



Timber Sales: Public Involvement

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A. History and Purpose

The State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) in 1993 implemented a public involvement policy and reaffirmed the policy on May 10, 1994. In November 2008, the Land Board revised the policy to allow for more effective and cost-efficient public notification through the use of IDL websites and electronic communication. The policy is designed to provide public notice of Land Board meetings and agendas, and to secure timely public comment on proposed state timber sales. The policy compliments the Idaho Public Records Act.

B. Notice of Future Proposed Timber Sales

1. Prior to April 15th of each year, each supervisory area will complete the Notice of Future Proposed Timber Sales spreadsheet and email the completed document to the Bureau of Forest Management (FMB) for review and approval. These notices will list timber sales tentatively planned for inclusion in the annual sales plan being developed for two years into the future (i.e., if it is April of FY-18, then FY-20 and FY21 sales would be listed). Include two years’ worth of sales to ensure flexibility in meeting market conditions or delay and

replacement of a planned sale. The Notice of Future Sales will list the sale name, approximate volume, estimated acres, and general location Appendix W-1.

Sales that were previously listed on the Notice of Future Sales, but were not offered for sale, or were not included in a sales plan, must be listed again the following year, if the Area still intends to sell those sales.

The FMB will publish an advertisement during the month of May stating that the Notice of Future Proposed Timber Sales is available for public review on the Timber Sale Website (TSW) at <https://web.idl.idaho.gov/timbersale/search.aspx>.

2. Comments on Future Sales - Questions and comments concerning sales listed in the Notice of Future Proposed Sales should be directed to the respective supervisory areas by the following September 1st. The department will consider and respond to the comments - generally, as they are received. Each supervisory area will provide the FMB with a synopsis of verbal comments, copies of written comments, and copies of area responses when they submit the annual sales plan for review (November 1st).

C. Proposed Annual Timber Sales Plan

1. In the month of January of each year, the FMB will post the proposed Annual Timber Sales Plan for the following fiscal year to the TSW for public review. Public comment will be accepted for four weeks following website posting of the Proposed Annual Sales Plan. As stated on the Proposed Annual Timber Sales Plan, parties interested in appearing before the Board should send a written request to the Director's office before March 31st.
2. Additional sale information will be provided upon request only if it is available. Such requests will be governed by procedures of the Idaho Public Records Act at prevailing Department costs.

D. Public Involvement Policy Exceptions

The following are exempt from this policy:

1. Sales with an estimated value of less than \$150,000 or an estimated volume of less than 1,000,000 board feet.
2. Sales where wildfire, insect or disease infestations, extreme weather events, or other extraordinary circumstances that require the expeditious removal of the affected timber.
3. Sales that capture dynamic or unique market opportunities.

References

Public Involvement with the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners and the Idaho Department of Lands, June 1994

[Idaho Public Records Act](#)

The Idaho Department of Lands tentatively plans to conduct field work on the following timber sales for the fiscal year 2020 annual sales plan and on sales proposed beyond fiscal year 2020. Volumes and acres are approximate.

CLEARWATER AREA							
Sale Name	Acres	Volume (MBF)	Number Poles	Location	Section(s)	Township	Range
Democrat OSR	266	5,290		Democrat Mountain	10,11	37N	4E
Cougar Rim	377	4,000		Orofino Creek	3,4,5 32,33	36N 37N	3E 3E
West Hodson	423	6,950		Hodson Creek	27,28,33,34	38N	3E
Ridgeline	160	1,900		Grangemont Area	7,8	37N	4E
Slo-Doe Pole	516	1,800	8,000	Angel Butte	1 25,36 31	37N 38N 38N	3E 3E 4E
Ove Homestead Seed	400	4,000		Ove Creek	29,32,33	38N	2E
Hi-Lo Silver	165	3,400		Silver Butte	22	39N	5E
S. Fork Big Creek	400	4,000		Big Creek	2,3 34,35	38N 39N	4E 4E
Susie Q	156	3,200		Beaver Creek	24	40N	6E
Huckleberry Patches	308	4,000		Huckleberry Butte	18,19	37N	3E
White Doe	376	5,500		Doe Creek	25,36	38N	3E
Marsh Meadow	260	2,750		Grangemont Area	18,19	37N	4E
Rainy Slopes	148	2,000		Grangemont Area	16,17	37N	4E
Meadow View	205	2,000		Grangemont Area	7,18	37N	4E
Bip Creek Road	100	2,000		Silver Creek	24	39N	4E
Reed OSR	200	1,500		Reeds Creek	14,15	38N	4E
Eureka-Alder	240	2,000		Alder Creek	7,8,17,18	38N	4E
Benton Divide Pole	317	400	3,500	Benton Butte	8,9,16,17	40N	5E
Under Thunder	302	5,000		Benton Creek	21,22	40N	5E
Bertha Road	200	4,000		Bertha Hill	25 36	40N 39N	6E 5E
Cedar Ladder Pole	1045	800	6,000	Camp Y Area	2,3,4 15	38N 38N	2E 3E
Camp R	300	4,500		Camp Y Area	1	38N	2E
Lower Swamp OSR	120	1,500		Swamp Creek	2,3	38N	3E
Bartlett Forty's	230	3,000		Bartlett Point	8 24,26	37N 38N	3E 3E

Comments and questions concerning the Idaho Department of Lands sales listed above should be directed to the Clearwater Area Office located at 10230 Hwy 12, Orofino, Idaho 83544, by September 1, 2018. Phone: (208) 476-4587.

All pages of this document are tentative plans and contain more sales, volumes and acres than will be offered for sale in fiscal year 2020.

The fiscal year 2020 plan is subject to review and approval at the April 2019 meeting of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners.

DESIGNATED NEWSPAPERS FOR NOTICE OF FUTURE PROPOSED TIMBER SALES

Priest Lake Supervisory Area

Bonnors Ferry Herald
Bonner County Daily Bee

Pend Oreille Lake Supervisory Area

Bonnors Ferry Herald
Bonner County Daily Bee

MICA Supervisory Area

Coeur d'Alene Press
Shoshone Count News-Press

St. Joe Supervisory Area

Shoshone County News-Press
Clearwater Tribune
St. Maries Gazette Record

Ponderosa Supervisory Area

Clearwater Tribune
Moscow/Pullman Daily News
Lewiston Morning Tribune
St. Maries Gazette (P & R sales)

Clearwater Supervisory Area

Clearwater Tribune
Lewiston Morning Tribune

Maggie Creek Supervisory Area

Clearwater Tribune
Idaho County Free Press
Lewiston Morning Tribune

Payette Lakes Supervisory Area

The Star-News
Idaho County Free Press
Idaho Statesman
The Record
The Signal-American

Southwest Idaho Supervisory Area

Idaho Statesman
The Idaho World

Eastern Idaho Supervisory Area

Caribou County Sun
Idaho State Journal
Post Register
The Morning News