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**Date:** June 3, 2024  
**To:** Purchasers Paying the Scaling Assessment  
**From:** Shawn Inman, Executive Director   
**Subject:** **Changes in Assessment Levy**

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The Scaling Law in Idaho levies an equal assessment against both the timber owner and the timber purchaser, not to exceed 20¢/mbf or 12¢/ccf on either party. The assessment is set by the Scaling Board at a meeting advertised and designated for this purpose. The Idaho Board of Scaling Practices met on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for its annual budget setting meeting. During this meeting the Board set an assessment rate that is applicable to each the timber owner and the timber purchaser of **17¢/mbf** (seventeen cents per thousand board feet) or **8.5¢/ccf effective for timber harvested on or after July 1, 2024.**

The Scaling Law continues to levy the assessment on the scale of all forest products harvested within the state of Idaho but provides an exemption for the *timber owner only* on forest products harvested from state of federal lands. This means the “purchaser” portion of the assessment continues to apply as in the past (all timber-private, state, and federal) whereas the “owner portion of the assessment applies only to timber harvested from private lands (note: private land includes any timber from Tribal land).

Lastly, the Scaling Law requires the timber purchaser to withhold the timber owner portion of the assessment, and to transmit all assessment money to the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month for all timber harvested during the previous month.

A new assessment remittal form has been adopted by the Scaling Board for reporting scale volumes and assessment payments. This required for “Scaling Assessment Payment Record” is to be filled-out and submitted by the timber purchaser with monthly assessment transmittals. A copy of this form is enclosed, along with instructions for its completion.

As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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