



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 3/14/2017

Title of Item: Adverse weather timber permit extensions

<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 Department
Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jacobs		Estimated Time Needed: 10-minutes
Summary of Issue: The winter of 2016/2017 had several periods of unusually warm/wet weather. Many logging operations were unable to freeze roads, landings, and skid trails on their winter access timber permits. Most loggers chose not to operate during these adverse conditions as it could cause significant site damage. A number of loggers have inquired about extra permit extensions so they may harvest the wood next winter - hopefully under better conditions. Because of this we are proposing a free, 1-year extension on all Aitkin County timber permits set to expire on 3/15/2017.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Had many of these loggers continued to operate during the adverse conditions there could have been considerable site damage (rutting, etc) - which could inhibit forest regeneration, impact water resources, and look bad to the public. We are fortunate to have a conscientious group of loggers.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Due to adverse weather condition this winter, Aitkin County will grant a free, 1-year extension on timber permits due to expire on 3/15/2017; including permits that have previously extended.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		