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In re: Comments on Idaho Forest Practices Act Proposed Rule – DOCKET NO. 20-0201-01301

Dear Mr. Foss:

Please record these comments of Stimson Lumber Company, in support of the proposed Idaho Forest Practices Act rule - DOCKET NO. 20-0201-01301.

Stimson has followed this rule-making from its inception and has participated with the Forest Practices Act Advisory Committee and the Idaho Department of Lands during the negotiated rule-making period.

The proposed rule is thoughtfully drafted and based on sound forest science. It is consistent with Stimson Lumber Company's commitment to forest stewardship and protecting private property rights. We particularly applaud the inclusion of options which allow different approaches to riparian area management for different landowners and different parcels. This is innovative and reflects the diversity of forest landscapes and is properly responsive to differing landowner values and objectives. The proposed rule provides scientifically sound and appropriate policy to support water quality and landowner property values.

Stimson Lumber Company owns and manages 129,000 acres of forest land in Idaho.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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