

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2024
Regular Agenda

Subject

Department of Lands' Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Timber Sales Plan

Question Presented

Shall the Land Board approve the FY25 Timber Sales Plan?

Discussion

The proposed FY25 Timber Sales Plan, transmittal email, and public comment letter are attached (Attachments 1, 2, and 3). The Timber Sales Plan outlines volume targets and likely harvest proposals.

The proposed FY25 Timber Sales Plan of 334 MMBF continues implementation of the State Board of Land Commissioners' (Land Board) approved 2019 Forest Asset Management Plan (FAMP). The harvest level surpasses that of the FAMP, primarily because of increased harvesting in insect-infested stands in Eastern Idaho, alongside logical defined sales boundaries on the Pend Oreille Lake and St. Joe Supervisory Areas.

The volume in the FY25 Sales Plan is determined primarily by a 200-year sustained harvest forecast developed in 2018 and 2019 utilizing our inventory data and growth projection models. The Idaho Department of Lands (Department) recommends that the annual sale level for FY25 be established as displayed in the table below:

Supervisory Area	Annual Sale Volume FY25 Recommended
Priest Lake	28 MMBF
Pend Oreille Lake	37 MMBF
Mica	18 MMBF
St. Joe	81 MMBF
Ponderosa	40 MMBF
Clearwater	55 MMBF
Maggie Creek	30 MMBF
Payette Lakes	21 MMBF
Southwest Idaho	16 MMBF
Eastern Idaho	8 MMBF
Total	334 MMBF

Because of unforeseen natural events like wildfires, wind throw, insect infestations and disease, volumes for individual supervisory areas may vary from year to year.

As part of the FY25 Timber Sales Plan, the Department will offer a minimum of 20,000 cedar poles for sale. These poles will be offered as part of the Cedar Sales program.

Additional cedar products and pulp volumes may be available for removal at the option of the sale purchaser or in accordance with Land Board policy.

The draft proposed FY25 Timber Sales Plan was posted for public review on the Department's public timber sale website on January 17, 2024, in accordance with the Land Board's public involvement policy. The Department received one written public comment to the Plan.

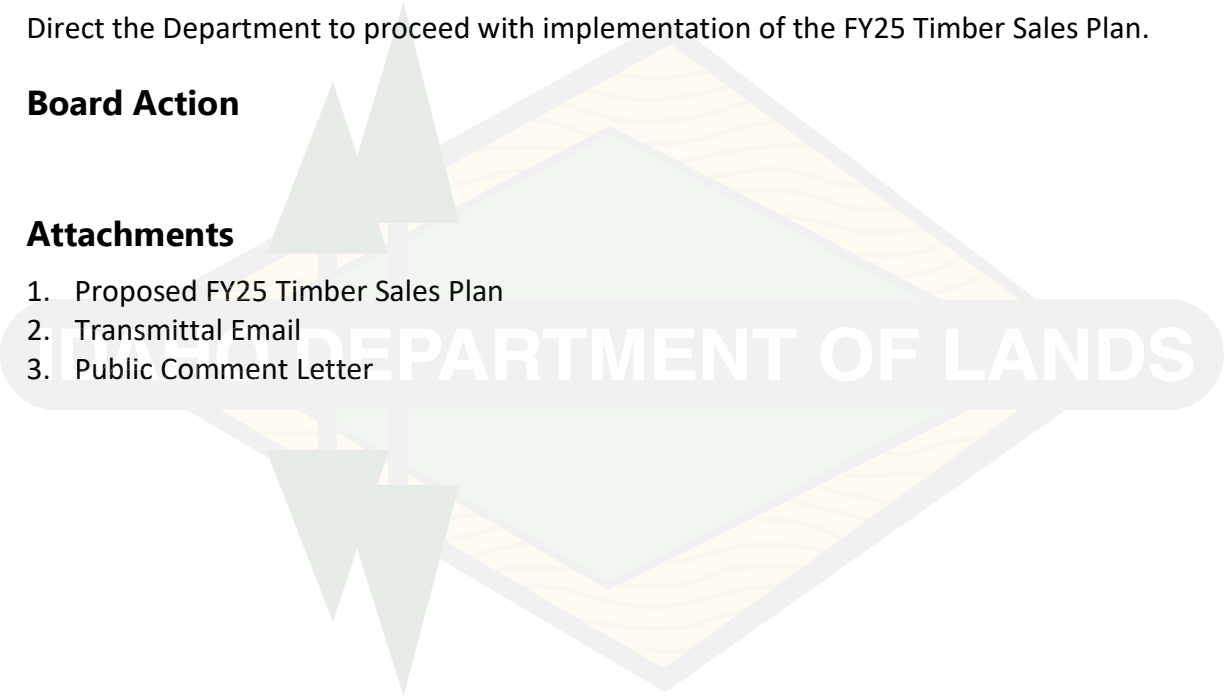
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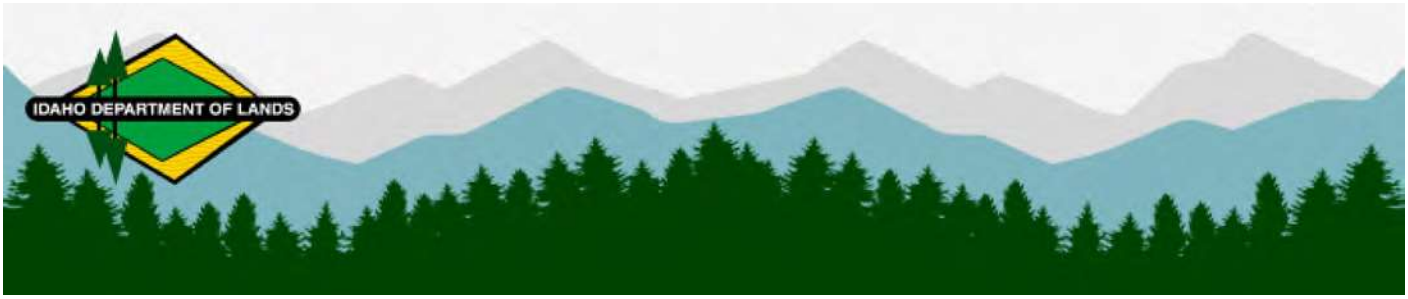
Direct the Department to proceed with implementation of the FY25 Timber Sales Plan.

Board Action

Attachments

1. Proposed FY25 Timber Sales Plan
2. Transmittal Email
3. Public Comment Letter





Fiscal Year 2025 - Proposed Timber Sale Plan

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS Timber Sale Program

Idaho Department of Lands sells timber at public auction to generate revenue for public schools and other endowment beneficiaries. Idaho's forest products industry is the largest contributor to the endowments' annual revenue. Our foresters protect the endowments' renewable timber resources by managing the land, selling timber, planting new trees, and repeating the process.

Idaho Forest Products Industry:

The Idaho Department of Lands' fiscal year (FY) 2025 [proposed timber sale plan](#) has been posted on the department's timber sale website. The plan will be presented to the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners for their approval at the April Land Board meeting.

If you would like to comment regarding the fiscal year 2025 sale plan, please send a letter, preferably via email, of your comments to:

Jeremy Shawver: jshawver@idl.idaho.gov

You may address your comments to Dustin T. Miller, IDL Director, or Jeremy Shawver, Lands Section Manager - Timber Sales and Contract Administration. If you prefer to send comments to the Director, please copy me so that all written comments are included in the package submitted to the Land Board. All comments will be forwarded to the Director and included in the FY 2025 timber sale plan package submitted to the Land Board.

Public comments to the IDL Timber Sale Plan may include letters of support, general comments, and/or sale specific comments.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Shawver

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February 27, 2024

Dear Mr. Shawver,

Alta Forest Products would like to express our support of the Idaho Department of Lands Proposed FY 2025 Timber Sale Plan. It is encouraging to see the consistent execution of forest management and advertisement of forest products that the IDL provides. The FY 2025 Proposed Plan supports the mission of IDL and generates valuable return to the Endowment.

Alta Forest Products appreciates the IDL’s mission and the quality work performed by its dedicated staff. We are committed to supporting the IDL timber sale program into the future and we appreciate all opportunities to share feedback. The following summarizes our general comments and suggestions:

- We urge the IDL to continue looking for opportunities to maximize return to the endowment by carefully packaging high value sales with higher percentages of western red cedar volume (with a minimum of 25% by volume). This may mean ‘targeting’ specific stands and creating smaller sale packages (sales of 2 MMBF or less). We understand this creates more administrative burden, but we are convinced the financial returns to the Endowment will make it worthwhile.
- The St. Joe office has only one cedar sale being advertised for FY25. This is surprising to us based on the IDL’s standing inventory by supervisory area. We anticipate more cedar sales to come from this area and view it to be a critical source of cedar for our business into the future. Please consider ways to provide concentrated cedar packages out of this office and we appreciate opportunities to provide feedback during the sale planning phase.
- Alta would like to commend IDL on the successful inception of the Delivered Products Program. We were very pleased to participate in the first sale in 2023 and look forward to upcoming sales under this program. We are confident these sales will maximize competition and eventual return to the Endowment.

The IDL timber sale program provides a critical timber supply to our local forest industry. We see the importance of this sustainable fiber supply to our own operations and are grateful for future opportunities to work together. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposed FY 2025 Timber Sale Plan. We wish you and all IDL staff a successful year.

Sincerely,

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