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State lands grazing program undergoes review

July 15, 2014

(BOISE) - Idaho ranchers and other stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments now through the summer of 2015 on a review of the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) grazing program.

The State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) heard an update this morning on an IDL-commissioned grazing market rent study that will contribute to a detailed business plan for the management of state endowment rangelands. The Land Board also heard the department's plans to engage industry and other stakeholders in the review of program improvements.

The IDL will spend the next year engaging the public for comments on the results of the grazing market rent study and a draft grazing business plan, including adjustments to the grazing fee formula.

IDL set up a web page to provide information on the process, available at this link:
<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing/rate/index.html>

The web page includes links to the IDL grazing market rent study, neighboring states' grazing program structures, and other information.

A grazing business plan will improve the financial performance of the rangeland asset in the long run, an outcome consistent with the Land Board's constitutional obligation to maximize long-term financial returns on 2.4 million acres of state endowment trust lands in Idaho, including 1.4 million acres of rangeland.

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Public Meetings Set for IDL Grazing Program Review

August 12, 2014, Jerome Fish & Game Office*
7:00-9:00 p.m.
--- Salmon Fish & Game Office*,
7:00-9:00 p.m. (via video teleconference)
--- McCall Fish & Game Office*,
7:00-9:00 p.m. (via video teleconference)

August 13, 2014, Idaho Falls Fish & Game Office*,
7:00-9:00 p.m.
--- Pocatello Fish & Game Office*,
7:00-9:00 p.m. (via video teleconference)

August 19, 2014, Lewiston Fish & Game Office*,
7:00-9:00 p.m.

August 21, 2014, Nampa Civic Center,
7:00-9:00 p.m.

August 28, 2014, Jordan Valley CWMA Building,
7:00-9:00 p.m.

**For Fish & Game office locations, click [here](#).*

Schedule for IDL Grazing Program Review

July - September 2014

Stakeholder and industry engagement
Regional public meetings
IDL review of alternative rate formula/structure
IDL development of recommendations

October 2014

Land Board information agenda item:
-Presentation of the grazing business plan
-Review of public meetings and industry comments

November 2014

Land Board information agenda item:
-Subcommittee recommendation

Winter/Spring 2015

Subcommittee review of alternative grazing rate formula/structure
Stakeholder and industry engagement
Public meetings

Late Spring 2015

Land Board information agenda item:
-Review of information and public meetings
-Department recommendations

Summer 2015

Land Board to vote on IDL recommendations on changes to grazing fee formula

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