

13. PUBLIC SERVICES, POPULATION AND HOUSING, UTILITIES, AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

13.1 Environmental Setting

General descriptions of JDSF setting as it related to Pubic Services, Population and Housing, and Utilities and Service Systems can be located in section III, Project Information, section V, Environmental Setting, and section VII.11, Land Use. Due to its nature as a demonstration forest, JDSF does not have a population, experience population growth, or undergo development that impacts public services, utilities, or service systems.

The natural forest amenity values and recreation opportunities provided by JDSF make it an attractive element of central western Mendocino County. Some people may be drawn to the area to visit, recreate, or even live because of these values. Comments received during the scoping process for this EIR indicated that people value these characteristics of JDSF. The recreation visitation numbers presented in section VII.14, Recreation, make it clear that JDSF is a much smaller draw for recreation than the North Coast region's or Mendocino County's beaches or redwood parks. No major changes to forest appearance or recreational opportunities are expected as a result of management associated with the DFMP, and it is unlikely that public perception or attraction to the Forest will change appreciably.

Management of JDSF as a demonstration of economic and environmentally protective forest management for the benefit of nonindustrial forest landowners can help these landowners learn how to maintain viable and productive forest ownerships in the face of increasing development pressures and increasing regulatory costs. This has potential to keep these areas in productive management, and help prevent them from succumbing to development pressures, resulting in population growth.

13.2 Significance Criteria

CEQA states that a project would be considered to have a significant effect on public services, population and housing, or utilities and service systems if it would result in one or more of the following:

- Induce substantial population growth.
- Displace a substantial number of existing housing units of people, necessitating construction of replacement housing.
- Result in substantial physical effects from construction of new or altered governmental facilities needed to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times. Or other performance objectives for (1) fire protection, (2) police protection, (3) schools, (4) parks, (5) other public services.

- Fail to comply with wastewater treatment requirements of Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Require or result in the construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment facilities, or stormwater drainage facilities.
- Exceed existing water supplies, wastewater capacity, or landfill capacity.
- Conflict with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

13.3 Impacts

The DFMP will have no impact, individual or cumulative, on Public Services, Population and Housing, and Utilities and Service Systems. None of the above thresholds of significance will be met or exceeded by the proposed DFMP or by any of the identified project alternatives. Further analysis is not warranted.

Mitigation: None required