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IDAHO FOREST PRACTICES ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET IN NOVEMBER

(COEUR D'ALENE) – The Idaho Forest Practices Act Advisory Committee (FPAAC) will meet in-person at the Associated Logging Contractors (ALC) Office, 10589 S. Hwy 95, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 on Friday, November 18, 2016.

The purpose of FPAAC, as established by Idaho Code, is to provide technical assistance to Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) in matters relating to the Idaho Forest Practices Act. The committee typically meets two or three times per year depending on current issues. It is comprised of nine voting members appointed by the IDL director for three-year terms. Members include a fisheries biologist; a nonindustrial private forest landowner; two forest landowners, one north Idaho resident and one south Idaho resident; two resident forest operators, one from north Idaho and one from south Idaho; two informed citizens resident in north and south Idaho; and an at-large member.

The FPAAC agenda includes preliminary results from the 2016 Water Quality/Forest Practices audit and Cable-Assisted Mechanical Harvesting discussions. The meeting also will include status of the 2014 streamside tree-retention rule (or *shade rule*) Shade Effectiveness and Operational Monitoring Studies and the 2015 Idaho Forest Practices Year-End Report.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) in the ALC conference room, Associated Logging Contractors Office, located at 10589 S. Hwy 95, Coeur d'Alene.

The public is invited to the meeting and an RSVP is required for any person wishing to attend. For further information, or to RSVP, contact Gary Hess at the IDL Coeur d'Alene Staff Office (208) 666-8636 or gness@idl.idaho.gov.

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