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State Board of Forestry plans August 25 meeting

(Anchorage, AK) - The public is invited to participate in a Board of Forestry teleconference meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to discuss statewide forestry issues.

The nine-member Board of Forestry advises the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on forestry regulations, provides a forum for those interested in forestry to discuss and seek resolution to 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 August meeting include:

- Forestry and forest practices budgets and proposed legislation
- Division of Forestry COVID-19 mitigation
- Statewide forest management issues including reports on Tongass Roadless Rule litigation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, and Division of Forestry timber sales and partnerships with federal agencies
- Presentations on fuel break projects, young growth timber, and carbon credits
- Progress on board initiatives, including proposed and potential recreation/forestry partnerships near Fairbanks and Haines

Other forestry matters may be included on the agenda. The meeting is intended to comply with the requirements of AS 41.17.047(b) and (d). Public comment is scheduled for 10:15 a.m.

The board meeting will be accessible via WebEx as a teleconference and webinar.

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For a copy of the agenda, and an online link to the meeting, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm>. Contact Alison Arians by noon on Monday, August 24, for additional information about the meeting, or for special accommodations due to audio or visual impairment. You may contact Arians at any time to get on the mailing list for announcements of future Board of Forestry meetings.

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