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## **OCTOBER 22-26, 2019 IS IDAHO FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**

**IDAHO** – (October 11, 2019) Governor Brad Little has formally proclaimed the week of October 22-26, 2019 to be Idaho Forest Products Week.

“Idaho’s forest products industry is an essential part of the state’s history, culture, environment and economy,” Governor Little said. “It is a fundamental industry in the State of Idaho, providing for the production of wood and paper products from Idaho forests.”

Idaho has 21.5 million acres of forest land spanning from the Canadian border to the southern edge of the state. Over 40 percent of Idaho is covered in trees. Idaho’s forest sector is one of Idaho’s leading trade sectors, contributing more than \$2 billion to the state’s gross and state product, providing 30,000 jobs, and generating more than \$3 billion in sales and \$25 million in tax revenue.

“Sustainable forest management under the Idaho Forest Practices Act provides countless benefits, including clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, scenic beauty, local renewable energy, forest products used by Idahoans every day, and employment and tax revenue for local communities, counties and the State of Idaho,” Governor Little said.

Wood is widely recognized as renewable, recyclable, durable, versatile and energy efficient green building materials.

Products from sustainably managed forests help combat climate change due to the natural process of photosynthesis in which trees absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, release oxygen into the atmosphere and capture carbon, which is stored in wood products for the life of the product.

To learn more about the forest products industry in Idaho and sustainably managed forests, or to obtain informational resources and reaching materials visit:  
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