

Memorandum

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Subject: 2016 Jackson Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Review
Summary of Updates

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) Policy, Section 0351.10, regarding Demonstration State Forest management plans states:

Management plans for Boggs Mountain, Jackson, Latour, Mountain Home and Soquel Demonstration State Forests shall be prepared by the Department, with appropriate public review, for approval by the Board. The Department shall present to the Board a thorough review of each existing plan at least every five years. After each review, the Board may direct the Department either to continue management under the existing plan, to prepare amendments to the plan, or to prepare a new plan for public review and Board approval. The Department shall submit the requested amendments or plan to the Board within one year after each request. The Department shall continue management under existing plans with appropriate consideration for changes in law or regulation, until amendments or new plans are approved by the Board.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest's (JDSF) Management Plan was approved by the Board in 2008, re-reviewed in concert with the Jackson State Forest Advisory Group's report, *Vision for the Future*, and updated by the Board in 2011. Additionally, the Board reviewed and approved the JDSF Research Plan as a plan amendment early in 2015.

Two additional associated planning documents are relevant to the July 2016 JDSF Forest Management Plan (FMP) review. Although not part of the FMP, a revised Option "a" was completed to model the landscape allocations identified in the 2015 Research Plan. The revised Option "a" was approved by CAL FIRE in February 2015. Another management plan amendment is being developed, a Recreation Plan, which will be presented to the Board for approval in 2016.

FMP Map Figure 5 - Forest Management Areas and Special Concern Areas was revised (11/11/14) and approved by the Board as part of the Research Plan. A description of the landscape allocations associated with this map is included in the Research Plan (Chapters 4 & 5).

During the April, 2015 Jackson State Forest Advisory Group (JAG) meeting, management plan changes mentioned herein were discussed in light of the upcoming 2016 review of the Management Plan by the Board. The JAG agreed that it was too early for substantial revisions to the FMP.

The changes in management discussed above fit within the scope of the approved Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Current public support and acceptance of JDSF's ongoing management indicate that a significant update to the FMP is not warranted in 2016.