

OVERVIEW – *DRAFT* IDAHO LOG SCALING MANUAL

BACKGROUND

Administrative rules of the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices (IBSP), and certain aspects of contractual agreements made in compliance with these rules, govern how log scale is determined within the state of Idaho. Current administrative rules reference scaling procedures described within an older version of the National Forest Log Scaling Handbook (Amendment No. 6 edition) along with a number of provisions that limit, modify, add to, or otherwise affect scaling practices.

The IBSP authorized its staff to develop a *DRAFT* Log Scaling Handbook whose purpose is to iterate and describe log scaling rules and practices. This *DRAFT* has been completed and the Board is proposing adoption, through the administrative rulemaking process. The intent is to have an official Log Scaling Manual which would replace and repeal reference to the National Forest Log Scaling Handbook, and render as unnecessary many of the current administrative Chapter 3 Measurement Rules (IDAPA 20.06.03).

Development and composition of this *DRAFT* Scaling Manual in its current form reflects the following:

- The majority of scaling practices and rules described within the *DRAFT* Log Scaling Manual represent application of current Measurement Rules of the IBSP.
- A few new or modified scaling rules are being recommended.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED NEW AND MODIFIED RULES

Section 2.34 – (New) Prescribes diameter measure of catfaced log ends based upon catface affecting 1/3 of log circumference; (Modified) for sap-rotted logs, changes current rule to rebuild sapwood for diameter measure when all the sapwood has sloughed away, to measure as presented.

Section 2.51 – (New) Conversion to board feet when short cedar products pieces are cordwood measured.

Section 2.53 – (New) Adds topwood conversion to board feet for miscellaneous lengths of 20 feet and shorter; (Modified) deletes “Derrick set (11 pieces)” product conversion.

Section 3.511 – (Modified) Changes current rule deducting only for portion missing [gone] by adding language to include any breakage on log end.

Section 3.54 – (New) Adds length-cut deductibility on foreign material or hardware defects.

Section 5.3 – (Modified) Changes current cedar products merchantability standards to reflect generally occurring product requirements.

Appendix A-4. (Modified) Adds language to taper table defining standard taper regions (areas); adds language to more clearly define boundaries of regions; adds language to list region 6 taper; deletes references to taper tables developed by USFS.