



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Idahoans encouraged to participate in fire rulemaking process

(BOISE) – The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) has initiated negotiated rulemaking for IDAPA 20.01.04, Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, and public meetings are scheduled across the state in October and November for public participation in person or by phone.

The IDL “fire protection rules” aim to lessen the risk of fire starts from forest operations on forest lands in Idaho.

Idaho forest landowners, logging contractors, forest industry representatives, and others who conduct forest operations that require a compliance from IDL are affected by the rules and encouraged to weigh in and participate in the rulemaking process. The IDL administers the rules as part of its responsibility to regulate and minimize fire hazards caused by timber harvesting on state and private forest lands in Idaho.

Negotiated rulemaking public meetings are as follows:

Coeur d’Alene:

Monday, Oct. 30, 4-7 p.m. PDT, Best Western Coeur d’Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave.

Monday, Nov. 13, 4-7 p.m. PDT, Best Western Coeur d’Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave.

Orofino:

Thursday, Nov. 2, 4-7 p.m. PDT, Best Western Rivers Edge, 615 Main St.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 4-7 p.m. PDT, Best Western Rivers Edge, 615 Main St.

McCall:

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 4-7 p.m. MDT, Holiday Inn Hunt Lodge, 210 N. 3rd St.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 4-7 p.m. MDT, Best Western Plus McCall Lodge and Suites, 211 S. 3rd St.

Individuals who would like to participate but cannot attend one of the meetings in person can participate by phone by calling 1-877-820-7831 and entering participation code 8682870#.

IDL may schedule additional negotiated rulemaking public meetings or cancel previously scheduled meetings contingent upon outcomes from the negotiated rulemaking proceedings.

Written public comments on the negotiated rules will be accepted through December 15, 2017. Information about the fire rulemaking process is available on the IDL web site at <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/rulemaking/20.04.01/index.html>.

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