

# McKay Community Forest

## Draft Forest Stewardship Plan

April 22, 2022

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## Overview

### Location

The McKay Community Forest is located southeast of Eureka within the watershed of Ryan Creek along the urban interface with Myrtle town, Cutten, and Ridgewood Heights.

### Formation

The Community Forest was created in 2014 when the County of Humboldt acquired 997 acres of forestland from Green Diamond Resource Company, and then expanded in 2020 through the acquisition of an additional 197 acres, resulting in a total of 1,194 acres.

## Planning Documents

### Forest Stewardship Plan

The Forest Stewardship Plan is a guidance document for managing the Community Forest. This plan addresses how silviculture, fire risk reduction, habitat restoration, carbon sequestration, monitoring, and adaptive management will be implemented through the next 10 to 15 years.

Comments on the draft Forest Stewardship Plan are invited through May 31, 2022.

### Trail Plan

The Trail Plan provides a blueprint for the development of trails, access points, and amenities to support recreational and educational activities. The Trail Plan was completed in December 2020.

The draft Forest Stewardship Plan and Trail Plan are available at:

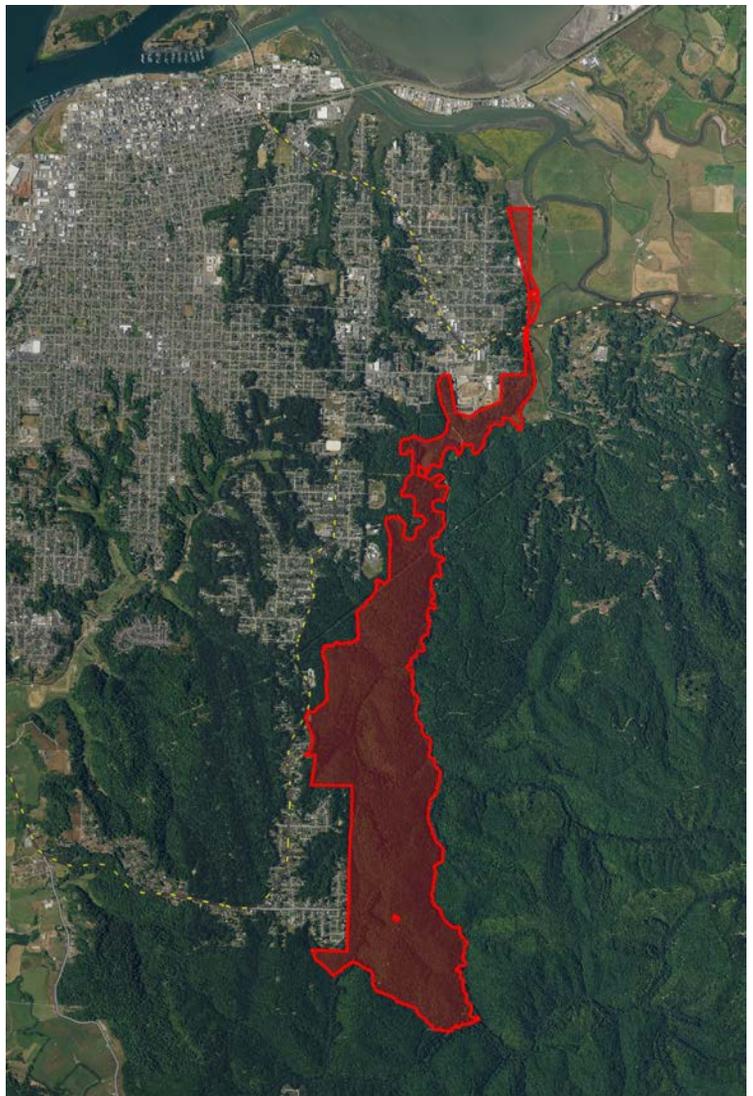
[www.humboldt.gov/org/mckayforest](http://www.humboldt.gov/org/mckayforest).

### Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan

The Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) is a document developed to demonstrate compliance with the California Forest Practice Rules. The NTMP was submitted to CAL FIRE in April 2022.

### Purpose

The Community Forest was established for multiple purposes including public access and recreation, timber harvest, and watershed and resource conservation. The Community Forest is envisioned as a place that enhances the quality of life for Humboldt County residents and visitors by providing opportunities to experience a diverse, dynamic, and productive forest.



### Trail Network

The Trail Plan proposes a trail network with 31 miles of multi-use roads, multi-use trails, hiking trails, and mountain bike trails.

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### Community Forest Management Goals

<b>Goal 1: Forest Stewardship</b>	Practice environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, economically viable forest management
<b>Goal 2: Environmental Values</b>	Conserve and enhance the environmental values of the forest to maintain its biodiversity, productivity, and ecological processes
<b>Goal 3: Working Forest</b>	Maintain a working forest that supports timber-related jobs and economic productivity on a sustainable basis
<b>Goal 4: Public Access and Recreation</b>	Provide high-quality recreational opportunities to support active living and enhance quality of life
<b>Goal 5: Community involvement</b>	Encourage robust public involvement to ensure that the community forest meets the community's desires and interests and is valued as a community asset
<b>Goal 6: Public Safety</b>	Manage the community forest to promote a safe and secure environment for families and visitors of all ages
<b>Goal 7: Education</b>	Contribute to an awareness of modern forest management practices and create opportunities for outdoor educational activities

### How to submit comments on the draft Forest Stewardship Plan:

Comment period ends  
May 31, 2022

1. Fill out a comment form:
  - Comment forms can be downloaded at [www.humboldt.gov/mckayforest](http://www.humboldt.gov/mckayforest)
  - Comment forms can be e-mailed to [mckayforest@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mckayforest@co.humboldt.ca.us)
2. Send an e-mail to [mckayforest@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mckayforest@co.humboldt.ca.us)
3. Send a letter to Humboldt County Department of Public Works, 1106 Second Street, Eureka, CA, 95501
4. Join the on-line (Zoom) public meeting to be held on May 12, 2022, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
  - Meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84867558503>
5. Visit one of the two tabling events:
  - Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the 3000 block of Harris Street near the logging road leading into the McKay Community Forest
  - Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Humboldt Cider Company at Redwood Acres

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