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Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association **names new chief fire warden**

(Orofino) – The Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association (C-PTPA) board of directors has hired Len Young as the association’s new chief fire warden, following the April retirement of Chief Fire Warden Howard Weeks after 34 years of service.

Chief Young joins C-PTPA on June 24. He most recently served as the fire warden for the 325,000-acre Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Cataldo Forest Protective District in Idaho’s Silver Valley.

The announcement came today as the State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) approved the annual request from the IDL to continue State participation as a member of two timber protective associations in Idaho – the C-PTPA and the Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association (SITPA) based in McCall.

Chief Young served as the IDL Cataldo Forest Protective District Fire Warden since 2006. He joined the IDL in 1998 as the assistant fire warden on the Priest Lake Forest Protective District after working as a Potlatch forester for five years in Headquarters, Idaho. He has a bachelor’s degree in Forest Resource Management from the University of Idaho.

The IDL plans to have someone in place by mid-July to fill the fire warden position with the Cataldo Forest Protective District.

The C-PTPA is a nonprofit wildland firefighting association that works under the jurisdiction of the IDL to provide full-time fire protection on more than 980,000 acres in Clearwater and Idaho counties. It was formed in 1905 by private timber companies to maintain an equipped resource for fire preparedness and fire suppression, primarily to protect timber resources. The C-PTPA is governed by a six-person board including representatives from forest products companies, the IDL, logging contractors, and small landowners. Its operations are funded in part by landowner assessments and some General Fund dollars from the State of Idaho.

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