

# SAVE JACKSON STATE FOREST

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

On March 2nd, Senator McGuire made several remarks at his town hall that indicated that Wade Crowfoot had begun the process of rewriting the Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) management plan. While we are happy to hear that the outdated plan is being rewritten, we are saddened to learn about it in this way. Our coalition stands in full support of tribal co-management of JDSF. But in order for tribal co-management to be meaningful, the tribes must have a co-equal role in drafting the new management plan with the State. The tribes cannot simply be an afterthought but must be viewed as full partners in this process.

- A serious community-wide conversation about the future of JDSF can happen in good faith only if all commercial logging is halted immediately. Please instate 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.
- We were so glad Senator McGuire acknowledged Chairman Michael Hunter's leadership in this campaign to save his ancestral lands from further desecration. According to your [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 our 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 tribal co-management and a new mission and Management Plan for JDSF.*

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Save Jackson Demonstration State Forest

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Member organizations:



CC Secretary Wade Crowfoot  
Geneva Thompson, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs