

JDSF Monthly Update for JAG (August 10, 2009)

Stand Management:

Falling and road maintenance work have been initiated in Brandon Gulch. MFP is the timber purchaser and Anderson Logging is the LTO. This was a negotiated sale. Timber yarding is expected to begin within a few days.

Falling, road maintenance, and road construction have been initiated in the NF Spur THP area. Schmidbauer Lumber Co. is the timber purchaser and Anderson Logging is the LTO. This was an open timber sale bid. The winning bid was \$206 per mbf redwood. Timber yarding is expected to begin within a few days.

For both areas, notice was provided to the JAG and the JDSF Recreational Task Force. Notices were also posted in the field and at the JDSF HQ. Recreational closures were put into effect for both areas, including the operating areas, two campgrounds (Camp 6 and Indian Springs), and roads adjacent to the two areas. All other Camp One area campgrounds will remain open. Hauling hours and days are restricted.

Timber sale area inspections are being requested from the JAG Timber Harvest Review Committee for THPs being prepared. The anticipated schedule is as follows:

- SOUTH WHISKEY – August 17, 18, 20, or 21 (group-selection discussion requested)
- DUNLAP SOUTH – August 24-26
- CAMP 6 – September 2-4
- UPPER PARLIN – Sept 8-11
- PLEIADES – Sept. 2-11, best to schedule this one with another at it shouldn't take much time to see/discuss.

Wildlife Surveys

- MAMU surveys have been completed for the season in several different areas with no observations.
- NSO field surveys have been completed, but results have not yet been compiled.

Emergency Response: Three JDSF employees are deployed on emergency incidents in the Shasta County area.

Research and Demonstration:

- Poster and Staff at Salmon BBQ to Highlight JDSF watershed and fish work.
- Whiskey Springs now has design for phase 2 of Lindquist Plots. Tentative location for Multi Cohort research as well.
- Forest Landowners of California field trip preparations are underway. Renovated the Railroad Gulch - Uneven age Management educational loop.
- Preparation for Caspar visit by the Coho Confab. Highlight interagency work with DFG and Forest Service.

- UCB Fire research concluded for season. Working with student on vegetation effects plots.

Recreation:

The Recreation Task Force met on August 6, 2009. Topics on the agenda included selecting a Chair and Vice Chair, development of a work plan, and development of a calendar of meeting dates.

The campgrounds continue to be used primarily by transient campers and the local homeless. Campgrounds have been approximately one-half to two-thirds full.

There is an equestrian ride scheduled for August 22 and 23.

Roads:

DFG, JDSF, Pacific Watershed Associates, and NOAA Fisheries attended a field evaluation on July 29 for a grant to decommission Rd 550 in the bottom of Berry Gulch. In the afternoon Mendocino Land Trust joined the group to evaluate a grant proposal to assess and plan Road improvements on Rd 720 and plan a decommissioning of inner gorge Rd 700 in Railroad Gulch.

Road maintenance with equipment continued on roads 100, 130, & 1000.

Road brushing and hiking trail maintenance continues as crews are available.

Security, General Admin, Budget:

Budget discussions are on-going, due to an anticipated \$3million reduction in the Department's resource management budget.

There were two separate assault and battery cases reported in the campgrounds in July. The first incident occurred in the Wagon campground in Camp One and the second was in the Big River campground. CAL FIRE Peace Officers investigated both incidents, prepared reports, and referred the cases to the District Attorney's office as complaints.

We received two calls reporting illegal timber harvest in the Hare Creek drainage. The report indicates large second growth redwood trees have been cut. CAL FIRE Peace Officers are investigating.