

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

Total Satisfactory Reports - 54

April 2025

Cleared Unsatisfactory

Compliance No. 005627

Report No. 5

Issue Date: 04/21/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	IFG TIMBER LLC	Hailey Frank

Supervisory Area: 22 - Mica
Violations Resolved: Yes

General Comments:

This is a follow up to Inspection Report 4 that was reporting on an Unsatisfactory Conditions 030.07.e.ii(2), 050.02, and 050.03. On April 17th, 2025. Mica PFS's Hailey Frank and Andrew Larson along with North Zone PFS Supervisor Ken Homik re-inspected where planting was to occur. All planted trees were marked with pink ribbons and averaged the 10x10 spacing that was required. After talking with the IDL FIC roadside slash piling is not expected between the road and the stream. Should that change, the operator will need to be careful to avoid pulling out seedlings within the SPZ. This clears the Unsatisfactory Condition. This site meets the Forest Practices Act at this time.

Detailed Regulatory Rules:

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Cleared Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 013458

Report No. 2

Issue Date: 03/24/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Idaho Dept. of Lands	IFG Timber LLC	John Cook

Supervisory Area: 10 - Priest Lake

General Comments:

Cross ditching efforts have allowed for satisfactory waterflow. It is obvious where attempts were made before the snow fell, to mitigate the SPZ violation with hand shovels and redirect the surface water back to the natural flow of the creek.07. The cross-ditching efforts allowed for seasonal run off to flow across the surface rather than down it, minimizing the risk of rills, gullies, and sediment delivery to stream. The operator has halted operations for break-up and has not been back to property grass-seed the spots of disturbed soil but based on our conservation this will take place when the season and weather permits.05.

Detailed Regulatory Rules:

** Due to delay in processing this inspection report wasn't recorded in the system until April Month-End Report

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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

April 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

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Notice of Violation

Compliance No. 012862

Report No. 6

Issue Date: 03/03/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Stout Trust, John D & Mary	Fredrickson Logging LLC	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This is a follow-up inspection to report 4 regarding planting in the Class I area. After measuring the harvested area, 100 trees will need to be planted. As stated in inspection report 4 lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, or Engelmann spruce at 10'x10'. Deadline for replanting still stands at May 15, 2025. Please call about any question.

Regulatory Rules – Notice of Violation:

030.07

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

020.01, 030.03, 030.04, 030.05, 030.07

April 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 011558

Report No. 8

Issue Date: 02/25/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Lonnie Wilson	Devon Hites	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection documents the unsatisfactory findings with the Idaho Forest Practices Rules on 2/25/25. At this time, this operation is completed. As stated in inspection report 7, log crossings were planned to be removed in mid-January. I was on the phone with Devon throughout the month, going into February. I was notified early this week that logs were removed over this past weekend. The log crossings were removed satisfactorily and completed before the heavy rain occurred. During my inspection, I noticed no drainage structures installed on the road systems. As a result, rilling has occurred, which has contributed sediment into the Class II stream. With the heavy rain flowing in the Class II, some logging slash has been transported, causing a blockage. Unsatisfactory Conditions: 040.04.b "Repair slumps, slides, and other erosion sources causing stream sedimentation to minimize sediment delivery. " 040.05.b "Maintain roads to keep the surface drained during thaws or break up. This may require active maintenance of existing drainage, drain holes in snow berms, and installation of additional cross-drains or treatment of the road surface." Remediation Work to be completed. 1. Installation of drainage structures on both road systems. 2. Remove the logging slash blockage and place it outside the Class II SPZ. 3. Contact the Ponderosa PFS for clearance of unsatisfactory before the equipment leaves the site. 4. Remediation must be completed before May 15th, 2025, or an NOV may be issued.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.07, 040.04, 040.05

April 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 011558

Report No. 9

Issue Date: 04/30/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Lonnie Wilson	Devon Hites	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection documents the onsite visit I had with Boyd Hites (Operator), Abby Shagena (PFS), and myself. Significant road improvements have been made on the road system leading to the Class II. The old road that ran through the Class II is still soft and needs time to heal before work can be completed. More dry weather is predicted. Some slash will need to be cleaned out of the stream channel. The deadline of May 15th, 2025, still stands at this time.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.07, 040.04, 040.05

April 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 011696

Report No. 2

Issue Date: 04/28/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Idaho Department of Lands	IFG Timber LLC	Hailey Frank

Supervisory Area: 22 - Mica

General Comments:

PFS's personnel Hailey Frank, Andrew Larson and North Zone Supervisor Ken Homik conducted a site visit to the Scenic Lodge Cedar Timber sale. This Timber sale encompasses new road construction that intersects a Class I tributary to Fish Creek in two locations.

Inspection at the lower crossing revealed unsatisfactory conditions for regulatory standards 040.03.b and 040.03.c. Inspection over the whole site revealed unsatisfactory conditions for regulatory standard 060.03.c.

Any identified unsatisfactory conditions will need to be resolved by June 30th, 2025. Failure to achieve compliance by this date may result in a Notice of Violation. A follow-up inspection will be conducted upon completion of corrective actions or on the specified deadline date.

040.02.e.i. The installed culver on the lower road crossing of the Class I stream was evaluated and determined to meet fish passage criteria. For the second culvert installation at the upper crossing, the Mica PFS team requests to be present to ensure compliance with fish passage standards.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

040.03, 060.03

040.03.b "Clear all debris generated during construction or maintenance which potentially interferes with drainage or water quality. Deposit excess material and slash on geologically stable sites outside the SPZs."
None

040.03.c "Where sediments would enter streams, stabilize exposed material (road surface, cut slopes, fill slopes, borrow pits, waste piles, etc.) prior to seasonal runoff. Install supplemental stabilization measures such as seed and mulch, slash mats."

040. At the lower crossing, approximately 30 cubic yards of overburden material is stockpiled below the fill slope within the Class I SPZ. Road Construction material is located within 15 feet of the stream bank, adjacent to the newly installed culvert on the fill slope. Remediation work will include the removal and relocation of the overburden to a stable location outside the SPZ. Remove and relocate any additional material outside the 75-foot SPZ that has the potential to mobilize into the SPZ and Class I Stream to a stable location outside the SPZ. Stabilize exposed soil from road construction within and adjacent to the SPZ through grass seeding and mulching to mitigate sediment delivery to the stream.

060.03.c "Waste resulting from logging operations, such as crankcase oil, filters, grease, oil containers, or other nonbiodegradable waste must be removed from the operating area and disposed of properly."

060. An inspection of the site revealed improper disposal practices, including the presence of garbage and petroleum products within the slash piles. The volume of garbage and petroleum products is extreme, as there are very few slash piles that do not contain refuse. Excessive garbage items include but are not limited to a car alternator, over 100 feet of 6 in drainpipe stuffed in a slash pile, lunch wrappers, and oil and antifreeze jugs. PFS personnel removed some petroleum products and garbage during the site visit; however additional remediation work is required to clean up the excess petroleum products and garbage.

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Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 012027

Report No. 3

Issue Date: 04/01/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	IFG Timber, LLC	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection documents the unsatisfactory findings with the Idaho Forest Practices Rules on 3/31/25. At this time, harvesting operations are complete. No drainage structures had been installed. Which has resulted in rilling and sediment delivery into the Class II stream. Sediment can be seen ~100 feet downstream. Most of the roads observed had an inside ditch established, which also showed sediment delivery into the Class II in both the upper and lower road systems. Unsatisfactory Conditions: 040.03.g "Construct cross-drains and relief culverts to minimize erosion. Use riprap, vegetative matter, downspouts, and similar devices to minimize erosion of the fill. Install drainage structures or cross-drain incomplete roads prior to seasonal runoff." 040.04.b "Repair slumps, slides, and other erosion sources causing stream sedimentation to minimize sediment delivery. " Remediation Work to be Completed 1. Installation of drainage structures on both road systems. 2. Straw inlet of culverts 1 and 6. 3. Contact the Ponderosa PFS for clearance of unsatisfactory before the equipment leaves the site. 4. Remediation must be completed before May 15th, 2025, or an NOV may be issued.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.07, 040.03, 040.04

April 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 012424

Report No. 2

Issue Date: 02/28/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
Tyler Mortensen	Andres Logging	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection documents the unsatisfactory findings with the Idaho Forest Practices Rules on 2/27/25. At this time, operations are completed. As stated in inspection report 1, no drainage structures were installed at the time of inspection. Roads showed signs of minor rilling at that time. The temp log crossing has been removed as requested. The ~10" relief culvert was still in place. The culvert inlet is plugged, resulting in water pooling and running down the road surface with deep rills. As a result, sediment delivery was observed entering Jerome Creek, a Class I Stream, which is located at the bottom of the property. Unsatisfactory Conditions: 040.02.e.iii "Relief culverts, and those used for seeps, springs, wet areas, and draws shall not be less than twelve (12) inches in diameter for permanent installations." 040.03.g "Construct cross-drains and relief culverts to minimize erosion. Use riprap, vegetative matter, downspouts, and similar devices to minimize erosion of the fill. Install drainage structures or cross-drain." Remediation Work to be completed. 1. Installation of drainage structures on road systems. At the outlet of each drainage structure install slash filter windrows, to be used as sediment filtration. 2. Remove the 10" culvert or replace it with a 12" culvert. 3. Install strew at the bottom of the property where sediment is crossing the Jerome Creek County Road and contributing sediment to Jerome Creek. 4. Contact the Ponderosa PFS for clearance of unsatisfactory before the equipment leaves the site. 5. Remediation must be completed before May 15th, 2025, or an NOV may be issued.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.07, 040.02, 040.03

April 2025

Unsatisfactory Inspections

Compliance No. 65526C

Report No. 2

Issue Date: 02/04/2025

Land Owner	Operator	FPA Advisor
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS	STELLA JONES	Robbie Easley

Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa

General Comments:

This inspection report serves to document forest practices unsatisfactory noted by the IDL Forester-in-Charge in Timber Sale Inspection Report #27. The FIC self-reported to the Ponderosa PFS on 2/4/25. Rules violated were 030.04.a and 030.06.b. The FIC notes in his inspection "While skidding portions of unit 2 the crew violated FPA rule 030.04.a at multiple Class 2 streams. Skidding down the H Road over culvert #18 resulted in the tops of the trees side-casting material over the culvert outlet and into the Class 2 stream. Also, decking along the H Road was conducted over culvert #16 which is a Class 2 stream crossing. The crew will be required to remove all material side-cast over culvert #18 to a stable location outside the SPZ once weather conditions permit. The crew will be removing decked material over culvert #16 as they process the logs and haul it out. Further clean-up work will be required to remove any material blocking the stream channel and proper functioning of the culvert. The FIC marked in the woods all Class 2 streams that have not been harvested next to yet with orange "stream protection area" flagging with the purchaser representative and discussed it with the crew." The Ponderosa Area Private Forestry Specialist concurs with the FIC's remediation requirements. The FIC shall inform the Ponderosa Area PFS remediation work is completed; an on-site inspection will be performed to clear the unsatisfactory conditions.

Regulatory Rules – Unsatisfactory:

030.04, 030.06, 030.07

April 2025 Total Variance Reports - 9

Compliance No. 011677
Supervisory Area: 31 - Cataldo
Land Owner: Idaho Department of Lands
Operator: IFG Timber LLC
Prepared By: Rodney Cochrane

Report Date: 2025-04-24

Description:

Use of county-maintained road for equipment operation inside of Class II stream protection zone for a distance of approximately 300 feet. This practice will allow for daylighting of the county road as well as for the beginning of the decommission process for a jump up road that was constructed to access timber higher on the slope.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 013214
Supervisory Area: 31 - Cataldo
Land Owner: System Global Timberlands, LLC
Operator: Manulife Investment Management
Prepared By: Rodney Cochrane

Report Date: 2025-04-24

Description:

Variance requested to rule 030.07.c in order to permanently cap old, hand-dug, stacked rock wells that exceed 20 feet in depth. These wells were discovered during timber sale layout and the former wooden caps have rotted away, leaving the wells open and hazardous to staff and potentially the public. This variance will allow a small excavator access to the sites within Class II SPZ to place steel structures over the top of the wells.

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. 015033
Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa
Land Owner: PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings, Inc
Operator: PotlatchDeltic Land & Lumber, LLC
Prepared By: Robbie Easley

Report Date: 2025-04-29

Description:

Reuse an existing skid trail within Class II SPZ

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015143
Supervisory Area: 50 - Payette Lakes
Land Owner: Dean Dryden
Operator: Jason Lunders
Prepared By: Sam Wittell

Report Date: 2025-04-08

Description:

Lunders will be reopening an existing skid trail the falls within the 30' SPZ of a Class II intermittent stream. Walking of equipment and skidding logs will be allowed on the skid trail.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015343
Supervisory Area: 21 - Kootenai Valley
Land Owner: STEVEN C SCHUMACHER
Operator: JOHNNY LOGGING, INC
Prepared By: Ken Homik

Report Date: 2025-04-03

Description:

The operation is on a steep slope immediately adjacent to a county road and a residential building. The building is within 50 feet of an unnamed Class II stream. Landing locations are limited. The operator proposes to shovel trees down from the steep slope and process in the SPZ. Total length of equipment operating in SPZ is approximately 100 feet. The entire area where operations will occur has been converted to driveway/parking area.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015511
Supervisory Area: 41 - Ponderosa
Land Owner: Levi Berquist
Operator: NZM Logging LLC
Prepared By: Robbie Easley

Report Date: 2025-04-21

Description:

Reuse 2 existing skid trails within a Class II SPZ. The North trail runs ~400 feet within the SPZ, and the South trail runs ~50 feet.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015609
Supervisory Area: 30 - St. Joe
Land Owner: Johnny Berry
Operator: Danielson Logging
Prepared By: Ashley Kirk

Report Date: 2025-04-16

Description:

Request for variance to utilize an existing skid trail for 200 feet with ground-based equipment within the outer 10 ft. of a Class II SPZ.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015699
Supervisory Area: 31 - Cataldo
Land Owner: Stimson Lumber Company
Operator: Stimson Lumber Company
Prepared By: Rodney Cochrane

Report Date: 2025-04-30

Description:

Re-use of 200 feet of existing skid trail that runs 20 - 25 feet away from Class II stream for the use of skidding a small volume of timber.

Rules for which variances were granted:

030.04.a "Locate all new or reconstructed landings, skid trails, and fire trails on stable areas outside all SPZs. Locate fire and skid trails where sidecasting is held to a minimum."

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

Compliance No. 015815
Supervisory Area: 40 - Clearwater
Land Owner: PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings Inc
Operator: PotlatchDeltic Land & Lumber LLC
Prepared By: Chris Gerhart

Report Date: 2025-04-18

Description:

This operation will allow for the use of ground-based equipment within the Stream Protection Zone (SPZ) of a Class II, North Fork Silver Creek tributary. A loader or similar piece of equipment will be used as a mobile tailhold for yarding. The machine will only operate on an improved road while in the SPZ. In addition, ground-based equipment might be used to remove incidental timber (near the stream crossing) to landings outside the 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."