

Jackson Demonstration State Forest
Monthly Activity Report
May 2009

Administration:

The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) met in Fort Bragg on May 15 and 16, 2009. Committee reports, discussion, and breakout sessions of the Landscape, Research, and Economics. A field tour of the west side of the Forest to examine pygmy forest transition area was conducted Saturday morning.

Pam Linstedt and Erik Wahl were assigned to the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara.

Timber Sale Preparation and Administration:

The Northfork Spur THP bid opening was held on May 5, 2009. The Douglas-fir price was established at \$10/Mbf, the bid for redwood was \$50/Mbf.

The 14 Gulch THP bid opening was held April 28, 2009. No bids were received.

The Dunlap North THP bid opening is scheduled for June 9, 2009.

The Hare Creek THP pre-harvest inspection was conducted on May 13, 2009.

THP field preparation activities are continuing in the Dunlap South, Upper Parlin and in the South Whiskey Springs areas. Field staff are continuing marking timber in several timber sale areas.

Research and Demonstration:

Lynn Webb attended the Forest Landowners of California Annual Meeting in Ukiah

JDSF and MEU Resource Protection Staff provided a forestry program for Oak Manor Elementary School of Ukiah on May 14.

Ben Ramage of UC Berkeley, began installation of monitoring transects to research forest disturbance in the Indian fire burn area.

JDSF staff attended botany field training provided by JDSF Biologist Tina Fabula and a botany contractor.

Andy Hubbs attended ICS Field Observer/Display Processor Training.

JDSF staff completed permanent and temporary plot installation for monitoring the silvicultural prescription for accelerated late seral stand development in Camp 3.

Recreation:

Interviews for the JDSF recreation user's group task force were held on May 19 and 20, 2009. Nineteen applicants were scheduled to be interviewed.

Campground maintenance and safety improvements were completed by Jim Buckley and Bob Sallee with the assistance of crews from Chamberlain Creek and Parlin Fork Camps.

Dunlap and Big River campgrounds opened May 11, 2009. The Camp One campgrounds opened the week of May 18.

All day-use areas remain open.

A non-sanctioned bicycle trail was discovered in the Jug Handle Creek area.

Roads:

Designated roads remain closed for the season to minimize potential for damage to the road system and environment.

Illegal use of the forest by OHVs and full size four wheel drive vehicles continues to result in damage to road surfaces. Several gates are being bypassed.

The Resource Conservation District is preparing grant proposals for road decommissioning and upgrades.

Law Enforcement:

Illegal abandonment of vehicles and garbage dumping remain a significant problem.

Staff has received numerous reports and is investigating possible marijuana cultivation within the Forest.

Numerous reports of cultivation activities are being followed up by LE staff.

Numerous illegal campers have been evicted from the Forest.

Illegal shooting is resulting in dumping and shooting of various household items including TVs, monitors, etc.

Numerous juvenile parties and fires are continuing. Cutting of trees and burning of refuse occurs during these events.

