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Board of Forestry to meet March 1

(Anchorage, AK) - The Board of Forestry will meet in Juneau and by teleconference on Tuesday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss statewide forestry issues. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Topics for the board meeting will include:

- FY2017 forestry, forest practices, and monitoring budgets and options for implementation of the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act with budget reductions;
- Status of 2016 legislative and regulatory proposals related to negotiated timber sales including small negotiated sales under 11 AAC 71.045(e) and state fees;
- Coastal forest management issues including reports on national forest planning, Roadless Rule implementation, the Mental Health Trust land exchange, The Working Forest Group, the Conversion to Young Growth project; and the Southeast State Forest Management Plan;
- Wood energy projects in Alaska;
- Reforestation standard review process for Interior and Southcentral Alaska;
- Forest sustainability certification;
- 2015 forest practices monitoring and road condition survey results; and
- Annual agency and board reports on Forest Resources and Practices Act effectiveness

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 at the following locations:

- Juneau: Department of Environmental Conservation 2nd floor conference room, 410 Willoughby Avenue
- Anchorage: Division of Forestry conference room, 550 W. 7th Avenue, suite 1450.
- Fairbanks: Department of Natural Resources large conference room, 3700 Airport Way.

Anyone outside of Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau 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 her at

907-269-8467 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26. 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 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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