



## Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Jayme Seehafer

Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) and Cal Fire would like to celebrate the life and legacy of Jayme Seehafer, Hydrologist for the USDA Forest Service and Caspar Creek Experimental Watersheds on JDSF.



The Caspar Creek paired watershed experiment is a hallmark study of the effects of timber harvest on coastal redwood watersheds in California. The results of numerous studies from Caspar Creek over the last six decades have contributed to the improvement of California forest practice laws and best management practices, resulting in significant improvements in

water quality and watershed health.

Jayme worked for the Forest Service for fifteen years, serving as the Arcata sediment laboratory manager and data manager for Caspar Creek project. Jayme's lifetime of work on Caspar Creek saw her employed in the office as well as the field when the need arose – hiking alongside rushing streams to pack samples out of the watershed during rain events or later processing the samples in the lab and data in her office. She oversaw the sediment laboratory, where she trained and provided valuable work experience to many Humboldt students, teaching them to carefully process the hundreds to thousands of water samples arriving from Caspar each winter. Analyzing storm data, presenting findings, and coauthoring research were among her myriad contributions.

Jayme's dependable and reserved presence in Arcata and Caspar was felt by those who worked with her, including her Forest Service colleagues, university collaborators, and Cal



Fire associates at Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Jayme was known for being supportive, capable, and unassuming – someone you wanted working beside you.

Though her passing has taken a respected colleague and friend from the ‘Caspar family’, Jayme Seehafer has left a

bright and warm legacy. She will be remembered for her steadfast management, her contributions to watershed science, and the gentle influence she had on those around her.

"Jayme Seehafer started with FS Research as an Americorps Watershed Stewards member in 2005, and I was privileged to have worked closely with her most of that time. I feel lucky to have enjoyed her eclectic music playlists that made repetitive lab tasks enjoyable; and to have admired her fastidious, dedicated, reserved, utterly efficient work ethic. She was able to balance the life of a single working mother skillfully, and I will miss her profoundly."

-Diane Sutherland, Retired Geomorphologist, USDA Forest Service

“For almost two decades, Jayme provided crucial support to my analyses and publication efforts. Quiet, diligent, and effective-- she leaves a huge void in our Caspar Team and in our hearts.”

-Elizabeth Keppeler, Retired USDA Forest Service Hydrologist

“I was always happy when I got to work with Jayme. She was funny, thoughtful, genuine, and simply a good person.”

-Fey Egan, Cal Fire Forester

“Jayme was dedicated to supporting her coworkers and maintaining the integrity of Caspar research. She was patient, supportive, and integral to introducing me to the project when I joined the team.”

-Anna Thompson, USDA Forest Service Hydrologist

“Jayme was hardworking, capable, caring, kind, thoughtful, and detail oriented. She worked quietly and persistently to support the Caspar project and develop knowledge for our partners and the public. We’ll miss her persistence and her smile.”

-Joe Wagenbrenner, USDA Forest Service Research Hydrologist