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### **Idaho Department of Lands holds public meetings for forest landowners**

(COEUR D'ALENE) – The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Forest Health Program will hold two public meetings for forest landowners to discuss the outbreak of Douglas-fir tussock moth in northern Idaho.

The Douglas-fir tussock moth is a native forest insect and needle feeding caterpillar. It is a major defoliator of grand fir and Douglas-fir trees. In 2011, the IDL, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service detected new areas with defoliation in Idaho and Washington. Kootenai, Benewah, and Latah counties in Idaho are affected.

The IDL will hold two public meetings in Plummer, Idaho, to provide affected forest landowners information and management assistance options.

The first meeting will be held on Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Elementary School, located at 1345 E Street in Plummer. The second meeting will be held on Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Plummer Community Center, located at 520 C Street in Plummer.