**Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting Notes – October 10, 2023**

**Name of Negotiated Rulemaking:** Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Forestry Act and Fire Hazard Reduction Programs (IDAPA 20.04.02)

**Docket number:** 20-0402-2301

**Location:** Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Sundance Conference Room and Teams

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 5:00 pm (PDT)

**Attendees:** See participant list

**Facilitated by:** Josh Harvey, - Fire Management Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)

This is the first of two scheduled meetings during the public comment period October 10 – November 17, 2023.

Josh Harvey presented an overview of rulemaking and reviewed the draft rule changes.

**Discussion:**

* There was a question about the change in interpretation on burn plans and what it applies to.
* FPA has a guidance document to help with interpretation for Landowners. That would be helpful in conjunction with the updated rules.
* There was a discussion about whether IDL can move the points to an additional guidance document and take them out of rules. They are not in statute. Additional guidance or clarification is needed.
* Discussion of whether to look into technical specifications and adjective descriptions to calibrate and make clearer. Technical specifications help when pre-planning. A photo series was developed and is a helpful tool.
* Discussion of adding a definition or additional clarification for a “unit,” is it a cut or a continuous block? Discussion of the possibility to change prescribed fire to slash treatment.