

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
Month-End Forest Practices Report
January 2025

Total Satisfactory Reports – 36

Notice of Violation

Compliance No. 012862	Report No. 4	Issue Date: 01/06/2025
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Stout Trust, John D & Mary	Fredrickson Logging LLC	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection report documents the unsatisfactory findings with the Idaho Forest Practices Rules on 1/2/2025. At this time, this operation appears complete. 020.01.a.i 030.03.c 030.04.a 030.05.a 030.07.b 030.07.c Numerous skid trails were observed throughout the harvest area. No drainage structures were installed, resulting in sediment entering several Class II streams. Numerous stream crossings showed no evidence of temporary crossings installed, resulting in stream bed damage. Two crossings were installed however they were not removed and placed in a stable outside the Class II SPZ. One skid trail shows that the operator skidded down the upper part of a Class II, resulting in stream channel damage and stream flow. The lower landing that is located on the east side of the Potlach River shows flooding. This is due to the operator conducting operations in a Class II stream, which results in stream channel damage and changing water flow. 030.07.e.iv Several areas within the Class I showed evidence of harvesting on the outer zone below the weighted tree count. Most of the areas within the inner zones are comprised of small-diameter brush. Grass seeding will be required on all disturbed areas at 20 lbs/acre within the Class II SPZ's by October 31, 2025. Remediation Work to be completed. 1. Repair all stream channels back to its natural state. 2. Skid trails inside the Class II SPZ will require drainage structures and slash dispersed throughout the trail. 3. Remove stream crossings and place them in a stable location outside the Class II SPZs. 4. Drainage structures will need to be installed in all skid trails. 5. All harvested areas in the Class I will need to be replanted to lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, or Engelmann spruce with 10'x10' spacing. Remediation work for items 1-4 must be completed before July 1, 2025. Replanting work must be completed before May 15, 2025.

Regulatory Rules - Notice of Violation:

030.07

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

020.01, 030.03, 030.04, 030.05, 030.07

January 2025

Notice of Violation

Compliance No. 012862	Report No. 5	Issue Date: 01/28/2025
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Stout Trust, John D & Mary	Fredrickson Logging LLC	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection report documents the site visit with Mark Kanikkeberg, Rodney Cochrane, and myself. The meeting was to review the rehab work that needs to be completed regarding the Notice of Violation issued on 1/2/2025. Mark, Rodney, and I walked up the Divide Road and jumped up the hill to review the stream crossing locations as described in inspection report 4. Some discussion was covered regarding proper stream channel protection in the Class II and leaving log crossings at the request of the landowner. I informed Mark that crossings need to be removed at the completion of the harvest or spring runoff. Log crossings cannot be left in as permanent structures. During our conversation, I asked Mark if he flagged out the Class I SPZ. He informed me that he and his crew did. I had questions about how it was measured. During my inspection, I noticed pink flagging in several locations. My measurements were reading 50 feet from the ordinary high-water mark. My 75-foot line was done with blue flagging. We walked to the location I had flagged for my stocking inspection. Mark informed me that measurements were done in the summer when water levels were low. This would indicate why there might have been a 20-foot difference in measurements. It is unknown when rehab work may begin. I informed Mark that I would get him an idea of how many trees would be needed to restock the Class I areas. I let Mark know that in the future any assistance with FPA rules, I am more than happy to help.

Regulatory Rules – Notice of Violation:

030.07

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

020.01, 030.03, 030.04, 030.05, 030.07

January 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspection

Compliance No. 014418	Report No. 1	Issue Date: 01/29/2025
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Idaho Department of Lands	Tamarack Mill, LLC	Sam Wittell

Supervisory Area: 50 - Payette Lakes

General Comments:

I met with Mike Payne (FIC) to look at a Class II intermittent stream in the northwestern corner of the JP North Timber sale. This inspection is to address unsatisfactory findings regarding Forest Practices Act Rules:

030.06.b "Remove slash and other debris that enters Class II streams whenever there is a potential for stream blockage or if the stream has the ability for transporting the debris immediately following skidding and place removed material above the ordinary high water mark or otherwise treat as prescribed by the Department. No formal variance is required."

030.07.c "operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings."

The operator had constructed and operated on a skid trail that falls within the 30' SPZ in several locations. The equipment left said skid trail and entered the SPZ to remove harvested timber, resulting in tracks left in the snow and minimal slash and debris remaining in the stream bed. No damage to the soil or stream bed occurred during these operations due to snowpack. For future reference the operator will need to request a variance and get approval from FIC to perform similar operations. Reference rule, 020.01.a.i "The operator must submit a written request for variance to the Department. The request must include a description of the site and particular conditions which necessitate a variance and a description of proposed practices which, if applied, will result in a violation of the rules."

A slash pile has been left below the road within the stream channel potentially blocking spring flows. Remediation work to be completed by 02/07/2025 includes clearing the slash pile and debris from the stream channel to prevent stream blockage during spring run-off. Remaining slash and debris in the SPZ will be removed in the spring.

Regulatory Rules - Unsatisfactory:

030.06

January 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspection

Compliance No. 005627	Report No. 4	Issue Date: 01/13/2025
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	IFG TIMBER LLC	Hailey Frank

Supervisory Area: 22 - Mica

General Comments:

This inspection was the result of a call from the IDL FIC to come and inspect an area where the operator had clearcut a portion of the Class I stream. PFS (Hailey) met onsite with the IDL FIC (Nick) and Purchaser Rep (Gaitlin) to look at the area that was clearcut. The Class I harvest area inspected was designated to be cut under the IFPA rules from 2020 with an Option 2 harvest. All 75 foot boundary and cut trees were marked with blue paint. The operator clearcut portion only occurred in the outer 25 feet of the 75 foot buffer. An unsatisfactory will be given for rule 030.07.e.ii(2) for not meeting stocking within the Class I SPZ. The area affected was a 25ftx536ft area which resulted in approximately 0.3 acres of the Class I was clearcut. The clear cut area will need to be re-plated on an 10x10 spacing with Western Larch and Douglas Fir by June 1st, 2025. Failure to have the area planted without discussing and extenuating circumstances with PFS could result in an NOV. The trees that are harvested and piled will be processed and decked outside the 75 foot SPZ and slash will be piled on the other side of road on stable locations. There was some evidence of the equipment operating inside the SPZ. No unsatisfactory will be given for equipment in the SPZ as the equipment was running on slash and snow and there was no rutting or sedimentation delivered to the stream. There is an area where the ditch was plugged up with some sediment, the operator will open this ditch back up for water flow before spring run off to reduce any road failures or sedimentation delivery to the stream.

Regulatory Rules - Unsatisfactory:

030.07, 040.04, 040.05

January 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspection

Compliance No. 010665	Report No. 1	Issue Date: 11/25/2024
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO	JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO	Chris Remsen

Supervisory Area: 20 - Pend Oreille Lake

General Comments:

020 The operator's representative, Ed Moe, self-reported constructing skid trails and overharvesting the SPZ of Fish Creek, a Class I stream, while conducting harvest operations on compliance #010665. This inspection was to determine the extent of the unsatisfactory conditions and discuss remediation efforts to clear the following unsatisfactory conditions.

Unsatisfactory conditions for the following rules 030.04.a, 030.07.c, and 030.07.e.ii were observed. Rule 030.04.a states: "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. " Rule 030.07.c states: "Operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings." Rule 030.07.e.ii states: "During commercial harvest within Class I SPZ's, retain the following weighted tree count per one-hundred linear feet of stream: (1) Fifty-seven (57) north of the Clearwater/Lochsa Rivers. ... - (5) At least four (4) of the weighted tree count must be retained in the outer twenty-five feet (25') of the SPZ.

Remediation for the above Unsatisfactory conditions are as follows:

1. Leave all slash on the skid trails and adjoining 75' SPZ as is for soil stabilization.
2. Plant conifer seedlings on a 9x9 spacing grid within the affected SPZ area prior to May 15, 2025.
3. Remove all slash within the Class I stream channel and place it at least 5' above the ordinary high-water mark as discussed on site prior to December 15, 2024. Rule 030.06.a goes into more detail regarding slash within the stream course.
4. Rock the western most, rolling dip on the haul road to help stabilize and reduce potential mud flow into the stream. This area as the lowest point of the road and within the streams SPZ. At the time of inspection, the dip was wet and rutting was occurring from vehicle use on the road.

The area described above is located on two reaches of the stream. Each reach is approximately 150' in length with several hundred feet of intact

Regulatory Rules - Unsatisfactory:

030.04, 030.07, 050.02, 050.04

January 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspection

Compliance No. 013458	Report No. 1	Issue Date: 01/10/2025
Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Idaho Dept. of Lands	IFG Timber LLC	John Cook

Supervisory Area: 10 - Priest Lake

General Comments:

FPA advisors went out to inspect completed work to fix SPZ violation however recent snowfall is covering the area. At this time the work seems to be draining appropriately and not causing sediment to flow into the Class II. Reinspection will take place in the spring or when the snow has melted in that area.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.03, 030.07, 030.08

030.07.c "Operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings."

During my inspection, I found the location the FIC informed where a skidder encroached the stream protection zone / wet area located on the southeast portion of Unit 1. The "no equipment zone", flagged with pink/black ribbon was crossed in 2 places with a skidder. The skidder caused some ruts in a wet area approximately 24 feet from the class II stream. The operator was promptly notified of the violation and took immediate action to rectify the problem. The FIC requested that the operator install a cross-ditch by hand to ensure that any surface water or run off will flow towards the creek and not down and skid trail/ tractor rut. He also requested the ruts be filled in with a shovel and some grass seed be spread on the disturbed areas.

January 2025

Total Variances = 4

Compliance No. 015055	Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa	Report Date: 02/05/2025
Land Owner	Operator	Prepared By
Stimson Lumber Company	Yearout Logging	Robbie Easley

Description:

Operate equipment on a existing rocked road within a Class I SPZ.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.07.c "Operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings."

Compliance No. 015233	Supervisory Area: 20 - Pend Oreille Lake	Report Date: 02/12/2025
Land Owner	Operator	Prepared By
Martz Trust	DJ Eich Timebr Service	John Gaddess

Description:

Commercial thinning is occurring throughout the property. A lake of over 1 acre is located centrally on the ownership and is surrounded on the east side by a home, cabin, garage and other outbuildings. Many of which are within or adjacent to the 75 foot SPZ protection of the lake.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.07.e.ii. "During commercial harvest within Class I SPZs, retain the following weighted tree count per one hundred(100) linear feet of stream."

030.07.e.iv. "Prior to and during harvest, cutting in any part of a given one hundred foot (100') Class I SPZ segment is only allowed if the weighted tree count in the inner fifty feet (50') of that segment is above:..."

Compliance No. 015269	Supervisory Area: 40 - Clearwater	Report Date: 02/03/2025
Land Owner	Operator	Prepared By
PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings Inc	PotlatchDeltic Land & Lumber LLC	Chris Gerhart

Description:

This operation will use a dozer or similar machine as a mobile tailhold for yarding. The mobile machine will walk along and anchor upon a road located within the Class II Stream Protection Zone of a Reeds Creek tributary.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.07.c "Operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings."

January 2025

Variances

Compliance No. 65553C	Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa	Report Date: 02/20/2025
Land Owner	Operator	Prepared By
Idaho Department of Lands	IFG Timber LLC	Robbie Easley

Description:

Operate a log loader on a existing rocked road within a Class I SPZ.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.07.c "Operation of ground-based equipment is not allowed within the SPZ except at approaches to stream crossings."

March 2025

Operating Bond Required List:

IDL will not accept a Notification of Forest Practice from these Operators or from their agents, contractors or representatives unless an operating bond is posted

Operating Bond #

Operator Name Rudy and Elizabeth Mendoza
Operator Company Name Tri-Corp Logging and EVM Logging
Related Entity Name Tri-Corp and Tri-Corp of Nevada

FPA Advisor Rodney Cochrane
Compliance/Notification #
Nov #s 09357, 04105, 04108, 04609,04610,04110, MIS19002, MIS19003
listed Date: 4/27/2016

Operating Bond #

Operator Name Michael Ryan
Operator Company Name
Related Entity Name

FPA Advisor Bill Love
Compliance/Notification #
Nov #s POL-05-02
listed Date: 01/31/2016

Operating Bond #

Operator Name Terry Morgan
Operator Company Name Morgan Logging
Related Entity Name

FPA Advisor Jim Nichols
Compliance/Notification #
Nov #s 98-4581
listed Date: 10/31/2016

Operating Bond #

Operator Name Matt Schell
Operator Company Name Inland Timber
Related Entity Name

FPA Advisor Jim Nichols
Compliance/Notification #
Nov #s IC 14630
listed Date: 10/31/2016
