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Public hearing June 15 on proposed exchange of mineral rights between state and SDS Lumber Company

Exchange would consolidate state ownership of mineral rights for trust land parcel in Klickitat County

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which manages state trust lands, proposes to exchange mineral rights of equal potential and acreage with SDS Lumber Company of Bingen, Washington. A public meeting and a hearing to accept public testimony will be held:

Time: Exchange overview: 6 - 6:45 p.m.; Public hearing: 7 - 8 p.m.

Date: June 15, 2009

Place: Pioneer Center, White Salmon Meeting Room, No. 112, 501 NE Washington St., White Salmon, WA

Background

DNR and SDS own rights to minerals beneath each other's land. Although the minerals are of low potential, the exchange would give each party clear title to minerals beneath forestland it already owns.

The properties involved are:

- State of Washington parcels: Portions of Sec 16, T3N, R11E, W.M. in Klickitat County
- SDS Lumber Company parcels: Portions of Sec10, 11 & 12, T3N, R11E, W.M. in Klickitat County

Public input accepted until July 1, 2009

The deadline to submit written comments about this exchange is July 1, 2009.

Send comments by e-mail to: exchanges@dnr.wa.gov

Or by mail to:

Department of Natural Resources

Asset Management & Recreation Division

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A summary of the comments and the exchange agreement will be presented to the Board of Natural Resources at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Maps and descriptions of the properties are posted on the DNR website at http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/Topics/LandExchanges/Pages/amp_exc_sds_trust_land_mineral_exchange.aspx

Or go to www.dnr.wa.gov Click on the “Leasing and Land Transactions” link, and then look for the link: “Proposed Trust Land Exchanges” under Topics.

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting facility is barrier-free. Persons with a disability who need assistance or information in a different format should call Krissy Deyman, 360-902-1759, at least 10 days before the meeting for alternative arrangements. The phone number for the Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service is 1-800-833-6388.

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