

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND RULEMAKING

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division is commencing a public comment period and will hold a public hearing in the matter of the proposed repeal of 19.20.2 NMAC, Tree Harvesting and Forest Regeneration at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Porter Hall, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

Prior to 2002, the Forestry Division issued timber harvest permits for non-municipal and non-federal lands pursuant to 19.20.2 NMAC, Tree Harvesting and Forest Regeneration. The Forestry Division is proposing to repeal 19.20.2 NMAC because it was replaced by 19.20.4 NMAC, Commercial Timber Harvesting Requirements, in 2002. All harvest permits the Forestry Division issued pursuant to 19.20.2 NMAC and were ongoing in 2002 have since expired and 19.20.2 NMAC no longer applies to timber harvesting activities. 19.20.4 NMAC covers timber harvesting activities the Forestry Division has permitted since January 1, 2002.

No technical information served as the basis for the proposed repeal.

Copies of the proposed rule repeal are available from EMNRD, Forestry Division, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505; at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD>; or by contacting Marlene Salvidrez at marlene.salvidrez@state.nm.us or (505) 476-3329.

All interested persons may participate in the hearing, and will be given an opportunity to submit relevant evidence, data, views, and arguments, orally or in writing.

Those wishing to comment on the proposed rules may make oral comments or submit written comments at the hearing or may submit written comments by March 21, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. by mail or email. Please mail written comments to Marlene Salvidrez, EMNRD, Forestry Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 or submit comments by email to marlene.salvidrez@state.nm.us.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Marlene Salvidrez at (505) 476-3329 or the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779 one week prior to the hearing. Public documents can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact Marlene Salvidrez at (505) 476-3329, if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.