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PRESS RELEASE

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State Board of Forestry Meeting is Oct. 20

(Anchorage, AK) Members of the media and the public are invited to participate in the next Board of Forestry meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, starting at 8 a.m.

The nine-member Board of Forestry advises the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on forestry regulations, provides a forum for those interested in forestry to discuss and seek resolution of issues concerning Alaska's forest resources, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on research needs.

Topics on the board's agenda for the Oct. 20 meeting include:

- Forestry and forest practices budgets and proposed legislation
- State Forest management
- State and federal forest management issues, including reports on the Tongass Roadless Rule, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection timber sales, and USFS forestry activity
- Fuels reduction efforts and wildlife habitat
- Potential for a local use dimensional lumber program

Other forestry matters may be included on the agenda attached to this notice. The meeting complies with the requirements of AS 41.17.047(b) and (d). Public comment is scheduled for the end of the meeting.

The board meeting may be accessed via Zoom as a teleconference or webinar.

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Contact Helge Eng before noon on Wednesday, Oct. 19 for additional information, or for special accommodations due to audio or visual impairment. Contact him at any time to be added to the mailing list for announcements of future Board of Forestry meetings.

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