

Dear Supervisors,

I am not in support of this resolution as written. Of course, management can and should continue to evolve at JDSF. There are systems in place to allow the public to make change at JDSF. The proponents of this resolution have made it clear in their social media and email alerts that they are interested in stopping logging at JDSF. With some of the language in this resolution it could be concluded that the County of Mendocino is requesting the state to halt existing contracts.

I am concerned for the local contractors and business effected by such a position. The extreme overhead costs of being a logger or mill, make these businesses vulnerable. The state has made it clear, in their climate plans, that managed forests are an essential tool in making resilient forests to respond to climate change. We depend on these businesses to perform the needed work in the forests.

To halt logging on existing contracts is unacceptable. The public has robust means of shaping policy and its application in JDSF. This board should:

- support the public making that change through existing democratic processes available to them. This board should
- give its explicit support of the continuation of existing contracts, as the unexpected pause on logging this summer threatens the economic viability of our few precious local operators and our County's only locally owned manufacturer.

This resolution is not benign as it could signal and continued halt on existing contracts. Please stand with democratic processes and the commitments already made to our local businesses.

Sincerely,

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