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To: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

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Re: Suggested regulatory modifications which reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain same or better level of protection

Dear Board Members:

Thank you for accepting public comments.

There is currently tension between

-the mandate to produce and sell timber in Jackson Demonstration State Forest (0351.2 and 0351.4)

and

-Governor Newsom's policies to "support California tribes' co-management of and access to natural lands that are within a California tribe's ancestral land and under the ownership or control of the State of California" ([Native American Lands](#)), together with as-yet-unimplemented past recommendations about the handling of Native American Sacred Sites.

This tension is causing regulatory inefficiencies.

I recommend that the primary land use on Jackson Demonstration State Forest be modified to Recreation, defined to include camping, hiking, mountain biking, and traditional indigenous forest practices such as prayer ceremonies and respectful harvesting of medicinal plants and fungi.

Jackson Demonstration State Forest already has a large and varied number of engaged stakeholders and would be an excellent candidate for a step up to the next level of protection. The Governor's [30x30](#) order can be invoked if additional support is needed.

Sincerely,

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