

Dear Supervisors:

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Sincerely, Annemarie Weibel

Dear Supervisors,

First of all I want to thank you for putting this item on the agenda and urging its passage.

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Requesting Scientific Review of Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

(Sponsors: Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Gjerde)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution requesting scientific review of Jackson Demonstration State Forest; and authorize Chair to sign same.

I realize that by Sunday night (the night before your meeting) you already received about a 1,000 public comments/signatures (which includes the petitions). It seems clear that most of your constituents encourage you to adopt this well crafted resolution. I am adding my enthusiastic support of this resolution and hope it will lead to a moratorium.

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest should be managed for the highest and best uses of this public land and to reflect the environmental imperatives of our time: prioritizing forest carbon sequestration and storage, protection of sacred Native American cultural resources and sites, wildlife conservation, clean water, and recreation. The current management objective, commercial timber production, fails to protect the public's interests and should be reformed to meet today's needs for our public lands. Please request that JDSF will be maintaining the forest for Research, Demonstration, and Recreation, and not for profit primarily. Management of JDSF needs to come into compliance with Governor Newsom's (Oct 07, 2020) EXECUTIVE ORDER N-82-20.

I encourage you to carefully read the comments by Marie Jones, Chair, Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee, Executive Director Jug Handle Creek Farm, Mendocino County Planning Commissioner, and John P. O'Brien, Ph.D., Climate Scientist National Center for Atmospheric Research, as well as the Attachment and the public comments by Mary Rose Kaczorowski.

Glancing at some of the comments you have received from CalFire, Mendocino Redwood Company, Redwood Empire, NCRM, and Lyme Redwood Forest Company it becomes clear that they want you to believe in "their" science. As Mary Rose Kaczorowski in her comments explains is that logging terminology can be manipulated and is often not understood by the public or policymakers. Confusion between these different uses of terms is more common than not. In addition, many variations of terminology mean that technically correct usage may not be descriptive enough to know what is meant in each case. We would like to think that sustainable logging, is not about clear cutting. Unfortunately, certain types of clear cutting are employed —"allowable cut," "even-aged management," "shelter wood harvest," "sustained yield," "variable retention," and "restoration" are often allowed under sustainable forestry practices.

JACKSON IS HOME TO OVER 1,266 SPECIES, NOT COUNTING INSECTS, INCLUDING: COHO AND STEEL-HEAD, 13 AMPHIBIAN SPECIES, 21 MAMMALS, 131 BIRD SPECIES, AND MANY RARE, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED PLANTS. JACKSON IS HOME TO OVER 745 SPECIES OF FUNGI.

I urge you to pass this resolution and to stay engaged in the effort to save Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

Sincerely, Annemarie Weibel
Mendocino coastal resident for 43 years
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