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Board of Forestry to meet February 23

(Anchorage, AK) - The public is invited to participate in a Board of Forestry teleconference on Friday, February 23 to discuss statewide forestry issues. The meeting will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A draft agenda is posted at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm>.

Topics for the board meeting include:

- Annual resource agency and Board of Forestry reports on the effectiveness of the Forest Resources and Practices Act,
- 2017 Compliance monitoring and road condition survey results,
- Fiscal year 2018-19 forestry and forest practices budgets,
- Fish habitat permitting legislation (HB 199) and fish habitat ballot initiative (17FSH2);
- Fish rehabilitation permit legislation (HB107);
- State regulatory proposals related to forest operations in Alaska, including antidegradation of water quality, identification of Tier 3 waters, small negotiated timber sales under 11 AAC 71.045(e), state fees, and public notices;
- Coastal forest management issues including reports on Tongass Forest Plan implementation, Roadless Rule litigation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, the state-federal Good Neighbor agreement, and second-growth management on federal land;
- Forest planning and timber sale appeals on state land; and
- Wood energy projects in Alaska.

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 1:15 p.m.

The Board of Forestry meeting will be held by teleconference and webinar. Teleconference call-in locations will be available in the communities listed below:

- Juneau: DNR 4th floor conference room A, 400 Willoughby Ave.
- Anchorage: Suite 1450, 550 W. 7th Avenue
- Fairbanks: Department of Natural Resources large conference room, 3700 Airport Way
- Ketchikan: Legislative Information Office, 1900 First Ave, Suite 310

Anyone outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, or Ketchikan who would like to participate in the teleconference should contact

Marty Freeman at the Division of Forestry in Anchorage at marty.freeman@alaska.gov or call 907-269-8467 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21. If no one has contacted Marty and no one is present at a teleconference site by 9 a.m., the teleconference may be terminated at that site.

For a copy of the agenda, go to <http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm> or contact Marty Freeman at marty.freeman@alaska.gov or 907-269-8467. For additional information about the meeting, or for special accommodations due to audio or visual impairment, contact Marty using the contact information above. Any individuals wishing to receive announcements of future Board of Forestry meetings by e-mail or in hard copy should contact Marty to be added to the mailing list.

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