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Proposed State Rule Amendment to the Acceptable Management Practices (AMPs) for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont

MONTPELIER – The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is now accepting public comments on the proposed state rule amendment to the Acceptable Management Practices (AMPs) for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont.

Act No. 64 of the Acts of 2015 amended 10 V.S.A. §2622 to require the Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to – “revise by rule the AMPs to ensure that all logging operations on both public and private forestland are designed to prevent or minimize discharges of sediment, petroleum products, and woody debris (logging slash) from entering streams and other waters; improve soil health of forestland; protect aquatic habitat and aquatic wildlife; and prevent erosion and maintain natural water temperature. “

The proposed amendment to the AMPs can be found at: <http://fpr.vermont.gov/> and is posted with the Vermont Secretary of State at: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/>. Three public hearings are scheduled to solicit and record public comments. Comments can also be sent by mail, email or fax to:

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PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:

Lyndon State College – Burke Mountain Room
1001 College Road
Lyndon, VT. 05851
January 26, 2016
5:00 – 7:30 pm

UVM Extension Office
327 U.S. Route 302
Berlin, VT. 05641
January 28, 2016
5:00 – 7:30 pm

Howe Center – Rail Room
1 Scale Avenue
Rutland, VT. 05701
February 2, 2016
5:00 – 7:30 pm

Public Comments Are Due By End Of Business Day – February 16, 2016.