

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## John Lillehaug appointed to Forest Practices Advisory Committee

(BOISE) – Idaho Department of Lands Director Dustin Miller appointed **John Lillehaug** of McCall to serve as the General Public Representative South on the Idaho Forest Practices Advisory Committee (FPAC).

The committee provides technical assistance to the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners in matters relating to the Forest Practices Act. The law promotes active forest management and ensures the health of forest soil, water, vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic habitat is maintained during the growing and harvesting of forest trees in Idaho.

Lillehaug begins a three-year term on January 1, 2019. The position represents the citizens of Idaho south of the Salmon River.

Lillehaug has a long history working with the administrative rules of the Idaho Forest Practices Act. He was hired as a forester by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in 1976, one year after the rules went into effect. In his role as a Private Forestry Specialist for IDL for 32 years, he assisted private forest landowners in complying with the rules of the Forest Practices Act. Lillehaug retired from IDL in 2010.

Lillehaug is active as an American Tree Farm System (ATFS) inspector and professional forest consultant. Many forest landowners in west central Idaho depend on him to assist them with their forest management plan development and provide advice as they complete forest practices in their private woodlands.

Lillehaug is originally from Spearfish, South Dakota. He has lived in McCall with his wife Dee since 1984. They own forest land near Craigmont and have been certified ATFS Tree Farmers, Idaho Forest Stewardship Program landowners, and members of the Idaho Forest Owners Association for ten years.

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