

SAVE JACKSON STATE FOREST

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Mike McGuire
State Capitol
1303 10th Street, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator McGuire,

We thank you for your remarks at the Town Hall meeting broadcasted live on the radio March 2nd. We appreciate your support for a new mission and management plan for Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) that is focused on climate change, carbon sequestration and fire resiliency. We especially appreciate your comment that the large trees in JDSF should not be cut, and hope that you will work to establish an immediate moratorium on logging. We realize that the venue didn't provide time to cover everything that the coalition has been pushing for, so we are requesting that you address these additional important policy issues as soon as possible.

- A serious community-wide conversation about the future of JDSF can happen in good faith only if all commercial logging is halted immediately. Please support our call for an immediate moratorium on all logging, road building, and herbicide spraying in JDSF to protect Pomo Sacred Sites and the redwood forest. The moratorium should stay in place until the new Management Plan is formally adopted by the State.
- Thank you for acknowledging Chairman Michael Hunter's leadership in this campaign to save his ancestral lands from further desecration. We hope that you will come out publicly in support of tribal co-management for JDSF. According to [Governor Newsom's Statement of Administration Policy, Native American Ancestral Lands, September 25, 2020](#), the State must pursue co-management of JDSF with the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Please work to ensure that the leadership of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians is involved from the beginning on all revisions to both the management plan and any interim plan.
- We want to clarify that co-management does not mean tribal representation in the Jackson Advisory Group (JAG). The JAG is an advisory body with no real power, and many of the existing JAG members have conflicts of interest (e.g. they are foresters with THPs under review by Calfire).

Coyote Valley has garnered the support of the California Tribal Chairperson's Association which consists of 90 tribes throughout California, and the over [70 organizations in the California Environmental Justice Coalition](#), and all are working towards a moratorium on logging and demanding co-management in JDSF. Our voices are joined by thousands of individuals in your district alone, and more statewide. Our Coalition is proud that we stand with the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians.

We invite you to join with us on March 25th from 1-4pm on the steps of the Capitol at the Global School Strike rally hosted by Tribal Chairman Michael Hunter, the Mendocino County Youth for Climate, and the

Coalition to Save Jackson to express your support for co-management and a new mission and Management Plan for JDSF.

Thank you again very much for your support for a new management plan focused on climate change, carbon sequestration and fire resiliency!

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest

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