

## IDAPA 20 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

### 20.04.01 – RULES PERTAINING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

DOCKET NO. 20-0401-1701

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 1, including section 38-132, Idaho Code, and Title 38, Chapter 4, including section 38-402, Idaho Code.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** All scheduled negotiated rulemaking meetings will occur between OCTOBER 18, 2017 through DECEMBER 15, 2017. Scheduled negotiated rulemaking meetings will be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the web address listed below. Please contact JT Wensman at (208) 769-1525 or [jtwensman@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:jtwensman@idl.idaho.gov) to be added to the email list of interested parties.

The meeting site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

**METHOD OF PARTICIPATION:** Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking may participate by attending any negotiated rulemaking meeting, or submitting written comments during the allowed comment period. Comments may be submitted to <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/rulemaking/20.04.01/index.html>.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary and made available on the agency website.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The Idaho Department of Lands is preparing to amend select fire protection standards and introduce new fire protection standards to IDAPA 20.04.01 Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection specific to forest operation activities conducted on forest lands. During the 2015 fire season, the Department worked with forest landowners, logging contractors, forest industry representatives, and others to develop and implement fire protection best practices to lessen the risk of fire starts from forest operations on forest lands. Post fire season reviews were conducted to discuss the effectiveness of the fire protection best practices and the need to update specific standards in the Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection. After further review of those Rules and follow-up meetings in 2016 and 2017 with fire managers, forest landowners, logging contractors, and forest industry representatives, the Department determined a need to enter into negotiated rulemaking to address certain concerns during closed fire season

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES:** For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, requests for special meeting accommodations or accessibility, contact JT Wensman, Bureau Chief – Fire Management (208) 769-1525. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho Department of Lands website at the following web address: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/rulemaking/index.html>. Submission of written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking should be directed to the undersigned or to the Idaho Department of Lands website at the website address as noted and must be delivered on or before December 15, 2017.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.

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