



Hearing of Aggrieved Landowner

This guidance document is not a new law. This is an interpretation of existing law, except as authorized by Idaho Code or incorporated into a contract.

1. Agency Contact

Chief, Bureau of Fire Management

2. Purpose

Any owner(s) of forest land, or their accredited representatives, may request a hearing before the State Board of Land Commissioners (Board), or an appropriate executive committee, on any subject pertaining to the activities of the Department which affect their property.

This will provide forest landowners with an opportunity to seek relief from Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) activities, which they may find objectionable, harmful, or unreasonable.

3. Applicability

Applies to private forest landowners seeking a hearing.

4. Associated Policies

A. Title 38, Section 106, Idaho Code

5. Definitions

None

6. Policy

A grievance appeal shall not have the effect of automatically suspending the operation(s) involved unless, in the opinion of the Fire Warden, Area Manager or Executive Staff, it is in the best interest of IDL to do so.

7. Procedures

- A. Request for a hearing shall be in writing and signed by the person(s) initiating the request. See Citizen Claim Procedure on Risk Management website.
- B. Hearing requests shall be directed to the Board via the Director, Idaho Department of Lands.
- C. Requests should contain a concise statement of the reason(s) for requesting a hearing but should be sufficiently detailed to explain the problem involved.
- D. Subject to consideration and approval by the Board, the aggrieved landowner will be notified of the time and place to appear before the Board, or its executive committee.

8. Exception Authorization

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the State Board of Land Commissioners and the Director, Department of Lands.

9. Revision History

7/1/25 Updated to ADA compliance and new FMH format.