

**IDAPA 20.02.01 Rules Pertaining to The Idaho Forest Practices Act Section 031**  
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**031. CUMULATIVE WATERSHED EFFECTS.**

**01. Purpose.** In accordance with Section 38-1305(8), Idaho Code, the department has developed methods for controlling cumulative watershed effects (CWE). The methods and procedures are described in the department manual entitled "Forest Practices Cumulative Watershed Effects Process for Idaho." Proper application of this process will help ensure watersheds are managed to protect water quality so that beneficial uses are supported. This rule describes how the process is to be implemented on forest land. (7-1-98)

**02. Process Application.** (7-1-98)

**a.** Application of the CWE process and any resulting site-specific BMPs are encouraged but not mandatory. (7-1-98)

**b.** The process may be initiated by either the department, a watershed advisory group (WAG), or an individual landowner or group of landowners that collectively own at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the forested land in a watershed. In any case, a reasonable effort will be made to notify forest landowners within the watershed, and the landowners will be given the opportunity to participate in the process. (7-1-98)

**c.** The department shall be notified prior to the initiation of the CWE process. (7-1-98)

**d.** The department will review and approve the watershed assessment and CWE site-specific BMPs for compliance with the Forest Practices Act. (7-1-98)

**03. Site-Specific BMP Implementation.** A Watershed Advisory Group is a formal group of citizens that provides the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with local public input and guidance regarding specific watersheds during watershed analysis and BMP development. Approved CWE Watershed Advisory Group developed site-specific BMPs are encouraged and applied on a voluntary basis. (~~7-1-98~~)( )

~~04. Site-Specific BMPs on Former Stream Segments of Concern. Practices approved by the department from 1989 through 1995 under former stream segments of concern rules remain in effect until revised by a CWE analysis, at which point the CWE site-specific BMPs would be mandatory. (7-1-98)~~