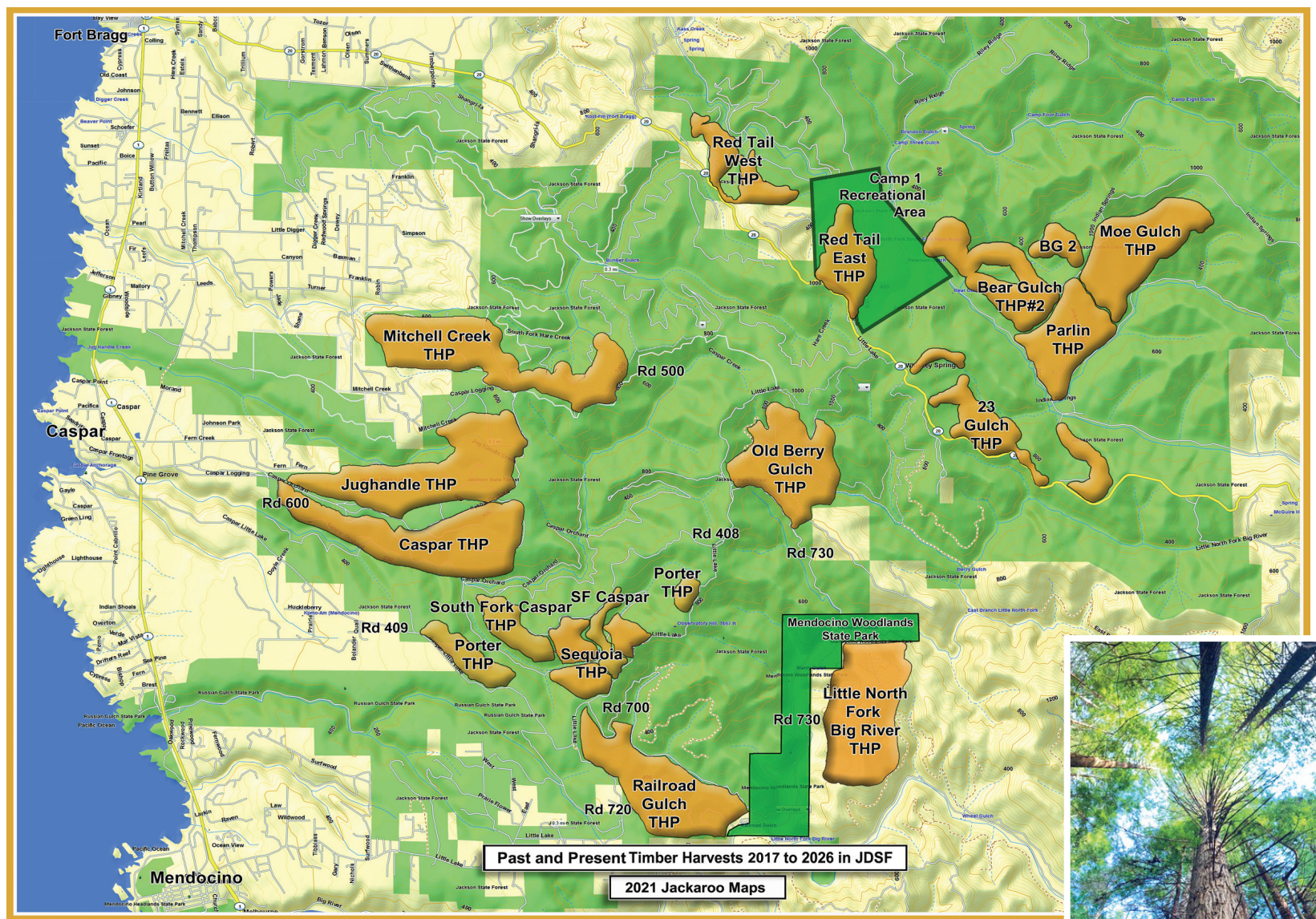


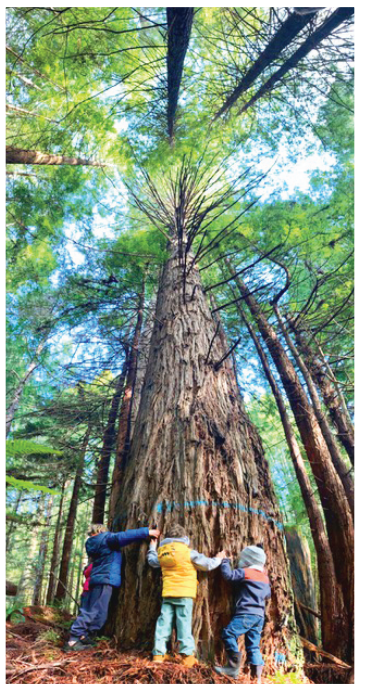
Cal Fire, Listen, Please: This is What the People of California Have to Say About Logging Our Publicly-Owned Lands:



Bare soil showing few signs of regeneration with drought conditions. 2018 clear cuts in Caspar Creek.



Large second growth, 77 inch diameter at breast height, marked for cut in the Caspar 500 THP.



Dear Mr. Powers,

My name is Ravel Gauthier. I am 11 years old, a sixth grader at Montessori del Mar Community School, and an avid climate change activist. I wrote this letter by my own merit, with no help from any adult. I am sending you this message in the hopes that you will listen to a young person, if nobody else.

I am adamant that CalFire cannot log Jackson State Forest, both for legal and environmental reasons.

Last August and continuing later into 2020, fires ravaged California. 33 people died, and a total of 4,257,863 acres burned.

If you were not already informed of this, studies show that fires can burn more intensely in areas that have been logged. This is a result of leftovers from logging, such as branches and treetops, which form a bed on the ground- perfect fuel.

When you cut down a tree, that tree will no longer be able to take CO2 out of the air, which immediately has a negative impact on climate change.

What we do to mitigate climate change in the next 8-10 years will effect the quality of life for the next 100-200 years. Allowing mass logging operations to continue will harm both the local ecosystems and biological communities as well as the atmosphere.

Lastly, the people of Mendocino County do not want CalFire to log Jackson State Forest. Jackson State Forest belongs to us as much as it does you- it is public land.

Reject my proposal if you will, but know that you will be betraying the people of Mendocino County as well as efforts to mitigate climate change and habitat destruction across our planet.

Sincerely, Ravel Gauthier

Selected comments from our petitions-

I walk this forest daily from my home. It's why I live here. I would like a seat at the table.

Preserving trees keeps rainfall in our area. The more we cut the hotter it gets!

It is critical that we not lose sight of the long term. The sign of maturity and responsibility is the ability to delay immediate gratification for the larger picture. Preservation and conservation create long term options. -M.K.

The trees are my lungs. The forest is my heart. The soil is my skin. The trails are my veins.

As a neighbor of JDSF I have seen recreational use of our forest vastly increase over the years, mandating the societal importance of maintaining it pristine as opposed destroying it for the foreseeable future for a few pennies for the State coffers.

The trails of this forest are critical to draw visitors and revive the local economy after the pandemic.

Please make recreation a top priority in JDSF. It offers a place to renew and connect with nature on a regular basis that is essential in today's times. The forest, especially the western portion is returning to health after generations of logging and should not be logged again.

It is Heaven. It is Church. It is Perfect Nature.

The demonstration forest needs a mandate for non-motorized recreation, habitat restoration, and ecological regeneration. The Caspar Redwood Forest Preserve would support fundamental research science in topics such as climate change mitigation, carbon sequestration, forest/habitat restoration, and the protection of the rich array of biodiversity present in western Mendocino County. This is needed.

These are the Last stands of large second and third growth Redwoods. Once they are gone, Redwoods will not be able to withstand Climate Change. We can and should save them for our children and grandchildren.

The redwoods are endemic and iconic and our environment will be devastated even further if these THP's go forward. It is time for JDSF to move in a direction of protection of our forests. Climate change is real and JDSF needs to respect this reality.

To See More of The Over 1,500 Comments, go to Forest Voices on our Website

These second-growth redwoods are an irreplaceable part of our coastal community. They should not be taken down, they should be taken care of. Selling them off for some bucks is a crime.

The web of life in California must include our largest and often most mature members, the California Redwood. It takes lifetimes not one lifetime for these forest giants to mature and we must be their guardians during ours.

Our forests are our inheritance. We must protect what remains, and find better ways to recreate what we have destroyed.

Our California Redwoods are a distinctive treasure, special to this part of the planet. They mature over centuries and we must do our part to nurture them during our time on the planet for our grandchildren and generations hence to treasure as well. They are an essential part of our environmental world, and to ensure the natural health of our part of the planet we have a duty to protect its mature, grand and beautiful structures.

They are the lungs of the earth.

We must protect the small amount of nature we have left.

In this time of Climate Change, all forests are critical to carbon sequestering. The public must protect the older, larger trees for this purpose and their rights as living beings. JDSF doesn't need to be "demonstrating" to industry how to cut more trees and shouldn't be cutting our forests to pay for its activities.

As a camper and board member of Northern California Unitarian Universalists Camps and Conferences I have spent more than 20 years camping among the Redwoods in Mendocino County. Mendocino Woodlands has been a home away from home for us and our children since they were babies. All of California is under threat from climate change and we need to preserve the redwood for their ability to effectively sequester carbon and preserve moisture in the forest. We want to protect and preserve the Redwoods for our families and future families of California

The redwoods are my cathedral.

Create a 20,000 Acre Redwood Forest Reserve Now!

With the Primary Mandates of: Carbon Sequestration, Education, Recreation, & Ecosystem Restoration

Logging is a major contributor to climate change, from the vehicle emissions to the reduction of living, active carbon sequestration potential, to the substantial waste of biomass.¹ Redwood forests sequester more carbon than any other forest type in the world.² Second growth redwood forests are as rare as old growth and even more important for carbon sequestration.³

Why are there so many wildfires in recently logged areas?

Megafires can burn faster and hotter in recently logged areas.⁴ Recent timber harvests in JDSF are strewn with dry slash and flammable invasive plants. Drought conditions are leaving the ground barren with sparse regrowth. Nearly 50% of the 78 square miles of JDSF has had timber harvest in the last 25 years, and another 10 square miles are slated for the coming 7 years. See the maps on our website for details.

Will we lose jobs?

Jackson is a center for recreational tourism, one of the biggest growth sectors here and in our nation.

Tourism created 10 times as many jobs as timber last year in Mendocino County.⁵

Please respect this unique ecosystem. This demonstration forest can show the way to the future.

Our spiritual health depends on it. Our planet depends on it.

Go to our website - Sign our petition - Write your legislator!

www.mendocinotrailstewards.org

See facing page for our list of supporters. For more information check out our website.

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