

Rulemaking Meeting Dates: October 10 and October 11, 2023

**20.04.02 – RULES PERTAINING TO THE IDAHO FORESTRY ACT
AND FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION LAWS**

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

~~These rules are~~ This chapter is adopted ~~pursuant to~~under the ~~rulemaking-legal~~ authority ~~granted in~~of Sections 38-132 and 38-402, 58-105, and 67-5201 et seq. Idaho Code.

~~(3-18-22)~~()

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

~~01. Title.~~ These rules are titled IDAPA 20.04.02, “Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Forestry Act and Fire Hazard Reduction Laws.” ~~and implement the provisions of Title 38, Chapters 1 and 4, Idaho Code. They provide for Hazard Management Agreements and eContracts and provide for burning requirements and Slash Hazard Reduction standards associated with cutting timber or other Forest Products. They also provide for release or continuation of Contractor liability for wildfire suppression costs for commercial forest products.~~

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~~02. Scope.~~ These rules ~~implement the provisions of the Idaho Forestry Act and Fire Hazard Reduction Laws.~~

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002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

The terms Fire Warden, Forest Land, Forest Products, Person, and State are defined in Section 38-101, Idaho Code. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Idaho Forestry Act and IDAPA 20.04.01, the following definitions apply to these rules:

~~Unless otherwise required by context, as used in these rules:~~ ~~(3-18-22)~~()

~~01. Agreement.~~ The Certificate of Compliance-Fire Hazard Management Agreement ~~(Department of Lands Form 715) required by~~under Section 38-122, Idaho Code ~~(Fire Management Handbook 715 Att. 1).~~

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~~02. Clearance.~~ The Certificate of Clearance (Fire Management Handbook 760 Att. 1), required by law, which states the Contractor has met the terms of Section 38-122, Idaho Code. ~~()~~

~~03. Contract.~~ An optional Hazard Management Contract entered into with the Director by any landowner or operator, under Section 38-404, where the Department assumes the responsibility for management of the fire hazard in exchange for a fee. ~~()~~

~~0204. Contract Area.~~ The legal description of the land given on the ~~a~~Agreement or Contract.~~(3-18-22)~~()

~~0305. Contractor.~~ The ~~landowner, operator, or p~~Person who enters into the ~~Certificate of Compliance-Fire Hazard Management Agreement or Contract.~~

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~~0406. Department.~~ The Idaho Department of Lands. ~~(3-18-22)~~()

~~0507. Director.~~ The Director of the Idaho Department of Lands or ~~his authorized representative~~their designee. ~~()~~

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~~0608. District.~~ A designated forest protective district under Section 38-110 Idaho Code. ~~(3-18-22)~~()

~~0709. Fire Line.~~ A ~~line-break in fuel scraped or~~ dug to mineral soil ~~which is intended~~ to control a fire. ~~()~~

~~0810.~~ **Fire Warden Management Handbook.** A ~~duly appointed fire warden or deputy~~ policy document which describes procedures and forms the Department uses to administer these rules. (3-18-22)()

~~0911.~~ **Fuel.** Any ~~slash~~ **Slash** or woody debris that ~~will~~ contributes to the spread or intensity of a wildfire. (3-18-22)()

~~1012.~~ **Fuel Break.** An area in which all ~~slash and dead woody debris have been~~ **Fuel is** removed or piled and burned. (3-18-22)()

~~1113.~~ **Hazard Points.** A metric used by the Department to compute the fire hazard rating for **Slashing Areas** based on **Hazard Reduction**, site characteristics, and other protective measures that may reduce the spread or intensity of a wildfire. ()

~~14.~~ **Hazard Reduction.** The burning or physical reduction of fire hazards by treatment ~~in a manner that~~ will reduce the ~~spread or~~ intensity ~~and/or spread~~ of a wildfire ~~after treatment is completed.~~ (3-18-22)()

~~1215.~~ **Initial Purchaser or Purchaser.** The first ~~p~~Person, company, partnership, corporation, or association of whatever nature who ~~to~~ purchases a ~~forest~~ **Forest** ~~p~~Product after it is harvested. (3-18-22)()

~~1316.~~ **Operational Period.** A standard twelve (12) hour fire control shift. (3-18-22)()

~~1417.~~ **Slash or Slashing.** Brush, severed limbs, poles, tops and/or other waste material incident to such cutting or ~~to the~~ clearing of land, which are four (4) inches and under in diameter. However, ~~for the purpose of these rules and~~ to correspond with standard fire classifications, ~~for these rules~~ slash ~~will~~ only includes material ~~less than or equal to~~ three (3) inches ~~or less~~ in diameter. (3-18-22)()

~~18.~~ **Slashing Areas.** Areas where sufficient flammable material to constitute a menace to life or property remains on the ground after cutting trees or brush preparatory to clearing, or after cutting Forest Products. ()

~~1519.~~ **Slash Load.** Slash resulting from timber harvesting ~~that has occurred~~ under a current ~~a~~ Agreement, exclusive of natural mortality. (3-18-22)()

~~16.~~ **State.** The state of Idaho. (3-18-22)

011. **ABBREVIATIONS**

~~01.~~ **FMH.** Fire Management Handbook. ()

~~012. -- 029.~~ (RESERVED)

030. **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE-FIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.**

~~01.~~ **Contents.** A Certificate of Compliance-Fire Hazard Management Agreement must be obtained ~~by anyone who conducts an operation involving the~~ ~~before any Person may~~ harvesting of forest ~~Forest~~ products **Products** or potential ~~forest~~ ~~Forest~~ products **Products**. ~~Such~~ ~~The~~ Agreement provides ~~the options~~ ~~of to entering into~~ ~~enter into~~ a ~~contract~~ **Contract** ~~as provided in~~ ~~under~~ Section 38-404, Idaho Code, or ~~for~~ posting of a cash or surety bond to the State. The ~~Certificate of Compliance~~ required by Section 38-122, Idaho Code, ~~must be in substantially the same form as Department of Lands Form No. 715~~ "Certificate of Compliance-Fire Hazard Management Agreement." ~~Agreement is described in FMH 715.~~ (3-18-22)()

02. Period of Time. The period ~~set forth within~~defined by the Agreement is based ~~upon such considerations as~~on the size of the ~~eContract a~~Area, the volume of the timber to be harvested, ~~and or~~ the silvicultural objectives of the landowner. ~~However, i~~n no case may a single Agreement exceed a period of twenty-four (24) months unless the ~~eContractor submits,~~ and the ~~fFire wWarden mutually approves,~~ agree upon a written hazard management plan for the timely abatement of the hazard during a longer period ~~that may exceed twenty four (24) months.~~ (3-18-22)()

03. Extensions. If ~~the a~~eContractor cannot meet the standard required to obtain a eClearance within the period specified ~~above in the Agreement,~~ they ~~contractor~~ may apply to the ~~fFire wWarden~~ for an extension. The application must be in writing, received at the ~~Fire district~~District office thirty (30) working days before the Agreement expires, and show good reason ~~as to other than financial hardship,~~ why an extension ~~should be given is necessary (other than financial hardship).~~ Prior to the Agreement's expiration date, The the fFire wWarden will acknowledge receipt of grant or deny the request prior to the expiration of the Agreement with a form from FMH 715. (3-18-22)()

04. Responsibility. The eContractor named in the Agreement ~~will be is~~ responsible for managing the fire hazard created by the harvesting and will receive the eClearance if the ~~slash treatment meets standards~~requirements of Subsection 120 are met or will carry the liability for suppressing wildfire for five (5) full years following the expiration of the Agreement. (3-18-22)()

031. -- 039. (RESERVED)

040. ADDENDUM TO ~~CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT~~AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL HAZARD REDUCTION.

~~In those instances where~~When a eContractor ~~indicates an intent intends~~ to only accomplish ~~only the pile, ing portion of the total~~but not burn ~~dispose of or physically treat the s~~lash hazard reduction job Load, an addendum to the Agreement must be executed that precisely specifies ying precisely the portion of ~~slash withholding hazard reduction monieys that will beto be refunded.~~ The addendum ~~must be is~~ in substantially the same form as ~~executed with a form in forms provided by the Department~~FMH 715 Att. 4. of Lands Form No. 715.1 -- "Addendum to Certificate of Compliance Fire Hazard Management Agreement." (3-18-22)()

041. -- 049. (RESERVED)

050. BOND.

01. Amount of Bond. The bond specified in Section 38-122 ~~and Section 38-404,~~ Idaho Code, must will be in the amount of four dollars (\$4) per thousand board feet (MBF), or equivalent measure as shown in Table I below, of ~~forest Forest products Products~~ harvested, and may ~~take the form of be:~~ cash, ; surety bond; or irrevocable letter of credit. Surety bonds must be ~~in substantially the same form as on forms provided by the Department of Lands Form No. 707 -- "Bond."~~ (3-18-22)()

02. Rates. Rates and amounts listed in Table I ~~will be are~~ used as a minimum in calculating hazard reduction bonds for ~~Forest products Products~~ cut from all state and private lands in Idaho.

TABLE I	
PRODUCT	BOND RATE
(1) MBF Measurement	
All Products	\$4.00 MBF
OR	

(2) Other Measurement	
Green pulp, stud timber, etc.	\$2.00 Cord
Lineal Foot Measure	
Utility poles and pilings, all species	\$.014 LF
Stulls, corral poles, cellar timbers, fence rails, round posts	\$.01 LF
Piece Measure	
100 inch bolt material	\$.08 ea.
Split posts	\$.02 ea.
Tree stakes	\$.02 ea.
Shake boards	\$.02 ea.
Ton Measurement	
Green or Dead Pulp, Chips, etc.	\$.70 Ton

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03. Exceeding Minimum Bond. The minimum bond rate ~~will is~~ only be exceeded when the landowner or operator requests that higher rate to accomplish additional ~~hazard~~ Hazard Rreduction. (3-18-22)()

051. -- 059. (RESERVED)

060. CONTRACTS WITH FOREST LANDOWNERS OR OPERATORS FOR ASSUMPTION OF HAZARD REDUCTION MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

Forest landowners and operators who engage in ~~commercial timber harvesting operations~~ Forest Operations may enter into an optional ~~eContract Agreement with the Director as provided in Section 38-404, Idaho Code.~~ Under the terms of ~~such an optional the eContract Agreement,~~ the Director may assume all responsibility for the management and reduction of fire hazards ~~to be~~ created in return for a stipulated amount to be paid to the Director by the landowner or operator. ~~Such Any optional eContract Agreement must be in substantially the same form as on forms provided by the Department of Lands Form No. 720 -- "Contract for Management, Reduction and/or Removal of Fire Hazards Created by the Harvesting of Timber Within the State of Idaho," or Department of Lands Form No 725 -- "Contract for Management of Fire Hazards Created By the Harvesting of Timber Within the State of Idaho."~~

061. -- 069. (RESERVED)

070. CONTRACTOR CASH BOND RELEASE TO THE DIRECTOR.

Contractors ~~that who~~ elect, under Section 38-122, Idaho Code, to have hazard reduction money withheld; but ~~who~~ do not intend to dispose of the hazard themselves; must release the withheld monies to the Director ~~of the Department of Lands.~~ ~~Such The release must be in substantially the same form as is on a form in FMH 761 Att. 1.~~ Department of Lands Form No. 761 ~~-- "Release of Cash Bond Withheld to Assure Slash Disposal."~~ (3-18-22)()

071. -- 079. (RESERVED)

080. ADDED PROTECTION IN LIEU OF HAZARD REDUCTION.

~~As provided in Section 38-401, Idaho Code,~~ Fire hazard management methods may include ~~or be limited to the~~

~~taking of~~ additional protective measures in lieu of actual disposal of the ~~slash~~ Slash hazard. Any funds coming into ~~district~~ District hazard management accounts through ~~contract~~ Contract, cash bond release, or forfeiture, may be used for added protection provided that the expenditure meets specifications outlined in Section 38-401, Idaho Code. ~~(3-18-22)()~~

081. -- 089. (RESERVED)

090. DUTIES OF THE INITIAL PURCHASER REQUIREMENTS OF FOREST PRODUCTS.

01. Initial Purchaser. Initial ~~purehasers~~ Purchasers of forest ~~Forest~~ products Products, in accordance with ~~Section 38-122, Idaho Code~~, must withhold, and remit to the State, ~~slash management~~ hazard reduction monies as appropriate for according to the ~~slash management~~ hazard option chosen by the ~~eContractor~~ in the Agreement. ~~Such~~ The option must be clearly identified on the ~~purehaser's~~ Purchaser's copy of the Agreement. ~~Slash~~ Hazard reduction monies withheld in any one (1) calendar month must be remitted to the Director on or before the end of the next calendar month. ~~Such~~ The remittance ~~must~~ may be ~~in on~~ substantially the same form as Department of Lands ~~Form No. 740~~ “Hazard Reduction Payment Record (FMH 705-Att. 2) or in a report with the same information.” ~~(3-18-22)()~~

02. Duty of Initial Purchaser. Initial ~~purehasers~~ Purchasers of forest ~~Forest~~ products Products must make certain that all ~~eContractors~~ from whom they purchase ~~forest~~ Forest products Products have obtained a proper Agreement. ~~(3-18-22)()~~

091. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. INJUNCTION AGAINST FURTHER CUTTING WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT.

Any ~~p~~ Person who cuts timber or other ~~forest~~ Forest products Products of any kind, without ~~having~~ first secured obtaining an Agreement, ~~in accordance with Section 38-122, Idaho Code~~, may be enjoined from ~~continuing~~ such further cutting and will be required to immediately dispose of all ~~slash~~ Slash created. If the ~~p~~ Person responsible fails to properly dispose of the ~~s~~ Slash within thirty (30) days after ~~being notified to do so~~ receiving notification, the State may dispose of the ~~s~~ Slash and ~~such~~ the costs of disposal, plus twenty percent (20%) as a penalty, may be collected as a prior lien against the ~~Forest~~ products Products harvested. ~~(3-18-22)()~~

101. -- 109. (RESERVED)

110. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBED FIRE, PILED SLASH, AND BROADCAST BURNING OF SLASH.

01. Burning. Burning operations must be planned, prepared, and executed in a way that forest resources are not damaged and air quality standards are met. ~~()~~

02. Burn Plans. Burning within specifically designated blocks or areas of Forest Land at any time and for any purpose must be conducted with a prescribed burn plan approved by the ~~Fire Warden of the District's~~ Fire Warden in which the burn occurs. ~~()~~

a. For only pile burning, the District Fire Warden will provide a burn plan with the Agreement. ~~()~~

b. For broadcast burning, the Contractor must submit to the District Fire Warden a detailed prescription for conducting the burn. ~~()~~

~~01. Permits.~~ Any burning operation conducted for the purpose of hazard reduction must be in accordance with the law requiring burning permits during the closed fire season.

03. Burn Crew. A ~~Persons~~ Person conducting burning operations must have a permit, when required, and sufficient men people, tools, and equipment on hand to immediately stop the uncontrolled spread of any fire. ~~Burning operations must be planned, prepared and executed in such a manner that forest resources are not damaged and air quality standards are met.~~ ~~(3-18-22)()~~

~~02. — Burn Plan. Burning of specifically designated blocks or areas of forest land for any purpose must be conducted in accordance with a prescribed burn plan approved by the fire warden in whose area of responsibility the burn occurs. (3-18-22)~~

111. -- 119. (RESERVED)

120. STANDARDS — ~~TREATMENT OF~~ FOR -HAZARD SREDUCTION.

01. Purpose. ~~It is the policy of the State, under 38-401, Idaho Code, that the fire hazard created by commercial timber harvest be reduced by Slash disposal or physical treatment. The Department is authorized by law to consider other protective measures in lieu of complete Hazard Reduction. To~~ This Section provides standards for ~~Hazard r~~Reduction; ~~it also and~~ and references Department ~~the~~ procedures for ~~computing a lowered risk of forest damage reduced~~ determining forest damage risk and threats to life or property. The completed Hazard Reduction and relevant site characteristics will be audited using these standards. ~~The Department is authorized under 38-401, Idaho Code, to consider other protective measures in lieu of complete Hazard Reduction.~~
~~untreated Slash~~release of liability for the contractor who is working under a valid Agreement with the State. (3-18-22)()

02. Reduction of Total Hazard Points. ~~The e~~Contractor's ~~Forest Operation~~ must achieve a ~~reduce~~ the total hazard ~~Hazard points~~ Point total charged against the contract area to of five (5) points or less (see Table II) ~~through disposal, treatment and other protective measures on or before the expiration date on the Agreement's expiration date to receive a release of liability against any fires that originate in or pass through any contract~~ Slashing a Area and in order to receive a refund of ~~slash hazard reduction monies withheld (less three (3) percent for the fire suppression fund, ref. Rule 150) or, to clear any demands that might be made against the surety bond, and to receive a release of liability against any fires that start on or pass through the contract area~~ (as stipulated in Subsections 130 and 150). The ~~Fire Warden of the District's~~ Fire Warden, where the Slashing Areas are located, will use ~~FMH XXX~~ Hazard Points to compute the Hazard Rating using the Hazard Reduction, site characteristics and other protective measures tables below. If the Operating Area has more than one Slashing Area and the Slashing Areas are topographically unique or separated by uncut timber, each Slashing Area will be audited independently. Detailed example Slash Loads and computations are provided in FMH 760. ()

a. Slash Load Technical Specifications. ()

TABLE II – SLASH LOAD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
HAZARD RATING (POINTS)	SLASH LOAD
<u>LOW (0-5)</u>	<u>Slash Load does not exceed three (3) ton per acre.</u>
<u>MODERATE (6-10)</u>	<u>Slash Load is between three (3) ton per acre and six (6) ton per acre.</u>
<u>HIGH (11-15)</u>	<u>Slash Load is between six (6) ton per acre and twelve (12) ton per acre.</u>
<u>EXTREME (16-20)</u>	<u>Slash Load is greater than twelve (12) ton per acre.</u>

~~Slash Loads can be determined by using any standard photo series appropriate for the habitat type represented by the Slashing Area or by using USDA Forest Service General Technical Report INT-16, 1974 (HANDBOOK FOR INVENTORYING DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL). If the Contractor insists upon the latter, sampling intensity will be one (1) sample per two (2) acres through the Slashing Areas in question. The inventory cost is paid by the Contractor. All Slash resulting from the current harvest is included in the inventory except Slash piled and burned by the Contractor before the expiration date of the Agreement or granted extension. ()~~

b. Contractor Hazard Reduction Methods.

Hazard Point deductions can be assigned proportionate to the acreage completed using the table below. ()

<u>Method</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>HAZARD POINT RANGE</u>
<u>Disposal</u>	<u>Slash is removed, piled and burned, or broadcast burned.</u>	<u>0 to 42</u>
<u>Chipping</u>	<u>Slash is chipped.</u>	<u>0 to 42</u>
<u>Crushing or Mastication</u>	<u>Slash is crushed by heavy equipment or masticated.</u>	<u>0 to 20</u>
<u>Lopping</u>	<u>All material less than three (3) inches in diameter is cut so it does not extend more than twenty (20) inches of the mean height above the ground. All boles greater than three (3) inches in diameter that intersect another bole are severed</u>	<u>0 to 10</u>
<u>Single Fuel Break</u>	<u>Remove, pile and burn or treat sufficiently all Slash and woody debris for a minimum width of one chain (66 feet).</u>	<u>1 to 5</u>
<u>Single Fire Line</u>	<u>Remove all vegetative material to expose mineral soil. For a machine excavated line, displace soil to one side and all vegetative debris to the other. Construct handlines a minimum eighteen (18) inches wide with all fuels cleared for eight (8) feet.</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Isolation</u>	<u>Install Fuel Breaks and Fire Lines to divide or isolate Slashing Areas. (See Sub-section 04.a.)</u>	<u>1 to 25</u>

03. **Site Characteristics.** The Fire Warden will audit the Forest Operation and assign Hazard Points for site characteristics that increase risk of forest damage or threats to life or property. ()

a. **Slashing Area Size.** Large Slashing Areas will be assigned Hazard Points using the table below. ()

<u>ACRES</u>	<u><40</u>	<u>40-160</u>	<u>161-320</u>	<u>321-480</u>	<u>481-640</u>	<u>>640</u>
<u>PT VALUE</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

<u>TABLE II – HAZARD CHARACTERISTICS AND OFFSET SLASH LOAD MAXIMUM 20 POINTS RATING – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</u>	
<u>RATING (POINTS)</u>	<u>ADJECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS SLASH LOAD</u>
<u>LOW (0-5)</u>	<u>Slash Load does not exceed three (3) ton per acre. Associated with low harvest volumes per acre such as selection cutting, light commercial thinning, sanitation/salvage operations, tree length skidding with tops and limbs and little or no breakage. Slash is broken up; slash is in many islands over the operating area.</u>

MODERATE (6-10)	Slash Load is greater than three (3) ton per acre but less than six (6) ton per acre. Rating can be lowered by Fire Warden determination. Operation types similar to those listed above except that harvest volume per acre is higher or utilization standards are lower, or timber has higher proportion of unusable top and crown (commonly associated with partial cutting in second growth stands of mixed timber). Most diameter limit cutting falls in this category. Slash is distributed with some clear or very light areas intermingled with heavy islands of slash over the operating area, slash is not continuous.
HIGH (11-15)	Slash Load is greater than six (6) ton per acre but less than twelve (12) ton per acre. Rating can be lowered by Fire Warden determination. Usually associated with regeneration harvest methods such as shelterwood, seed tree and most clearcuts, or any partial cut with a high harvest volume per acre. Slash is nearly continuous through the operating area frequently with heavier islands intermingled with light continuous slash.
EXTREME (16-20)	Slash Load is greater than twelve (12) ton per acre. Rating can be lowered by Fire Warden determination. Any operation with very high cut volume, and/or low utilization standards, and/or many slashed or broken stems. Slash is continuous over the operating area with few light areas.
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
LOW (0-5)	Slash load less than or equal to 3 inch diameter materials not to exceed 3.0 tons/acre.
MODERATE (6-10)	Slash load less than or equal to 3 inch diameter materials greater than 3.0 tons/acre but less than 6.0 tons/acre.
HIGH (11-15)	Slash load less than or equal to 3 inch diameter materials greater than 6.0 tons/acre but less than 12.0 tons/acre.
EXTREME (16-20)	Slash load less than or equal to 3 inch diameter materials exceeds 12.0 tons/acre.

b. Slashing Area Aspect and Slope. The Fire Warden will determine the predominant aspect and slope of each Slashing Area and assign Hazard Points using the table below. ()

ASPECT	PERCENT SLOPE					
	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	>50
N to NE	0	0	1	2	4	5
E or NW	0	0	1	3	6	7
W or SE	0	1	2	5	8	9
S to SW	1	2	4	7	9	10

c. Pre-existing Slash. Any Slashing Area that has Slash from a previous operation, which has occurred within in the last five (5) years, will be assigned up to two (2) Hazard Points. ()

d. Location. A Slashing Area's proximity to structures, highways, and recreational areas will be assigned Hazard Points using the table below. ()

PROXIMITY

<u>330 feet</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>660 feet</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>990 feet</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>1320 feet</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>2640 feet</u>	<u>1</u>

04. Other Protective Measures. The Fire Warden can consider other protective measures associated with a Forest Operation by reducing Hazard Points for division or isolation of Slashing Areas, access control, and availability of water for firefighting as follows: ()

a. Isolation. The Fire Warden can reduce Hazard Points using the table below if Fuel Breaks or Fire Lines are used to subdivide Slashing Areas into smaller areas and/or isolate Slashing Areas from other forest stands; the maximum deduction is twenty-five (25) Hazard Points. Fuel Breaks and Fire Lines are placed to take advantage of terrain (ridgelines, swales, etc.) manmade or natural barriers (roads, skid trails, escarpments, etc.) and provide optimum fire control effect. Lines are tied to an anchor point except through a riparian management zone. ()

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>FUEL BREAK ONLY</u>	<u>FIRE LINE ONLY</u>	<u>BOTH</u>
<u>Slashing Areas are subdivided:</u>			
<u>A. Partial division of Slashing Area</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1-6</u>
<u>B. Slashing Area divided into 2 areas</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6-12</u>
<u>C. Slashing Area divided into 3 to 5 areas</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11-18</u>
<u>D. Slashing Area divided into 6 or more areas</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16-25</u>
<u>OR</u>			
<u>Slashing Areas are isolated from adjacent stands:</u>			
<u>A. One third of Slashing Area boundaries isolated</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1-6</u>
<u>B. Two thirds of Slashing Area boundaries isolated</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6-12</u>
<u>C. All Slashing Area boundaries isolated</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11-18</u>

b. Access Control. The Fire Warden can deduct from the Hazard Point sum for each Slashing Area One (1) Hazard Point if a locked gate system controls road access on all secondary roads to the Operating Area and the Slash on the main road is disposed of or treated. Two (2) Hazard Points can be deducted if the system controls all roads into the Operating Area. ()

c. Water Supply. The Fire Warden can deduct Hazard Points from the Hazard Point sum for each Slashing Area for water availability. The supply must provide at least ten thousand (10,000) gallons in any one (1) Operational Period during the fire season. Water supplies accessible to fire engines within one (1) road mile or to

helicopter buckets within three (3) air miles are eligible. ()

i. One (1) Hazard Point can be deducted for availability to engines only or to helicopters only. ()

ii. Two (2) Hazard Points can be deducted for availability to engines and helicopters. ()

iii. Two (2) Hazard Points can be deducted for availability to engines or helicopters and the supply self-replenishes every Operational Period. ()

iv. Three (3) Hazard Points can be deducted for availability to engines and helicopters and the supply self-replenishes every Operational Period. ()

Slash loads can be determined by using any standard photo series appropriate for the habitat type represented by the contract area, or by using USDA Forest Service General Technical Report INT 16, 1974 (HANDBOOK FOR INVENTORYING DOWNED WOODY MATERIAL). If the contractor insists upon the latter, sampling intensity will be one (1) point per two (2) acres through the area in question. The inventory cost is paid by the contractor. All slash made available as a result of the current harvest will be included in the inventory except that slash that has been piled and will be burned by the contractor before the expiration date on the Agreement or such extensions granted by the fire warden.

SITE FACTORS – MAXIMUM 10 POINTS						
ASPECT	PERCENT SLOPE					
	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	>50
N-NE	0	0	1	2	4	5
E,NW	0	0	1	3	6	7
W,SE	0	1	2	5	8	9
S-SW	1	2	4	7	9	10

UNIT SIZE – MAXIMUM 5 POINTS						
ACRES	<40	40-160	161-320	321-480	481-640	>640
PT VALUE	0	1	2	3	4	5

OTHER FACTORS – MAXIMUM 7 POINTS	
Pre-existing slash from operations in the past five years	-0-2
Proximity to structures, highways and recreational areas (e.g., parks, established campgrounds, etc.).	Add Points-
330 feet	5
660 feet	4

990-foot	3
1320-foot	2
2640-foot	1

In applying offset points to large, complex contract areas, or contract areas with highly variable hazard characteristics, hazard offset techniques must first be applied toward that portion of the contract area which will do the most to reduce the hazard by optimizing fire control effects.

<u>HAZARD OFFSETS REDUCTION (ALL POINTS ARE DEDUCTIONS)</u>		
ALL POINTS ARE DEDUCTIONS		
DISPOSAL	Piling and Burning, Broadcast Burning, etc.	0-42
<p>If disposal reduces slash load in the contract area to <3 tons, deduct hazard points to five (5) or less. If disposal does not reduce slash load to that level, points should be assigned as a proportion of the proportionate to area treated. For example, if twenty five percent (25%) of the area is dozer piled and the piles burned, but the slash load in the contract area still exceeds three (3) tons, twenty five percent (25%) of the total points charged against the job should be deducted. However, if the disposal effectively isolates the untreated portion of the slash or is otherwise placed to optimize fire control effects the proportion of points deducted may be increased to an amount to be determined by the district fire warden.</p>		
MODIFICATION:	Chipping	0-42
	Crushing	0-20
	Lopping	0-10
<p>Lopping standards: All material less than three (3) inches in diameter will be cut so that it does not extend more than twenty (20) inches of the mean height above the ground. In addition, all boles greater than three (3) inches in diameter intersecting another bole will be completely severed. <u>Points are assigned proportionate to area treated.</u></p> <p>Assign points as a proportion of the contract area treated.</p>		
ISOLATION	Fuel Breaks	0-20
	Fire Lines	0-5
<p>To qualify as a fuel break, all slash and available fuels (Ref. Subsection 010.10) must be removed, or piled and burned, or treated sufficiently to prevent a fire from carrying through the area, for a minimum width of one chain (66 feet). In addition, the breaks must be placed to take advantage of terrain, manmade or natural barriers and to provide for optimum fire control effect.</p> <p>All vegetative material must be removed to expose mineral soil. Minimum width of dozer All excavated lines must be the width of the dozer blade with have all dirt soil pushed in one direction displaced to one side and all vegetative debris to the other. Handlines must be eighteen (18) inches wide; additionally, all fuels must be cleared for eight (8) feet. Lines must be tied to an anchor point except that they are not required to be built through a riparian management zone. In addition, the lines must be placed to take advantage of terrain, manmade or natural barriers, and to provide for optimum fire control effect. Maximum points allowed only if combined with an approved fuel break.</p>		

ASSIGNING POINTS FOR ISOLATION			
Isolation techniques will usually be used to break the area into subunits or isolate the area from adjacent stands. Hazard offsets can be deducted for both if, in the opinion of the fire warden, both objectives are met, and the total isolation points do not exceed 25 offset points.			
ACTIVITY	FUEL BREAK- ONLY	FIRE LINE- ONLY	BOTH
Isolates contract area into subunits:			
— A. — Partial isolation or incomplete units	1-5	1	1-6
— B. — Complete isolation of area into 1 to 2 subunits	6-10	2	6-12
— C. — Complete isolation of area into 3 to 5 subunits	11-15	3	11-18
— D. — Complete isolation of area into 6 or more subunits	16-20	4	16-25
OR			
Isolates contract area from adjacent stands:			
— A. — One third of the contract area boundary isolated	1-5	1	1-6
— B. — Two thirds of the contract area boundary isolated	6-10	2	6-12
— C. — Entire contract area boundary isolated	11-15	3	11-18
ACCESS CONTROL	0-2		
Locked gate system controls access on all secondary roads with slash treated on main road			1
Locked gate system controls all road access into unit			2
AVAILABILITY OF WATER			0-3
The water supply must provide water availability for engines within one road mile of operating area or within three air miles for helicopter bucket use. The water supply must be sufficient to supply 10,000 gallons in an operational period during the fire season.			
Water supply for engine only or helicopter only (capacity 10,000 gallons during fire season).			1
Water supply for engine and helicopter (capacity 10,000 gallons) or; for engine or helicopter and which replenishes itself every operational period.			2
Water supply for engine and helicopter which replenishes itself every operational period.			3

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121. -- 129. (RESERVED)

130. LIABILITY FOR THE COST OF FIRE SUPPRESSION.

01. State Liability. ~~With the exception of~~ **Except for** cases of negligence on the part of the landowner, operator, or their agents, liability for the cost of suppressing fires that originate ~~on in~~ or pass through a ~~sSlashing a~~ **Slashing a** ~~Area remains with the State if the Contractor executes one of the following alternatives is executed by the contractor:~~ (3-18-22)()

a. The ~~contract Slashing a~~ **Areas** ~~is are~~ covered by a Certificate of Compliance-Fire Hazard Management Agreement and all hazard ~~reduction~~ money payments are current or a proper bond is in place. (3-18-22)()

b. The ~~e Contractor~~ treats the ~~s~~ **Slash** in accordance with the standards outlined in ~~the~~ Section 120, ~~Table H~~ within the ~~time period~~ **period** specified ~~on in~~ the Agreement or approved extensions. (3-18-22)()

c. The landowner or operator elects to enter into a ~~contract~~ **Contract** with the State for management of the ~~s~~ **Slash** and ~~release from~~ liability ~~of for~~ fire suppression costs ~~as described in Section 060. in accordance with Section 38-404, Idaho Code.~~ (3-18-22)()

02. Contractor Liability. Should the ~~e~~ **Contractor** choose ~~not to~~ **not** treat the ~~s~~ **Slash** or not enter into a ~~contract~~ **Contract** with the State in accordance with ~~Subsection 130.01~~ **Section 060**, the ~~contractor, in addition to forfeiting any applicable bond, Contractor~~ is liable for fire suppression costs for all fires that originate ~~on in~~ or pass through the ~~e~~ **Contractor's** ~~s~~ **Slashing a** ~~Areas and must forfeit any applicable bond.~~ The ~~e~~ **Contractor** retains the full liability for five (5) years from the time the Agreement or any extension ~~thereof~~ expires, unless a ~~e~~ **Clearance** ~~has been~~ **is** issued. (3-18-22)()

03. Failure to Treat. Any ~~e~~ **Contractor** who ~~fails to treat the fire hazard as outlined in~~ **is liable under** Subsection 130.02, is liable for the actual costs of suppressing any wildfire that ~~may occur originates on in~~ or passes through ~~the the~~ **Slashing a** ~~Areas covered by their individual or separate~~ **Agreements** for an amount up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) ~~per Agreement, but no more than one million (\$1,000,000); for separate Agreements with different liable Contractors, the actual costs of suppression up to one million (\$1,000,000) will be shared by the Contractors prorated on the Contract Area acreage of those Agreements. If the same wildfire occurs on or passes through several areas covered by separate agreements or if several Agreements cover the same area, the contractor is liable for the actual cost of suppression up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If a wildfire occurs on or passes through an area covered by separate Agreements with different contractors, the actual cost of suppression up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) will be shared by the contractors prorated on acreage included in their Agreements.~~ (3-18-22)()

04. Fees. Upon payment of the fees ~~set forth~~ **listed** in Table III, the State will assume liability for the cost of suppressing fires that originate ~~on in~~ or pass through the ~~C~~ **contract** ~~A~~ **area**.

TABLE III - ADDITIONAL FEE TO TRANSFER LIABILITY BY HAZARD POINTS	
POINTS	RATE
6-10	\$1.00/MBF
11-20	\$2.00/MBF
21-30	\$3.00/MBF
>30	\$4.00/MBF

~~Additional fee~~ rates for measurement units other than the board foot measurement unit are available upon request from any Department of Lands office. (3-18-22)()

05. Additional Fee. If the eContractor is unable to reduce the hazard pPoints on a Contract A-area to the standards required for a Clearance, but has completed some hazard rReduction work, ~~that the eContractor~~ can discharge the remainder of his the hazard obligation by returning a portion of his the bond to the Fire district District and paying an additional fee to transfer liability. Use the following formula: [One (1) minus (the acceptable low hazard point rating or of five (5), divided by the residual, or untreated hazard Hazard pointsPoints)] times the bond rate] ~~multiply that ratio times the slash rate~~. This dollar amount ~~should is~~ multiplied by the total volume removed from the Contract A-area, and A added to that the total volume times the additional fee to transfer liability (from Table III (for the untreated hazard) points, from Table III) times the total volume. When this amount is paid to the State the Agreement contract area can be cleared. ~~Which can also be~~ This computation is expressed as:
 $(1-(5/U)) * B * V + (A*V) =$ Formula to transfer liability for a partially completed job.

Where:

U = Untreated or residual hazard points

B = Bond rate (usually \$4.00 MBF) Ref. Section 050, Table I

A = Additional fee to transfer liability, Table III

V = Total volume removed from the eContract aAreas

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131. -- 139. (RESERVED)

140. CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE.

Anyone who has entered into an Agreement must apply in writing to the Director for a Clearance. The Certificate of Clearance is the instrument used to certify es that one (1) of the following situations exists: ()

01. that hHazard rReduction has been was accomplished in accordance with the standards in Section 120; ()

02. An additional fee was paid per Subsection 130.05; or ()

03. The Contractor entered into a eContract with the Director per Section 060 to ensure hazard management. ()

~~For Subsections 140.01 and 140.023 , a contract entered into with the Director to ensure hazard management, or an additional fee has been paid. Anyone who has been issued an Agreement for the cutting of any forest product or potential forest product and who has met standards outlined in Section 120, or has made payment for hazard reduction under a contract with the Director, as provided in Section 38-404, Idaho Code, or has paid an additional fee in accordance with Section 38-122, Idaho Code, must apply in writing to the Director for a Certificate of Clearance. Within thirty (30) days after of receipt of such written the request for a Certificate of Clearance, the Director will eause inspect the requested area and issue the Clearance if the applicable requirements were met covered by the request to be inspected. If it is found that the fire hazard has been properly disposed of, the Director will issue a Certificate of Clearance. The Certificate of Clearance must be substantially the same form as Department of Lands Form No. 760—"Certificate of Clearance."~~ (3-18-22)()

141. -- 149. (RESERVED)

150. FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FOREST PRACTICES ASSESSMENT.

01. Withholding Withheld Hazard Reduction Money. An amount of three percent (3%) of the slash management bond rate (twelve cents (\$.12)/MBF) will be is withheld from assessed against all slash management

~~monies~~ hazard reduction money received and dedicated to suppression of wildfires on forest lands. For harvest from private land, an additional amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the ~~slash management~~ bond rate (twelve cents (\$.12)/MBF) ~~can be~~ is withheld from assessed against slash management monies hazard reduction money received and ~~will be~~ is dedicated to Forest Practices support on ~~forest~~ Forest lands Lands. (3-18-22)()

02. ~~Assessment Costs~~ Surety Bond or Credit. ~~Fire suppression assessment~~ Assessment costs on Forest ~~e~~ Operations covered by surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit or other form of bond is paid at the rate specified in Subsection 150.01. (3-18-22)()

151. -- 159. (RESERVED)

160. PRELOGGING CONFERENCE AND ~~AGREEMENT~~ HAZARD REDUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.

Pre-logging conferences ~~and hazard reduction agreements~~ are encouraged, ~~however,~~ ~~t~~ The ~~hazard~~ Hazard reduction ~~Management agreements~~ Contract will be canceled or modified if significant operational changes occur during the Forest Operation ~~harvesting of forest products or potential forest products~~. (3-18-22)()

161. -- 999. (RESERVED)