States commitment to achieve climate goals to protect 30% of the States' land and coastal waters by 2030.

Logging in JDSF outside of a scientific review of its effects on our climate concerns all of us. We implore the BOS to take responsibility and a leadership role in seeking this review.

The State's Natural Resources Agency has been charged by Governor Newsom to provide a plan by February 2022. Currently, Resources is working on a draft of a smart climate strategy for working lands.

Urgent reconciliation of State Agency policies and current climate goals is needed. We look to our enlightened local leaders to call upon the State to reconcile the conflicting interests that undermine a clear path forward based on adherence to climate science.

Regards,

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