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CAL FIRE to Create Advisory Group for Jackson Demonstration State Forest

Sacramento – The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) invites public involvement in the management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) in Mendocino County. CAL FIRE Director Ruben Grijalva and the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) are currently forming a panel to advise each entity on forest management at the largest of California’s eight demonstration state forests.

“We have an excellent opportunity to ensure that the decisions we make regarding management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest incorporate a variety of state and local perspectives on the use and care of this exceptional resource,” said Grijalva. “I look forward to assembling a group of people who are interested in the future of JDSF and knowledgeable about the research, environmental, economic, or recreation aspects of forests in California.”

The 48,652-acre redwood forest near Fort Bragg is managed primarily for research and demonstration associated with a range of forest management purposes, including environmental stewardship, timber production, and recreation. The JDSF advisory group will advise the department and Board on implementation of a new forest management plan currently undergoing review by the Board as well as on management of the forest over time. The group will have an opportunity to receive and discuss JDSF management information and to provide recommendations back to the department and Board. Although the panel will be advisory only, the comments provided will be considered in CAL FIRE and Board decision-making processes.

Appointments will be made by the Director and subject to the Board’s approval. The advisory group will consist of approximately a dozen members representing a range of local, regional, and state interests and areas of technical expertise. They will meet roughly monthly during the initial implementation of the new forest management plan, and two to three times per year thereafter. There is no compensation for service on the advisory group; however, travel expenses can be reimbursed.

Those who are interested in serving on the JDSF Advisory Group are invited to apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to:

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Applications must be received or postmarked by February 8, 2008. For further information, contact CAL FIRE Chief Deputy Director Crawford Tuttle at (916) 653-4175 or crawford.tuttle@fire.ca.gov or Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Executive Officer George Gentry at (916) 653-8807.

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