

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2023

Regular Agenda

Subject

Negotiated rulemaking for IDAPA 20.04.01 *Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection*

Question Presented

Shall the Land Board authorize the Department to initiate negotiated rulemaking for IDAPA 20.04.01 *Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection*?

Background

The Idaho Department of Lands (Department) is responsible for fire suppression on all private timberland and endowment timber and rangelands. IDAPA 20.04.01 identifies the persons responsible for and staffing for fire protection districts, as well as enforcement authorities for those individuals. The Forest Fire Protection rules also identify assessment rates levied on timberlands to fund fire protection district personnel and equipment. Furthermore, the rules provide instructions related to the use of deficiency warrants, as well as guidance for entering into fire protection agreements with other fire suppression entities.

Discussion

Following Executive Order 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation, this rule chapter is scheduled to be repealed and replaced in 2024 for review during the 2025 legislative session. The Department will review the rules with stakeholders to ensure it provides clarity in our processes. Preliminary research from the Department has not identified any major changes. The Department anticipates reducing the total word count by removing repetitive statements from the rule chapter.

A proposed timeline for the rulemaking process is provided as Attachment 1.

Recommendation

Authorize the Department to initiate negotiated rulemaking for IDAPA 20.04.01 *Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection*.

Board Action

Attachments

1. Draft rulemaking timeline



Draft Rulemaking Timeline

IDAPA 20.04.01

Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection

August 15, 2023	Approval from Land Board to start negotiated rulemaking (regular agenda)
September 1, 2023	Submit <i>Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules</i> to the Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator (OARC) for publication in October 2023
September 2023	Post information on IDL website about this rulemaking
October 4, 2023	<i>Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules</i> publishes in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin; negotiated rulemaking and public comment period begins
Oct/Nov TBD, 2023	Negotiated rulemaking public meeting in location TBD and via Zoom
Jan/Feb TBD, 2024	Negotiated rulemaking public meeting in location TBD and via Zoom
Feb/Mar TBD, 2024	End of comment period for negotiated rulemaking.
March 8, 2024	Submit <i>Notice of Proposed Rule</i> to OAR for the 2025 Legislature
April 3, 2024	Proposed rule publishes in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin and 21-day written public comment period begins
April TBD, 2024	Public Hearing (OPTIONAL)
April 17, 2024	Deadline to request a public hearing on proposed rule
April 24, 2024	End of written public comment period on proposed rule
May 16, 2024	Request approval from Land Board to adopt pending rule (regular agenda)
June 7, 2024	Submit <i>Notice of Pending Rule</i> to OARC for publication on July 3, 2024
January 2025	Pending rule to be reviewed during the 2025 legislative session

Note: All dates are subject to change.