



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 2/9/16

Title of Item: Emergency timber permit extension (weather related)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
Submitted by: Land Commissioner		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jacobs		Estimated Time Needed: 15-minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>Due to the unseasonably warm winter many loggers are unable to access/harvest their winter access timber permits (lack of frost/frozen ground). We have received a number of inquiries regarding permit extensions.</p> <p>After considering the logistics of how we would implement an extension program we are proposing the following...</p> <p>A no fee, one-year extension for all timber permits, purchased at auction, that expire on or before 3/15/2017.</p> <p>This would cover 2-years of winter access permits. It would apply to previously extended permits.</p> <p>My thought was that a 1-winter extension would just double the pressure for next winter.</p> <p>Separating summer and winter access permits is more hassle than it's worth, so summer access permits within that period will also be subject to the extension.</p> <p>It appears that up to 80 permits could be impacted.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: <p>In order to help loggers during this unseasonably warm winter, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approves a no fee, one-year extension for all timber permits, purchased at auction, that expire on or before 3/15/2017.</p>		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		