



Industrial Inspections

This guidance document is not a new law. This is an interpretation of existing law, except as authorized by Idaho Code or incorporated into a contract.

1. Agency Contact

Deputy Chief, Plans

2. Purpose

To monitor industrial operations on forest lands.

3. Applicability

All IDL employees conducting industrial inspections.

4. Associated Policies

- A. Title 38, Section 108, Idaho Code
- B. Title 38, Section 121, Idaho Code
- C. Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, IDAPA 20.04.01.080-110
- D. Fire Management Handbook, 800 Series

5. Definitions

None

6. Policy

Fires caused by equipment use or industrial operations are some of the most expensive fires to suppress. Title 38, Sections 108 and 121, Idaho Code, require all industrial operations on or near forest lands, including woodworking and wood product plants, timber harvesting operations, construction projects, maintenance operations, and mining to provide adequate protection against the starting, spread, or escape of wildfires.

7. Procedures

- A. An **Industrial Operations Information, (or equivalent form), Attachment 1**, will be completed to document findings when conducting an inspection.
- B. Industrial operations on or near forest land may be inspected during the closed fire season to ensure compliance with Idaho Code and Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, IDAPA 20.04.01.080–110.
- C. Inspections should be completed in the presence of a representative of the operation being inspected. Upon completion of the inspection, the form should be signed by the inspecting officer and a representative of the company. When specific deficiencies are noted, follow-up inspections will be made to assure compliance. A Notice of Violation will be issued when applicable. See Notice of Violation, FMH 826, for procedures.
- D. Distribution of the Industrial Operations Information form is as follows:
 - 1. Original to operation inspected.
 - 2. Copy retained in District files.
 - 3. Copy retained as the inspector's field copy.

8. Exception Authorization

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Chief, Bureau of Fire Management.

9. Revision History

7/1/25 Updated to ADA compliance and new FMH format.