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Dear Ms. Andrea,

Stimson Lumber Company has a long-standing tradition of responsible forest management and is committed to the protection of Idaho's natural resources. Stimson's employees are active members of the communities and forests they work, live and recreate in. It is our opinion that the Forest Practices Act is successful at protecting Idaho's natural resources and water quality today and for the future.

More specifically, at Stimson we believe that IDAPA 20.02.01.030.07.e.ii, the "Shade Rule", is successful at protecting and maintaining the water quality of Class I fish bearing streams. Stimson participated in the development, implementation and continued monitoring of the Shade Rule. The Shade Rule was developed over a 10-year period by the Forest Practices Act Advisory Committee through an integrated rulemaking process that incorporated the best available science with the input and values of stakeholders, Idaho residents, and the public. Stimson supports the re-authorization of the IDAPA 20.02.01, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Forest Practices Act.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Britt Madison
Idaho Manager
Stimson Lumber Company

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