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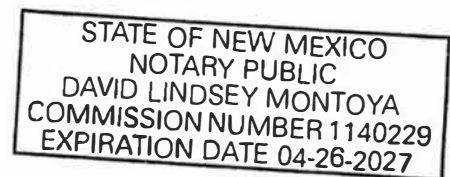
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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Purpose of Rule. EMNRD proposes this rule to create the Timber Grading Certification Program, as directed by the Timber Grading Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 68-6-1 through 68-6-4. The rule establishes a statewide system through which sawmill owners and sawmill employees may receive certification to grade and label structural timber milled in New Mexico. The program is designed to allow NM-graded timber to be used in residential and commercial construction statewide, consistent with New Mexico building codes. The proposed rule establishes: (a) requirements for certification; (b) training components of the program; (c) qualification standards for program instructors; (d) a state-specific grading and labeling system for structural timber; and (e) grounds and processes for the suspension or revocation of certificates.

Legal Authority. EMNRD proposes the rule under the authority of the Timber Grading Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 68-6-1 through 68-6-4 and NMSA 1978 Section 9-1-5(E), which authorize the Forestry Division to promulgate rules necessary to implement the Act.

The full text of the proposed rule is available from Erin McElroy at (505) 490-7378 or erin.mcelroy@emnrd.nm.gov or can be viewed on the EMNRD, Forestry Division's website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/public-meetings-hearings/> or at the Forestry Division office at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or at its offices in Chama, Cimarron, Las Vegas, Rio Rancho, Socorro, Capitan, and Silver City. An electronic copy can be viewed here: [https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/19.20.7 Timber Grading Certificate Program - Proposed.pdf](https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/19.20.7%20Timber%20Grading%20Certificate%20Program-Proposed.pdf)

Public Hearing and Comment. EMNRD will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2026, at the Wendell Chino Building, Pecos Hall, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Those wishing to attend and participate virtually may join using one of the following:

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Those wishing to comment on the proposed rule may make oral comments or submit information at the hearing or may submit written comments by August 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. by mail or email. Please mail written comments to Erin McElroy, EMNRD, Forestry Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or submit comments by email to erin.mcelroy@emnrd.nm.gov.

Technical information that served as a basis for the proposed rule include:

- Timber Grading Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 68-6-1 through 68-6-4

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For any additional information or questions concerning this rule making or posting please contact:

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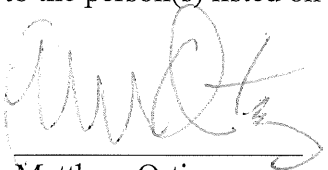
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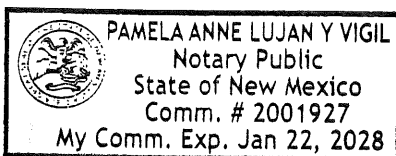
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From: [McCarthy, Laura, EMNRD](#)
To: [Raúl Burciaga \(raul.burciaga@nmlegis.gov\)](#); [randall.cherry@nmlegis.gov](#)
Cc: [McElroy, Erin, EMNRD](#)
Subject: EMNRD Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to NM Legislative Council Service
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Dear Interim Director Burciaga and Deputy Director Cherry:

The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division hereby gives notice, pursuant to the State Rules Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 14-4-1 *et seq.*, that it is proposing a new rule to create the Timber Grading Certification Program as directed by NMSA 1978, Section 68-6-3(A)(4), the Timber Grading Act. Pursuant to the Timber Grading Act, the rule establishes a timber grading certificate program, including rules for the awarding of certificates, training components of the program, qualification of program instructors, and grounds and processes for the suspension or revocation of certificates.

The Forestry Division is scheduled to hold a hearing on the proposed rule on August 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wendell Chino Building, Pecos Hall, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505. A copy of the proposed rule and hearing notice are included for your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed rule, please contact Erin McElroy, Forest Resilience Officer, at 505-490-7378 or erin.mcelroy@emnrd.nm.gov.

Best regards,
Laura

Laura McCarthy

State Forester/Forestry Division Director
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From: [Speedy, Krystal, EDD](#)
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Good afternoon, Erin,

Thank you, I have received it.

The current point of contact for the SBRAC is Deputy Romero.

Thank you!

Best,

Krystal Speedy-Hite

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Subject: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Timber Grading Certification Program 19.20.7 NMAC

Good afternoon Krystal,

The Forestry Division is sending notice of proposed rulemaking. Our records indicate you are the current contact to pass this along to the SBRAC, but please let me know if this has changed.

Thanks,

Erin

June 24, 2026

Small Business Regulatory Advisory Committee c/o Krystal Speedy
Economic Development Department
1100 S. St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Sent via e-mail to krystal.speedy@edd.nm.gov

RE: Proposed Rulemaking for Timber Grading Certification Program, 19.20.7 NMAC

Dear Chair and Members of the Small Business Regulatory Advisory Commission;

The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division, hereby gives notice, pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Relief Act, NMSA 1978, Section 14-4A-1, et seq., that it is proposing a new rule to create the Timber Grading Certification Program as directed by NMSA 1978, Section 68-6-3(A)(4), the Timber Grading Act. Pursuant to the Timber Grading Act, the rule establishes a timber grading certificate program, including rules for the awarding of certificates, training components of the program, qualification of program instructors, and grounds and processes for the suspension or revocation of certificates.

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Sincerely,

Erin McElroy

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Good morning,

The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division gives notice, pursuant to the State Rules Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 14-4-1 et seq.), that the 30-day public comment period is now open for the proposed rule to establish the Timber Grading Certification Program, as directed by the Timber Grading Act (NMSA 1978, Section 68-6-3(A) (4)).

The proposed rule outlines the structure of the certification program, including how certificates will be issued, the required training, instructor qualifications, and the process for suspending or revoking certificates.

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The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division gives notice, pursuant to the State Rules Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 14-4-1 et seq.), that the 30-day public comment period is now open for the proposed rule that would establish the Timber Grading Certification Program, as directed by the Timber Grading Act (NMSA 1978, Section 68-6-3(A)(4)).

This proposed rule creates the basic framework for the certification program, including how certificates will be issued, the training requirements, instructor qualifications, and the process for suspending or revoking certificates. The detailed design criteria, technical guidance, and program materials will be included in a separate handbook, which is currently under development. That handbook will provide the practical, day-to-day information needed for participating in the program once it is finalized.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on August 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Wendell Chino Building, Pecos Hall, 1220 S. St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Virtual participation will also be available. A copy of the proposed rule and the hearing notice are attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed rule, feel free to contact me at 505-490-7378 or erin.mcelroy@emnrd.nm.gov.

Thank you,

Erin

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Subject: RE: Notice of Rulemaking for Timber Grading Certification Program

Good afternoon Erin,

Your notice looks good and will be published in Issue 13, July 14, 2026.
Yes, you will need to provide an FY27 purchase order before the publication date.

I made some significant formatting edits to your draft rule and there's a couple of comment bubbles you should address before your draft gets posted. They are regarding (1) without a (2), (a) without a (b) which is not allowed in rulemaking.

Those can be fixed in a couple of different ways, either come up with a second paragraph or subparagraph, or make the (1) or (a) text a part of the preceding sentence.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Subject: Notice of Rulemaking for Timber Grading Certification Program

Good afternoon Dennis,

The Forestry Division is requesting publication in the NM Register on July 14, 2026, for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Timber Grading Certification Program, 19.20.7 NMAC.

Attached are the following documents:

- Billing information sheet
- Public Notice
- Proposed Timber Grading Certificate Program Rule
- Current PO (as discussed, we will likely need to close this PO and issue a new one due to the fiscal year turnover and anticipated billing timeline)

Please let me know if you need anything further to process this request.

Thank you!

Erin

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Subject: Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 1:51:00 PM
Attachments: [Public Notice Timber Grading Certification Program EMNRD.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Youth and Partnership Coordinator.pdf](#)
[YCC 2027 RFP Flyer.pdf](#)
[UNM Biomass Utilization Tech Flyer.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Forest and Watershed Health Coordinating Group,

I am sharing several announcements today:

1. Timber Grading Certification Program: 30-day comment period for Proposed Rulemaking Now Open

- a. The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division gives official notice that the 30-day public comment period is now open for the proposed rule to establish the Timber Grading Certification Program, as authorized by the Timber Grading Act (NMSA 1978, Section 68-6-3(A)(4)) and pursuant to the State Rules Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 14-4-1 et seq.). The proposed rule outlines program requirements including certificate issuance, training, instructor qualifications, and processes for suspension or revocation.
- b. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on August 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wendell Chino Building in Santa Fe. Virtual participation will also be available.
- c. Additional details, including a link to the full proposed rule and information about the hearing, are provided in the attached public notice.

2. Forest Stewards Guild Job Opening for Youth and Partnership Coordinator

- a. This full-time role includes responsibilities such as field support for the FSYC program (summer and fall), assisting with establishing and supporting a new FSYC crew in Cuba, logistical support for the Winter Rx crew, and general support for the Cultivando Conservación program.
- b. **Initial application review begins July 21**, and the position will remain open until filled.
- c. See the attached flyer for additional details

3. 2027 NM Youth Conservation Corps Request for Proposals now live!

- a. **Proposals due: 4:00 pm September 23, 2026**
- b. Up to \$225,000 available per application
- c. Two preproposal webinars to be offered on July 22 and August 19
- d. Find links and additional details in the attached flyer

4. Beneficial Fire Summit

- a. The first ever-Beneficial Fire Summit will be held in San Diego, CA from December 7-1, 2026
- b. Call for proposals now open and due by **9/1/2026**: [Call for Proposals – Beneficial Fire Summit](#)
- c. More details available here: [Beneficial Fire Summit](#)

5. UNM Continuing Education Opportunity: Technologies for Utilization of Forest Biomass

- a. UNM, Highlands, and NMSU are offering a continuing education survey course covering established and emerging technologies for managing woody biomass in New Mexico. The course emphasizes economic uses for small-diameter timber, thinned trees, slash, burnt wood, and other forest materials typically considered waste or wildfire fuel.
- b. Further details are available in the attached flyer.

Thank you and please share with your networks.

Best,
Erin

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Timber Grading Certification Program

Date: Friday, August 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Pecos Hall, 1st Floor Wendell Chino Building
1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Virtual Location: [Click here to join](#)

The public is invited to join in person or virtually. If you are attending virtually, you may join the meeting online or by telephone beginning at 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2026.

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