# Overview

In 2024, the Management Committee completed an overhaul of the Less Than Three Acre Conversion Exemption to reflect statutory changes and update the process for application for the exemption to reflect current process for other exemptions.

In April 2025, the Department notified Board Staff of an unforeseen consequence of updates to the regulations: under 14 CCR 1104.1(a)(5)(D), slash and woody debris shall be chipped, piled and burned, buried, or removed from the site within forty-five (45) days from the start of Timber Operations except for the burning of piles (which have extended timelines to allow for safe burning windows)*.* This regulation requires that once the required commencement notification is provided to the Department, the LTO shall complete the Timber Operations portion of the Less than 3 Acre Conversion exemption within 45 days, which includes the slash treatment requirements of 14 CCR 1104.1(a)(5)(D).

The approved timeline for this harvest document is one year; drafting issues limit the effective period for the document to 45 days. This timeline may be difficult for non-industrial landowners to achieve. In addition, there are several logistical issues that may arise during those 45 days that may limit the ability of an LTO to complete Timber Operations, including slash treatment.

# Changes to Rule Text

Changes made to the regulatory text are in red. The rule text is updated to allow for a longer slash treatment period. The Committee should ensure that changes to §1104.1(a)(5)(D) are consistent with requirements in § 1104.1(a)(7).