

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND  
IDAHO FOREST PRACTICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)**

IDL Coeur d'Alene Staff Office: Sundance Room  
IDL Boise Director's Office: Garnet West Room  
Teams Conference Webinar  
**August 26, 2025**

**\*Welcome and Introductions:**

**Members Participating in Person:**

Jeanne Bradley - Program Manager of FPA & Stewardship - IDL  
Archie Gray - Chief of the Forestry Assistance Bureau - IDL  
Hawk Stone - ID DEQ Rep  
Gretchen Lech - Manulife - Resource Consultant  
Paul Buckland - Inland Paper - General Public Rep At-large  
Kit Hart - PotlatchDeltic (FPAC Chair)  
Lee Andrews - Resource Consultant  
Jim Elbin - IDL Endowment Representative

**Members Participating Via Teams:**

John Lillihaug - General Public Rep South  
Tom Bassista - IDFG - Fish Biologist  
Tim Link - General Rep North - FPAC Vice Chair  
Kelly Riggs - Landowner Rep South

Agency Staff & Visitors attending via Teams:	Agency Staff & Visitors attending in person:	Agency Staff & Visitors attending in person Continued:
Peter Stegner - Riley Stegner & Assoc. Scott Sievers - IDL Russ Hendrix - Idaho Farm Bureau Dave Luther - IDL Randy Fox - ID Conservation League Robin Dunn - IDL Ken Homik - IDL Samantha Buys - IDL Jay Hines - IDL Renee Jacobs - IDL	Ara Andrea - IDL Jay Clark - IDL Gary Hess - IFOA John Richards - IDL Julia Lauch - IDL Tom Kearns - IDL Andrew Larson - IEP Evan Neal - IEP Kristy Tucker - PotlatchDeltic Madeline David - IFOA Kirk David - IFOA Cori Wood - Admin Assist - IDL Jeff Berend - IFG John Gaddes - IDL Adrienne Morrow - Stimson Lumber Rodney Cochran - IDL	McKenna Smith - IDL Bill Haagenson - IDL David Greenwood - IDL Jason Svancara - IDL David Gabrielson - Manulife Ashley Kirk - IDL Mike Reggear - IFG Bob Smathers - ID Farm Bureau Clete Edmonson - ALC - ID Dylan Hodgson - IDL

## **\*FPAC Minutes Approval**

12-5-24 FPAC Meeting Minutes:

- Tom Bassista motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Buckland seconded. Approved unanimously.

4-9-25 FPAC Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION:

- Jeanne Bradley said the following corrections needed to be made:
  - o Wildfire instead of Wild Standards
  - o The subcommittee was created to address Class 2 streams only.
  - o Tom Bassista's name was spelled wrong.
- Paul Buckland motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections as outlined by Jeanne, and Jon Lillihaug seconded. Approved unanimously.

## **\*Idaho Laws and Rules**

- Kit Hart stated that the Department of Lands has been asked by Farm Bureau to consider rulemaking subject to a portion of the Forest Practices Act, Section-S specifically. Kit then read the request from Farm Bureau. "*Farm Bureau has asked or stated that the purpose of their petition for rulemaking is to protect the health, safety, and welfare, and property of Idaho citizens.*". He then introduced John Richards, General Counsel for IDL.

- John Richards provided a background on the petition and the process it went through. He went over some of the relevant language of the FPA that applies to the petition, and for context, he covered some of the high-level parameters for rulemaking to set the stage for the consideration of the petition and the substance of it.

The Department considered the petition and ultimately ended up denying the petition for rulemaking (pursuant to I.C. 38-1305(2)). The purpose of the denial was so that they could bring this matter to FPAC. FPAC can provide their input and consider whether rulemaking is appropriate.

What FPAC is being asked to do is basically answer three questions:

1. Is rulemaking necessary to give effect to I.C. 38-1304(1)(f)?
2. Do existing rules already adequately address the context of 38-1304(1)(f)?
3. If rulemaking is necessary, what is the appropriate scope of rulemaking?

If FPAC finds rulemaking is necessary, then they will provide guidance to the Department as to what the content of the rule should look like. The Department will present FPAC's findings to the Land Board for their consideration.

## **\*Process Overview**

- Julia Lauch talked about FPAC's role and what they're looking for from them today as well as what further process might look like following today.

- Ideally this would be a motion that is well documented in the minutes as to whether or not to proceed with rulemaking. Additionally, the specifics on why not

and or what you think that rulemaking should encompass. They are looking for a specific detailed recommendation that can then be taken to the Board.

- Julia then briefly covered what negotiated rulemaking looks like and how FPAC fits into that process with IDL.

### **\*Presentation of Proposed Rule Change**

- Russ Hendricks from Farm Bureau stated that their purpose here today is to help Idaho exercise their sovereign police powers for the purpose of reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire and of course, this will have the effect of protecting the life, health, safety and property of the citizens across Idaho. It will also have auxiliary effects of protecting wildlife habitat, watersheds, other critical infrastructure, and will incidentally reduce the cost of wildland firefighting over time.

- As part of the presentation, Russ introduced stakeholders David New, Joe Hinson, Clete Edmondson, and Ron Mendive to share a few supportive comments.

- When asked what outcome Farm Bureau was looking for Russ responded that they recognize that it's not going to be a one-size-fits-all this is the silver bullet. It's going to be an iterative approach, but we've got to start somewhere, and we've got to get started as soon as possible while we have a friendly administration so we can get some projects under our belt and show the cooperation and the Federal government following our rules so that we get that precedent set and we can keep going into the future until we can get this under control.

### **\*Discussion outcome:**

- Jon Lillihaug motioned to create a subcommittee to take Farm Bureau 's request forward and to bring a recommendation to FPAC on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Tim Link seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Subcommittee Members:**

- Kit Hart
- Gary Hess
- Jeanne Bradley
- Bob Smathers
- Clete Edmonson
- John Lillihaug

### **\* Wrap-up/Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned: 3:00 p.m.