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State Board of Forestry plans meeting for Dec. 8

(Anchorage, AK) - The public is invited to participate in a Board of Forestry teleconference meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8 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 state forest resources, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on research needs.

Topics on the board's agenda for the December meeting include:

- Forestry and forest practices budgets and proposed legislation
- Division of Forestry (DOF) COVID-19 mitigation. and lessons learned on Lower 48 fires
- DOF's hazard fuel reduction program
- Statewide forest management issues including reports on the Tongass Roadless Rule, Mental Health Trust land exchange, and DOF timber sales and partnerships with federal agencies
- Presentations on young-growth timber in Southeast Alaska, and a firewood kiln in Fairbanks

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 10:45 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, Dec. 7, 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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