

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 24
was proposed by Member Item
No. 24 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3 CALENDAR ITEM
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meeting. 24.

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CUTTING LINE AGREEMENT
AND TIMBER SALVAGE

In August 1977, the Hog fire in the Klamath National Forest burned over 50,000 acres near Forks of Salmon, Siskiyou County. Within the burned over area is a parcel of State school land, Lot 1, Section 16, T10N R8E, H.M., containing approximately 33 acres. Because of survey discrepancies and lack of recovered monumentation in the area, identification of the parcel on the ground would be time consuming and costly.

The need to salvage the fire killed timber in the area before it becomes useless as a result of insect and fungal attack requires a timely resolution of the property boundary with the surrounding federal lands.

To this end, the Staff requests authorization to negotiate a cutting line agreement with the U. S. Forest Service that would establish the property boundary so that salvage operations could begin at the earliest date. The agreement, similar to others previously approved by the Commission, would temporarily delineate the boundary subject to subsequent permanent resolution of the boundary.

With the Commission's concurrence, the Staff will then proceed with a sale of the merchantable timber that is salvageable from the school land. It is anticipated the timber would be offered for bid and sold in the same manner as was the Ferris Creek Salvage Sale in Plumas County in 1974.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A TEMPORARY CUTTING LINE AGREEMENT WITH THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE FOR SCHOOL LANDS IN LOT 1, SECTION 16, T10N R8E, H.M., SISKIYOU COUNTY, AND TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF SALVAGEABLE TIMBER AND, SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT COMMISSION APPROVAL, ENTER INTO A TIMBER SALE CONTRACT WITH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

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