Idaho Forest PracŸ ces Act Rule Summaries

IFPA - Soil ProtecŸ on

Rule 030.03. Soil ProtecŸ on. Select for each harvesŸ ng operaŸ on the logging method and type of equipment adapted to the given slope, landscape and soil proper Ÿ es in order to minimize soil erosion.

a. An operaŸ on that uses ground-based equipment shall not be conducted if it will cause ru « ng, deep soil
disturbance, or accelerated erosion. On slopes exceeding forty- Þ ve percent (45%) gradient and which are
immediately adjacent to a Class I or II stream, ground-based equipment shall not be used except with an approved variance. Where slopes in the area to be logged exceed forty- Þ ve percent (45%) gradient the operator, landowner
or Ÿ mber owner shall noŸ fy the department of these steep slopes upon Þ ling the noŸ Þ caŸ on as provided for in
SubsecŸ on 020.05 (IFPA - NoŸ Þ caŸ on of Forest PracŸ ce).

b. Limit the grade of constructed skid trails on geologically unstable, saturated, or highly erodible or easily compacte soils to a maximum of thirty percent (30%).

c. In accordance with appropriate silvicultural prescrip Ÿ ons, skid trails shall be kept to the minimum feasible width
and number. Tractors used for skidding shall be limited to the size appropriate for the job.

d. Uphill cable yarding is preferred. Where downhill yarding is used, reasonable care shall be taken to li L the leading
end of the log to minimize downhill movement of slash and soils.

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