



Governor Steve Bullock

Director Gene Walborn

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To: Gordy Sanders, Chairman
2021 Forest Land Taxation Advisory Committee

From: Gene Walborn, Director

Re: Nominations for the Advisory Committee for the Next Six Year Appraisal Cycle

Chairman Sanders and Committee Members;

15-44-103(10), MCA requires that there be a forest lands taxation advisory committee. Four of the members of the committee is appointed by the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate, and three appointed by the Governor. It further requires that the term of the appointment end on June 30th on the first year of an appraisal cycle.

At the committee's request, the department will work with the appropriate administration's appointment office and legislative leaders on requesting appointments to the committee in the fourth year of the six-year appraisal cycle, which would mean no later than June 30, 2024. This timing will provide future committees additional time to review the forest land valuation models and to give advisory feedback to the department.

To ensure that the above timeline is met, the department will add the request for committee members to the department's key date calendars.

Thank you for your service and great work on the Forest Land Taxation Advisory Committee.