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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

September 15, 2021
Idaho Department of Lands
(Louise Shadduck Office Building)
Sundance Conference Room & Zoom
3284 W. Industrial Loop
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

The hearing was called to order by Russel Hogan, at 10:00 a.m.

In-person attendance: Russ Hogan, Executive Director; Shawn Inman, Check Scaler; Abigayle Ford, Idaho Dept. of Lands support staff, recorded meeting minutes; Shannon McCormick, Idaho Dept. of Lands, Program Specialist - Timber.

Via Zoom attendance: Heather Bashaw, Idaho Forest Group, Grangeville; Terry Simcox, Idaho Forest Group; and Joy Vega, Attorney Generals Office.

Russ Hogan introduces himself to those attending, stating the date and time. He announces that they are on the record for a Public Hearing, regarding proposed rule Docket 20-0601-2101. Before the hearing was opened for testimonies, Russ gave an overview of the proposal, explaining that the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices have proposed the adoption of a new cubic log scaling manual to give another option as to how logs are scaled. The new cubic manual would be an alternative to the current "Idaho Log Scaling Manual" and is not meant as a replacement.

He further elaborates that by adopting the "Idaho Cubic Log Scaling Manual," this rulemaking would ensure both Scribner and cubic scaling methods are compliant with the current rules as established by the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices. Following Executive Order 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation, this rule chapter is scheduled to be repealed and replaced in 2021 for review during 2022 legislative session. He also states that previously approved and codified fees have not changed, and said fees are being imposed pursuant to section 38-1209, Idaho Code and said rulemaking does not change any of the fees imposed.

Russ Hogan concludes his overview and begins to explain the prescribed hearing format. He continues, explaining how both written and oral comments are important at this stage of the rulemaking. Changes to the proposed rule can only be made based on written and oral comments received on or before September 22, 2021. These comments will then be reviewed and evaluated to determine whether additional rule changes are needed. The rules will then be presented to the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices at their fall meeting in October to adopt the rules as pending. The pending rules will then be submitted to the 2022 Idaho Legislature for review before becoming final and effective.

Russ Hogan opens the hearing for testimonies.

Heather Bashaw, with Idaho Forest Group, Grangeville begins her oral testimony. She states she has reviewed proposed rule docket 20-0601-2101 and approves the proposal.

Russ then asks if there are any other oral testimonies. There are none.

Russ states the time, 10:08 a.m., and asks Joy Vega if those in attendance and staff should wait 15 minutes for any late arrivals. Joy thanks Russ and asks if Russ has received any phone calls or emails from anyone else stating they were going to be in attendance. Russ responds, no, he has not. Joy then recommends the hearing stay open until 10:10 a.m., as the hearing has been duly noticed, and scheduled for an appropriate amount of time.

Joy then asks Russ if he has received any written comments. Russ responds with no, that the only written comment he has received was from Heather Bashaw, who had submitted a written comment in the spring during negotiated rulemaking. Joy then clarifies that Heather's comment would already be in the record, which Russ confirms.

Russ Hogan closes the hearing, at 10:10 a.m., and he thanks those in attendance for participating in the rulemaking process.