Redwood Practical Shooters Trash Clean Up on JDSF

Spring is finally here and that means visitors are returning to the forest. One of the most visible and frequently visited target shooting areas on JDSF is the JDSF 408 gravel pit. This site was excavated many years ago to extract pit-run rock for road surfacing. It is also highly visible to the public in an area of high use, as noted by the local community through frequent complaints of poor appearance.

Target shooting is allowed on JDSF, with exception in vicinity to Parlin Conservation Camp, Chamberlain Creek Fire Center, and the Woodlands State Park. Unfortunately, target shooters and other illegal trash dumping leave behind litter and debris.



Redwood Practical Shooters, Mendocino Unit Chief, Luke Kendall, Chamberlain Creek Fire Crew #1, post 408 Gravel Pit clean-up.



JDSF Steak-Side S-1157 Full of Litter & Debris to be hauled off site to Caspar Transfer Station.

CAL FIRE and JDSF staff agree that trash left behind is not only a poor reflection, but a burden, adding to staff time to perform essential duties. To address the issue and gain working relationships with the community, CAL FIRE and the JDSF Recreation Program have agreed to work with the local non-profit Redwood Practical Shooters (RPS).

The RPS are a local non-profit group within the Fort Bragg area. The RPS supports responsible defensive use of firearms for individuals and law enforcement through target shooting events, training, and competition. The Mendocino County Sheriff works with the RPS to maintain certification to teach classes required to obtain Concealed Weapons Permits (CCW). Furthermore, they are now providing a public benefit through cleaning litter and debris, assisting public land managers.

On April 29th, CAL FIRE Unit Chief, Luke Kendall, Chamberlain Creek Fire Crew #1, an engine crew from the Woodlands Station, and JDSF staff supported the 21 RPS members in conducted a thorough disposal of litter,

including firearm casings. McCloud's, rakes, shovels, trash bags and eager hands were busy filling up the JDSF stake side truck to be hauled off site to the Caspar Transfer Station. This is 1 of 2 annual clean-up days, with the next to occur in Fall, 2023.

JDSF staff look forward to welcoming visitors to the forest in the coming months and encourages all visitors to follow Leave No Trace principles when visiting and recreating.

Learn more about target shooting wildfire safety, click HERE.



JDSF 408 Gravel Pit after clean-up