Site Visit Safety Tips

Prospective property buyers are often looking for land off the beaten track. And savvy Potlatch recreational real estate brokers understand the importance of site visit safety when showing buyers property out in the woods.

Preferred Potlatch Broker, Pete Prutzman of Kingwood Forestry Services, Inc. – Arkadelphia, AR office, provides these helpful tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable site visit experience.

- Always let someone know where you’re going. “There are still remote places where cell phone service is weak or inconsistent,” said Prutzman. “We provide maps, directions and other marketing materials that should allow most buyers to inspect our listings on their own, at their convenience.”

- Be aware of logging operations that may be going on in the area. Prutzman keeps extra hard hats and orange safety vests in his truck. If he comes upon an operation, he always introduces himself to the crew and lets them know that he and his clients are nearby.

- Navigational tools are a must. “Even when inspecting a rural property with an experienced forester, it’s a good idea for buyer to take a compass, GPS unit and maps,” Prutzman said.

- Learn about hunting seasons and what types of wildlife might be in the area (your Potlatch Preferred Broker will know!) so that your site visit can be scheduled safely.

- Be aware of private property rights if the tract does not have public access and requires crossing another property.

Common sense, courtesy, and current information about the area will ensure that both the buyer and broker stay safe when exploring property.

Ready to get out and explore some Potlatch properties? Start by contacting a Potlatch Preferred Broker in your neck of the woods today.