

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson, on January 25, 2021 at 4:10 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 173, 1/19/2021

HEARING ON HB 173**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:13:11 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 173, Revise laws regarding state timber sales.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:15:14 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
16:16:56 Rep. France joined the meeting.
16:17:19 Rep. Farris-Olsen left the meeting.
16:17:26 Clayton Elliott, Trout Unlimited (TU)
16:18:22 Matt Arno, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nah16a01)

16:22:34 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

EXHIBIT(nah16a02)**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

16:24:28 Sonya Germann, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
16:25:15 Sue Clark, Department Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:25:44 Rep. Galloway
16:26:32 Sonya Germann, DNRC
16:27:02 Matt Arno, DNRC
16:27:30 Rep. Gist
16:28:02 Matt Arno, DNRC
16:28:44 Vice Chair R. Knudsen
16:29:14 Jason Todhunter, MLA
16:30:36 Rep. Gist
16:31:02 Sonya Germann, DNRC
16:31:38 Chair Gunderson
16:32:03 Rep. Loge
16:32:47 Sonya Germann, DNRC
16:33:10 Chair Gunderson
16:33:23 Sonya Germann, DNRC
16:34:00 Rep. Galloway
16:34:39 Rep. Loge
16:35:07 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

16:36:41 Rep. Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:40:06

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah16aad.pdf](#))