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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Emergency Rule**  
LSA Document #17-482(E)

**DIGEST**

Temporarily adds noncode provisions to amend [312 IAC 8](#) to restrict temporarily the use of a state forest during a forest resource management activity. Effective October 30, 2017.

**SECTION 1. (a) This document supplements [312 IAC 8](#) to establish a process for restricting temporarily the use of a state forest during a particular forest resource management activity.**

**(b) The following definitions apply to this document and to any action by the state forester taken under this document:**

**(1) Definitions in [312 IAC 8-1.5](#).**

**(2) "Forest resource management activity" refers to any:**

- (A) timber stand improvement;**
- (B) prescribed fire;**
- (C) pesticide application;**
- (D) timber sale;**
- (E) timber harvest;**
- (F) trail construction; or**
- (G) other management activity;**

**which is conducted on a state forest.**

**(3) "State forester" means the director of the division of forestry of the department of natural resources.**

**(c) As determined reasonably required for the protection of public health, safety, property, or the environment, the state forester may:**

**(1) For the conduct of a timber sale, identify the exclusive area or areas where contractors and all other members of the public may observe a bid opening.**

**(2) For the conduct of a forest management activity:**

**(A) Establish a zone from which the public is prohibited, the boundaries of which are not less than the following:**

**(i) Two hundred (200) feet from the perimeter of the forest management activity.**

**(ii) Two hundred (200) feet from a tree marked for removal.**

**(iii) One hundred (100) feet from a road authorized for use during the management activity.**

**(B) Restrict or close any trail that enters a zone, established under clause (A), at the junction of the trail with another trail or a road that does not enter the zone.**

**(3) To facilitate the conduct of a forest management activity, designate, or condition routes within the department property to manage the movement of vehicular traffic, persons, or animals. This subdivision may include restrictions on parking.**

**SECTION 2. SECTION 1 of this document takes effect on October 30, 2017.**

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