

Administrative Rule Analysis



Commercial Forest Rules

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BACKGROUND & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES SUBMITTED TO JCAR

Rules promulgated under Part 511 of PA 451 of 94, the Natural Resources and Environment Protection Act (NREPA), pertain to Commercial Forests and have not been revised since 1987. Recent statutory changes necessitate revisions of these rules. By enrolling land in the CF program, landowners receive a substantial property tax reduction in exchange for managing their property for timber production and allowing public use of their lands for hunting and fishing activities. The proposed rule changes would clarify the Commercial Forest (CF) program requirements and processes for landowners. The proposed rules would also allow the commercial extraction of oil and gas on land that is listed in the program; current rules require that land must be withdrawn from the program if such extraction occurs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed amendments to existing rules by 2010-039-NR would have no significant fiscal impact on the State of Michigan or on local units of government.

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