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Re: Support for Temporary Rule Setting Idaho Minimum Safety Standards and Practices for Logging – Cable Assisted Logging Systems

Dear Administrator Jensen,

The Associated Logging Contractors – Idaho (ALC) wishes to express its support for the above referenced rules and supports immediate enactment as a Temporary Rule effective as soon as possible. The ALC was established in 1966 and is a non-profit trade association with over 440 members who are logging and wood products hauling contractor businesses operating in the state of Idaho. The ALC's membership consists of a majority of the businesses in Idaho who will be impacted by these rules in their daily operations. The ALC supports the proposed rules for cable assisted logging systems. The ALC appreciates the opportunity to have worked with the Division of Building Safety and the State Logging Safety Program over the last year on this addition to the Idaho Minimum Safety Standards and Practices for Logging.

The ALC supports immediate enactment of this proposal as a Temporary Rule because these cable assisted logging systems are being newly introduced into Idaho and it is important that minimum safety standards be set in place at the same time as our logging operation season gets underway. These machines will be operating on very steep ground and it is important that they are manufactured properly and operated properly and safely. The ALC has participated in a collaborative effort over much of this last year with our partners in the forest products industry which as you know are the large industrial forest land owners and the wood products mills. We recognize the innovation these cable assisted logging systems will bring to Idaho while at the same time acknowledge and assert that they need to be manufactured and deployed correctly and safely.

The ALC will continue to work through the negotiated rules process on these rules through the next step but we support what has been proposed at this point and support immediate adoption as a Temporary Rule.

Thank you for your consideration and for continuing to work with our logging and wood products hauling contractors!

Sincerely,

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