# Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber
## Management of Change Form

Name of Person Requesting the Change:  Linda Brown

Date of Requested Change: 7/22/2021

Request Title: Timber Breaks in Premium and Standard RED

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**Change Category:**

☐ Proposal to align with National Grading Rule

☐ Proposal to align with SPIB governance

☐ Proposal to align with ALSC Enforcement Regs

☐ Proposal based Resource Monitoring Program

☐ Proposal to align with PS 20

☐ Grade Rule - Addition

☒ Editorial change to existing content

☐ Grade Rule – Removal

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**Description of Proposed Change:** (*In very few words, what does the proposed change accomplish?*)

Modify timber break portion of Premium and Standard decking lumber grades to clarify the practical application of the grading rule.

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**Rationale:** (*Briefly explain why the proposal should be adopted?*)

The current wording in § 422 and 423 needs clarification. As written the size of Timber Breaks in Premium Decking for 5/4" x 4" and 5/4" x 6" is permitted to be 1.575" and 2.475", respectively based on actual width and 45% displacement. The actual measurement differs to the published measurement for 5/4x4 (1 ½") and 5/4x6 (2 ½"). Similar, Standard decking published measurements for 4-inch material is 2" and for 6-inch material is 3". The actual measurements based on actual width and 55% displacement are 1.925" for 5/4"x4" and 3.025" for 5/4"x6". Correspondence with SPIB field staff has reveal in application percentages are used to practically apply the grade. To clarify the below edits are proposed.

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**Proposal:** (*Show new, revised, or deleted text exactly as it would appear in the legislative format: ~~Line through text~~ to be deleted. <u>Underline text to be added</u>. If possible, avoid using the "track changes" tool; instead, use the "strikethrough" and "underline" features in the font menu. Please note section(s) to be deleted if revisions are extensive and include replacement text. Please make every effort to include the text within this section, not as a separate attachment. Do not include unaffected sections, tables, or figures unless it is necessary to demonstrate the relationship of proposed revisions.*)

§ 422 (PREM RED) - Timber Break – ~~5/4 x 4 - 45% of cross section = 1 1/2; 5/4 x 6 - 45% = 2 1/2"~~<u>5/4 x 4 = 1 1/2" (approx. 45% of cross section and 5/4 x 6 = 2 1/2" (approx. 45% of cross section)</u>

§ 423 (STAND RED) - Timber Break – ~~5/4 x 4 - 55% of cross section = 2"; 5/4 x 6 - 55% = ?"~~<u>5/4 x 4 = 2" (approx. 55% of cross section and 5/4 x 6 = 3" (approx. 55% of cross section)</u>

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**Supporting Information:**

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