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RULE RESTRICTS HAND-HELD CELL PHONE FOR U.S. TRUCK DRIVERS

Hand-held cell phone rule set to take effect January 1, 2012; Rule, to be officially published on December 2, allows drivers to communicate on device using hand-free operations.

By David Tanner

GRAIN VALLEY, Missouri, December 2, 2011 (*Land Line Magazine*) – A final rule to restrict the use of hand-held cell phones for drivers of commercial vehicles is set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2012. This is the rule that cracks down on hand-held phone usage but still allows a driver to communicate on the device using hands-free operation.

Federal agencies will officially publish the rule on Friday, Dec. 2, and that triggers a 30-day period before the rule officially takes effect.

As truckers already know, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration banned texting while driving for CMV operators in 2010. This next rule goes a step further to restrict other uses of hand-held cell phones, including dialing, while driving.

Just like the texting rule, the hand-held rule applies to commercial drivers engaged in interstate commerce as well as intrastate haulers of hazardous materials.

And like the texting rule, the hand-held rule comes with the possibility of steep fines and penalties for drivers and motor carriers.

According to the rule, drivers can face a \$2,750 civil penalty per offense and motor carriers could be hit with an \$11,000 civil penalty for allowing or encouraging the behavior. Those are not local law-enforcement fines.

Those are federal civil penalties that could be levied in conjunction with convictions.

Violations of the rule qualify as “serious traffic violations” under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Convictions for serious traffic violations could lead to disqualification of a driver’s CDL.

During the rulemaking process, OOIDA submitted comments to air concerns and help shape the outcome of the rule. OOIDA has argued that because the texting and hand-held cell phone bans do not come with specific enforcement plans, the rules violate the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution, which protects against unlawful search and seizure. The FMCSA does not believe the rules pose any such violation.

OOIDA has urged the agency to allow the use of GPS navigation on cell phones. So far, the agency acknowledges that navigation does not qualify as “texting” but says drivers should not be inputting coordinates or programming a navigation device while driving a vehicle.

FMCSA, at least for now, is allowing certain devices and functions to be used while driving such as fleet-management systems, dispatching devices, CBs and music players, along with certain one-button functions on smart phones.

SCTPA Comments: Unmanufactured forest products (UFP) transported across state lines is deemed interstate commerce. Therefore, this new rule applies to UFP truck drivers while conducting interstate commerce.



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AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL

Quarterly Report to the States

By Danny Dructor, Executive Vice President, ALC

The ALC Board of Directors has requested that a quarterly report be generated from the ALC office, highlighting the events and activities of the American Loggers Council.

Our hopes are that these reports inform your members on how the American Loggers Council is working on their behalf to benefit the timber harvesting industry.

Because this is the first of such reports, any ideas, suggestions or critique on how to best present the report, as well as questions are welcome. We desire to give you a document that you can use to not only keep your members better informed of our recent activities, but one that can help improve the value of your membership and participation with the American Loggers Council.

As a first attempt to provide information, the report is in sections that are easily identifiable by committee work. If you have other suggestions on what would be more user-friendly, ALC welcomes those comments as well.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has met on two separate conference calls in both November and December.

The first call held on November 8th, 2011 reviewed the minutes from the September 29, 2011 meeting in Minocqua, WI, the Treasurer's report dated October 28, 2011, and then went into committee reports, including the Legislative Committee, Transportation Committee, Communications Committee and Membership Committee. There were updates on the WSRI mill/supplier relationship study being conducted by Don Taylor, and President Sherich reported that he had received copies of all ALC resolutions for the past 5 years from the Executive Vice President as requested.

The second call, held on December 6, 2011 reviewed the minutes from the November 8th, 2011 call, the Treasurer's report dated December 1, 2011 and heard committee reports from the Transportation Committee, Communications Committee, and Membership Committee. The dates for the Spring Board of Directors meeting were discussed and the Executive Vice President will begin contacting hotels and making arrangements for that meeting.

Legislative Committee

The American Loggers Council has continued to stay focused on the Clean Water Act amendment working its way through Congress in a bill known as The Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act. The ALC is working with the Forest Roads Coalition in an attempt to find cosponsors

for the bill on both sides of the hill. Activity has slowed down as Congress continues to battle back and forth over the 2012 budget and partisan politics remains a major deterrent in seeking cosponsors. The ALC has also joined in with other organizations in an *amicus brief* filed by the Pacific Legal Foundation requesting that the Supreme Court consider the Ninth Circuit ruling, seeking to overturn the decision.

The ALC has also continued its work with the "Forests In the Farm Bill Coalition" that is seeking continued funding for many of the programs in both the Forestry Title and the Energy Title during the Farm Bill reauthorization process. Our primary goal is to keep the more inclusive definition of renewable biomass in the language of the bill. We have also voiced our objections to this group over proposed language that would limit markets based on the availability of current markets for the same feedstock. We are encouraging language that promotes competition for our products.

We have also signed on to various letters to members of Congress and the EPA that would rescind the Boiler-MACT tailoring rules that could have an enormous impact on the facilities that our members are currently producing fiber to.

We have forwarded our position papers and had telephone conversations with Congressman Steve Southerland staff on the Forest Service Timber Sale program. Congressman Southerland wanted the information prior to a meeting with U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

Transportation Committee

The ALC transportation committee continues to monitor the actions pertaining to the Surface Transportation and Reauthorization Act. Because of budget constraints, actions have now been delayed at least through the Spring of 2012. We continue to support allowing state legal tolerances on the Federal Interstate Highway System while other organizations are supporting a 97,000 lb., 6-axle configuration and the ATA is now supporting a 5-axle, 88,000 lb. configuration. The transportation committee also sent out a brief on the regulations pertaining to the use of cell phones while operating a commercial vehicle on the Federal Interstate Highway System.

The transportation continues to work on the website www.foresthauling.org that is a one stop shop for state and federal trucking regulations. For more information, contact Doug Duncan at contact@nclloggers.com.

Communications Committee

The ALC officially rolled out the new logo at the Annual Meeting on October 1, 2011. The rebranding efforts are part of a strategic plan to emphasize loggers and the timber harvesting industry as those entities that the ALC represents.

In November, the new ALC logo was displayed on a race truck sponsored by Bandit Industries, Inc. at a NASCAR event held near Dallas, Texas. John Deere is also

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using the logo in their advertising and we are asking that other sponsors consider doing the same.

The second phase of the plan included developing a revised website that would be easier to navigate, promote the issues that are important to the timber harvesting industry, and include graphics, video and updated content that would encourage viewers to return to the site for timely information on the industry.

After several conference calls with website developer McCullough Creative and John Deere representatives, the website was rolled out on December 12, 2011. It appears that given the comments already received, the revised web site was well worth the effort.

There are still a few technical glitches that need to be worked out as well as some misspellings and contact information needing correcting, but once the administrator training has been accomplished by Jim Mooney and Danny Dructor, those issues should be resolved. There is an active placeholder for videos on the home page which we will be updating regularly with videos of logger interviews from around the country.

The third phase of the strategic plan included renaming the monthly "As I See It" column to the "As We See It" column to reflect the opinions of the logging community across the United States. Four columns have already been produced and these will continue to be monthly articles.

The ALC has also issued press releases in the quarter pertaining to the 2011 Annual Meeting, the logo sponsorship by Bandit Industries, and the most recent website rollout.

The ALC Facebook page continues to gain support and currently has 212 users. The Facebook page has been used as a placeholder for ALC news briefs while the website has been under development. The ALC also has a page on Twitter that contains many of the same posts as the Facebook page. The posting to and monitoring of these pages is a continuing effort with social media gaining more acceptance as a source of information.

The ALC will also be developing a professionally produced annual report for distribution at the Annual Meeting and to all of its sponsors for 2012. Research is ongoing for that project.

Membership Committee

As part of the strategic plan, the ALC has decided to go to an annual sponsorship system of support rather than an Associate Membership. The committee has held monthly conference calls outlining targets, goals and methods to proceed with the sponsorship funding drive. Telephone calls to all potential sponsors began early December and continue to be a work in progress. The goal of the committee is to get \$125,000 in sponsorships for 2012, with at least 3 of those sponsors being new sponsors. To date, the sponsorship drive has met 44% of that goal, with one of the sponsors being a new sponsor. There have been one-on-one contacts with the sponsors, followed up by personal letters after

the initial contact.

Another part of the task that the membership committee has been charged with is to present options in 2012 for equitable ways of sustainably funding the American Loggers Council through its membership. Committee members are working to put together a survey to send out to the membership to begin addressing this task.

Biomass Committee

There has not been any action or report from this committee during the 4th quarter. The ALC will remain engaged on energy policies in Washington as they emerge (i.e. Farm Bill).

Master Logger Certification Committee

There has not been any action or report from this committee during the 4th quarter. The ALC will continue to promote the MLC© program as well as continue to work with the Sustainable Forestry Board in a Resources Committee member capacity.

Wood Supply Research Institute

The ALC is a member of the WSRI and will continue to support, when needed, with contacts, ideas and other relevant materials to further their work.

Forestry Research Advisory Council

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor has been appointed to this advisory committee which currently meets once or twice per year in Washington, DC to discuss programs which the USDA should be funding through grant programs. The ALC focus will be to fund those grants which help to create jobs on the ground.

Travel

Travel in the 4th Quarter of 2011 has been limited to two road trips to Louisiana. The first trip was to meet Travis Taylor in Natchitoches to visit with the Chamber of Commerce and the Natchitoches Convention Center for a possible meeting site for the 2013 annual meeting. The second trip was to observe an in-woods mobile chipper developed by BRUKS® Rockwood and to invite BRUKS® to be a sponsor of the ALC.



AS WE SEE IT ...

AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL
PRESIDENT STEVE SHERICH



December 2011

JOB CREATION OR WELFARE



Over the years, the federal timber sale program has continued to decline while our federal government has racked up its highest debt in history. In 1986, the US Forest Service harvested 11.786 billion board feet of timber across the US, compared to 2.138 billion board feet in 2010 (USDA Forest Service, 1905-2010 National Summary Cut and sold Data).

As most are aware, when a piece of property is federally owned, it is exempt from paying county and school taxes. In lieu of paying those taxes, the government has always paid a percentage of the money generated from the timber sale program to the counties for use by the county for activities such as road maintenance and school funding.

In 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act to continue the funding for the counties and the schools despite the downturn in the federal timber sale program. The Act was extended in 2005 and is set to expire this year. The Act itself was never intended to be a permanent welfare, or entitlement program for the counties and schools, but was to serve as a stop gap while the federal government took the necessary steps to boost the federal timber sale program or the counties made the adjustments necessary to absorb the loss in revenue.

There is currently an effort underway in Congress to once again extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act to prop up the counties and schools while these transitions are being made, and once again, it has become a needed piece of legislation because both Congress and the Counties have failed to make any adjustments. After eleven years of feeding at the government trough, there are a host of county administrators that know of no other way to increase revenues other than taking the check from the federal government, not realizing that the timber growing within their view on federal land used to generate those funds, as well as keep the unemployment rates in their communities low.

The question is, do we continue to support a government entitlement program for our counties and schools, or should we support job creation through the utilization of our forests which will lead to economic growth and prosperity across all of rural America?

A proposal has been made in Idaho and other states that have significant federal lands within their counties to start a Community Forest Trust pilot project. The project will provide a pathway to the counties to successfully transition away from federal transfer payments under the Secure Rural Schools Act. Environmental law applicable to state forest trust lands will apply to these projects and it might help to cut through some of the red tape that has hindered US Forest Service timber sale projects. Should the program prove to be successful, it might be the model that helps us to improve revenues from federal timber sales across the country.

The American Loggers Council is working to try and help restore lost jobs in rural America, in particular in our nation's forests. By promoting the sustainable use of fiber that could be produced from the forests for solid wood, pulp chemical, and energy production, our hope is to create an environment where we can enhance the quality of life that is disappearing from so many of our rural communities.

There used to be a time when the United States could boast about the productivity of our workforce and the manufacturing capabilities that helped to create the strength and wealth of this nation. At a time when our government is looking for ways to create jobs, we should be thinking of opportunities to put people back to work on our federal lands, sustainably extracting the renewable resources that helped to build our economy over the past century.

Steve Sherich is the President of the American Loggers Council, which represents logging professionals in 30 States. Steve's logging operation is based in Hayden Lake, Idaho. For more information please contact the American Loggers Council at 409-625-0206 or e-mail at americanlogger@aol.com.



AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE

Organization takes steps with industry partners to provide user friendly design and content

Hemphill, Texas (December 12, 2011) - Today, the American Loggers Council (ALC) unveiled a newly redesigned website. *Americanloggers.org* provides news and resources to better support the mission of the ALC to serve as a unified voice for professional loggers and to communicate with the public and policy makers on the issues that are of critical importance to the nation's loggers. The new site contains easily accessible multimedia, contact information and advocacy resources, making it the go to place for loggers to obtain the latest in information and news on national issues.

"We believe that we now have one of the premier sites in the industry to better serve those that we represent," said Danny Dructor, executive vice president, American Loggers Council. "We worked hand in hand with our friends at John Deere and its creative teams to develop a site that is user- friendly and easier to navigate. Financial support from both Caterpillar Forest Products and Bandit Industries also helped to provide the necessary funds to get the site up and running."

"The on-the-ground, real-life video found on the site will help to put a face on the nation's loggers and one that the public needs to see to better understand our industry," Dructor went on to say. "For the most part, we are still considered an invisible industry as most of our operations are far away from the public's view. One goal of the site is to bring the logger to the public so that they will have a better understanding of the professionalism of the industry." There will be regular updates to the site, keeping the content current with current issues.

ALC President Steve Sherich commented that "the site is but one phase of the organizational work that is being done by the ALC to establish its identity with the loggers and the public," and that "other programs are in the works, including building stronger communications and networking between our members and our sponsors." "We are proud of the partnerships that have evolved over the past 17 years with all of our sponsors, but my hat's off to John Deere for their creative efforts on this project and to Caterpillar and Bandit for helping to make the website a reality."

The American Loggers Council is a 501(c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 30 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council Office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at www.americanloggers.org.

LOG TRAILER THEFT

Log Creek Logging, Inc., Edgefield, had a 1987 White Log Trailer stolen on December 15, 2011. The empty trailer was removed from a drop site at General Supply on the Batesburg Highway in Saluda.

The trailer information is as follows: **1987 White straight log trailer; red color; ID # 87W1090; SC Tag PT67555; Logo painted on the main chassis rail is LOG – 3.**

If there is any information regarding this trailer, please contact Neil Bartley at Log Creek Timber Company, Edgefield, 803-637-3265, email nbartley@Logcreektimber.com.

SCTPA Comments: *There appears to be an increased number of trailer thefts occurring in both South Carolina and North Carolina. Take precautions to decrease the potential for trailer theft by using king pin locks, chaining the wheels or using some other method to secure the trailer. If using a drop site, notify neighbors and even local law enforcement to watch the site.*

ATRI FINDS GOOD ACCEPTANCE OF CSA

The American Trucking Associations' non-profit research arm, the American Transportation Research Institute, has released results of a survey indicating that "most" trucking companies believe the federal government's Compliance, Safety, Accountability program to be an improvement over the SafeStat system it replaced.

"carriers are starting to see difficulty in finding qualified drivers,"

"Encouragingly, FMCSA's outreach efforts leading up to CSA and in its first year of deployment seem to have been successful, as carriers were generally knowledgeable concerning specific details of the program," the report noted.

The summary of the study published in the November 28 *Transport Topics* does not give details of the sample surveyed, to indicate possible differences in view between operators of large fleets and independent owner-operators. It does remark that "carriers are starting to see difficulty in finding qualified drivers," which "could be bad for carriers soon."

The CSA program functions to provide safety scores, based on truck inspections by state law enforcement officers, rating both carriers and drivers, posting scores on a web database accessible to shippers, insurers, and others with an interest in safety performance. Some FRA members have pointed to problems in CSA implementation, alleging that it effectively creates market distortions and uncompetitive "playing fields," especially for small carriers, for reasons not inherently linked to safety.

Forest Resources Association bulletin, December 16, 2011

TRUCK-INVOLVED FATALITIES TICK UP

For the first time in four years, in early December the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that, for the year 2010, U.S. highway fatalities in accidents involving large trucks increased in absolute numbers, and by 8.7%.

The agency reported that 3,675 people died in truck-related accidents that year, up from 3,380 in 2009. Injury trends also ticked up at a similar rate.

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Both the government and industry have been hesitant in interpreting this reversal in a significant downward trend, especially since the information needed to determine the more meaningful rate of fatalities per truck-mile traveled will not be available for several weeks.

However, several observers--including NHTSA Administrator David Strickland--suggest that increased truck traffic during last year's recovery in manufacturing may have played a role.

In any case, opponents of trucking efficiency--such as the Teamsters union and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety--are already quoting the figure as a talking point in arguing for final adoption of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's more restrictive Hours Of Service regulation, and we may expect truck-weight reform opponents will also spin it to their convenience.

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Season's Greetings

Wow, it's hard to realize another year has flown by and we are embracing the Christmas Season and awaiting a New Year. I guess time flies when you are having fun, loving what you do, enjoying the love of family and friends and just getting a little more experienced in life. Not to say I'm getting older, just more experienced is the way I like to frame it.

As we hustle and bustle through this Christmas Season to make sure we take care of our family and friends with gifts, good tidings and fellowship, let's not forget The Real Reason For The Season.

This is a grand time for celebration as we gather with our loved ones and friends, remember those who have gone before us and marvel at the excitement to see the twinkle in the eyes of children as they delight in what Santa Claus has left under the Christmas tree.

But this season is to celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a special time to celebrate the anniversary of this most sacred occasion.

My wish is for everyone to enjoy this holiday season, reflect on this year, look forward to a new year, say I love you to family and friends, extend a helping hand to someone in need, pray for our nation and say thank you Lord for Your Son.

I want to thank all our members, friends, partners and allies for your support this year. It is a pleasure to service and represent "my family" as I like to refer to it.

I wish for you a brighter new year as we continue to recover from our economic challenges. As I say, the strong will survive and be better off in the future.

It is an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to do what I do for the folks and industry I respect, those I love and for the business of professional logging.

**So from my family to you and yours ... Best wishes for a
Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.**

Love ya,
Crad

Biomass Demand?

On November 11, Wood Resources International released its finding that "prices for woody biomass, whether it was sawmill by-products, forest residues or urban wood waste, were lower in 2011 than the previous two years in most regions throughout the U.S. . . . The expansion of pellet capacity in Europe over the past five years has been much faster than demand."

WRI notes stagnant pellet pricing in Germany and Austria and declining pricing in Sweden. In the meantime, Plum Creek's CEO Rick Holley offered some reassuring projections to the contrary, according to an account in RISI's December *Timberland Market Report*. "On bioenergy"--says RISI--"Holley expects Europe to dramatically increase consumption of wood pellets from 11 million tons/year currently to 35 million tons by 2020. That projected gain equates to an additional 50 million tons of annual woodfiber, a whopping sum

if most comes [from] the South, as many expect."

Another window into the future of bio-energy policies and subsidies opened in the course of the early December conference in Durban, South Africa, to negotiate a renewal of the Kyoto Protocol (setting individual country's greenhouse gas emissions goals) when that agreement expires in 2017.

As the December 14 *Wall Street Journal* editorialized, the conference revealed a general dampening of enthusiasm for the Kyoto process, although European policymakers appear to remain committed, at least for now. On the other hand, the Canadians have announced their withdrawal, the Russians and Japanese are inclined not to renew, and Australia "is wavering."

(The United States has never been a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol.)

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2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Two Board of Directors Seats will be elected at our February 4, 2012 Annual Membership Meeting at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board terms for Seat 4 served by Clyde Brown, Mt. Bethel Logging, Inc., Newberry, and Seat 5 served by Norman Harris, Harris Timber Co., Inc., Ladson, will expire December 31, 2011.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Board members serve four-year terms. Board responsibilities are to establish policies, direct legislative advocacy, guide programs and efforts to improve and benefit the timber harvesting industry, oversee fiscal responsibilities and charge association staff to fulfill the association's duties and daily functions.

Board members are responsible to attend board meetings. One board meeting is conducted at the annual meeting with bimonthly meetings held in Columbia beginning in February each year.

Any member directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2011, may be nominated for an upcoming seat. Any member regardless of location is eligible for nomination. Members are encouraged to enter your name or the name of another member as an eligible candidate.

To enter your name or to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office no later than January 16, 2012.

As of December 19th, the Nominations Committee has received names for the two seats open for election.

Three members for Seat 4 held by Clyde Brown, Mt. Bethel Logging, Inc., Newberry have been received. Clyde is not running for re-election. Nominated for Seat 4 are: **Rickey Chapman, Newberry, Robby Crowder, Land & Timber, LLC, Greenwood and Billy Walker, W & W Logging, LLC, Laurens.**

One member has been nominated for Seat 5 held by Norman Harris, Harris Timber Co., Ladson who is not running for re-election. **The member nominated is J. R. "Ronald" Gray, Gray Contracting, LLC, Ridgeville.**

Nominations are open until January 16, 2012. During the board elections at the membership meeting on February 4th, floor nominations can be presented.

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2012 ANNUAL MEETING “NAVIGATING THE REGULATORY WATERS”

Our 13th Annual Membership Meeting is February 3 – 5, 2012 at the Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach.

Navigating The Regulatory Waters is our focus. More regulatory issues are occurring now that are affecting sustainable forestry and sustainable timber harvesting.

Speaking will be **National Alliance of Forest Owners President Dave Tenny**, and Dave is the former USDA Undersecretary, and **Bill Kovacs, Senior Vice President Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce**. Dave and the NAFO are leading the efforts to reverse the 9th Circuit's ruling regarding runoff from logging roads and loggers having to obtain permits. Bill will present how environmental obstructionists are litigating projects in the U.S., how they get paid for the lawsuits and what the tremendous cost is to our nation's businesses. You don't want to miss Bill's presentation. It will get your blood pressure up when you hear what is occurring. Professional logger **Steve Sherich of Idaho and President of the American Loggers Council** will speak and provide updates on ALC activities and national issues regarding timber harvesting. **Don Taylor, Sustainable Resources Systems, LLC**, will present results of his Supplier / Consumer Relationship Study funded by the Wood Supply Research Institute.

We are excited **Rudy Pelletier or his brother Larry of Pelletier Brothers, Inc.**, Millinocket, Maine stars of the *American Loggers Series* will be with us as well.

Bobby and Lori Goodson, Goodson's All Terrain Logging, our 2011 meeting featured speaker from Discovery Channel's *Swamp Loggers Series*, will attend since they enjoyed our 2011 meeting so much.

Bill Sims, Jr., President Bill Sims Company will present his It's All About Behavior Change workshop entitled *Green Beans and Ice Cream, The Definitive Recipe for Employee Engagement, Motivation and Recognition*. He has consulted with DuPont, Coca-Cola, Ford plus other companies in Australia, Kuwait, South Africa, Scotland and the

United Kingdom. The workshop explores the role of recognition as it relates to changing employee behavior with a focus on mechanisms needed for successful behavior-based safety recognition.

Registration is Friday afternoon with an evening Welcome Reception featuring a DJ offering a variety of dancing tunes and entertainment accompanied by plenty of food, beverages and fun so everyone can meet and greet on our first evening.

Saturday morning's General Session and our Membership Luncheon will feature our speakers. At our business session we'll present our 2011 Logger Activist, Distinguished Service and President's awards. During our association business session we'll hear news, vote on any bylaws changes if any, receive the annual financial report and elect board of directors.

We'll draw for the Honda ATV, Honda EU2000i Generator and four days and three nights stay at the Crown Reef Resort. Raffle tickets will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting and be sold at the meeting as well. Support our raffle to support SCTPA.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 4th are available for \$25 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. That's a \$15 per ticket savings.

Our Sunday Prayer Breakfast will feature **Sonrise** from Lexington. This is a dynamic trio whose testimonies and songs will lift your spirits as we praise The Lord.

Our Silent Auction will be available with a variety of nice items for bidding. Please donate an item by using the Silent Auction Form provided.

Exhibitors will be on hand with their products and services. And of course there will be plenty of door prizes.

We'll draw a winner for another gun or something on Saturday during the business session.

Six (6) SFI Trained Continuing Education Credits will be awarded for attendance. Category I Continuing Forester Education Credits will be available as well.

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees.

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TIMBER INDUSTRY CLIMBING SLOWLY OUT OF RECESSION

By Joel Aschbrenner, H&N Staff Reporter,
December 17, 2011

Local timber mills are climbing out of the recession, but it's going to be a sluggish trip, said Wade Mosby, vice president of Collins Products, a company that employs about 170 people in Klamath Falls. "We think it's not going to get any worse, but we think it's going to be slow growth," he said.

For the timber industry, the recession hit bottom in late 2008 and early 2009, and demand for wood products began increasing slightly in 2010 and 2011, said Mark Slezak, raw materials manager at Columbia Forest Products in Klamath Falls. Projections show demand will stay relatively flat in 2012.

In late 2008, the Collins mill cut its Klamath Falls plant from four shifts to two shifts a day due to lack of demand. Mosby said he thinks demand won't increase significantly until 2014 or later.

The collapse of the housing market in 2008 is to blame for much of the timber industry's current woes, said Dave Schott, executive vice president of the Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association.

"A lot of this industry is contingent on new home construction," he said. "Unfortunately, new home construction is horrible right now. We've had the worst three years ever."

New home construction has stalled nationwide due to the high number of foreclosed homes on the market.

In 2005, there were about 2.1 million new home starts. This year, there have been about 500,000, Schott said.

"There's a reason Jeld-Wen has fallen on hard times. There's a reason the mills are barely hanging on," he said. "The reason is there is no need (for wood products)."

Columbia Forest Products benefits from being less dependent on new home construction, Slezak said. About 70 percent of the company's products are used in remodeling, rather than new construction. The company also benefited from implementing new technologies and processes at its plants.

"We've tried to increase demand by being more efficient and trying to increase price competitiveness," he said.

CARL POPE STEPS DOWN AS LEADER OF SIERRA CLUB

Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times,
November 19, 2011

The leader of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's most influential environmental groups, has stepped down after 18 years amid discontent that the group founded by 19th century wilderness evangelist John Muir has compromised its core principles.

The departure of Carl Pope, 66, chairman of the club and a member for more than 40 years, comes as the nonprofit group faces declining membership, internal dissent, well-organized opponents, a weak economy and hostile forces in Congress trying to take the teeth out of environmental regulations.

He has been replaced by Michael Brune, 40, a veteran of smaller activist groups, who has pledged to base his leadership on grassroots organizing, recruiting new members and focusing on issues such as coal-fired power plants.

"We have different approaches," Brune said of his relationship with his predecessor.

Pope said he will leave his position as chairman to devote most of his time to "revitalizing the manufacturing sector" by working with organized labor and corporations.

That focus during his tenure caused schisms in the club, most notably when he hammered out a million-dollar deal with household chemical manufacturer Clorox to use the club's emblem on a line of green products, and more recently with its unflinching support of utility-scale solar arrays in the Mojave Desert, the type of wild place the club made its reputation protecting.

"I'm a big-tent guy," Pope said in an interview in the group's San Francisco headquarters. "We're not going to save the world if we rely only on those who agree with the Sierra Club."

Pope led the Sierra Club's efforts to help protect 10 million acres of wilderness, including California's Giant Sequoia National Monument,

and brought litigation challenging the right of then-Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force to secretly hash out energy policy with major oil companies. Pope also co-authored California's Proposition 65, which allowed citizens to sue polluters if they failed to comply with the law.

More recently, he helped block 150 proposed coal-fired power plants. But his tenure was marked by controversial decisions that revealed the costs and political consequences behind the brand of environmental activism he practiced. Acrimony remains over the 2008 Clorox deal, which brought the club \$1.3 million over the four-year term of the contract, according to Pope.

Brune previously worked for the Rainforest Action Network and Greenpeace, groups known for scrappy and theatrical anticorporate tactics. That background emerges in his view of the group's relationship with Clorox.

"We're done with Clorox," Brune said in an interview. "The contract with Clorox runs out in December, and by mutual consent it will not be renewed."

FOREST OWNERS APPLAUD SUPREME COURT ON FOREST ROADS ORDER

*Court Moves Closer Toward Review of Ninth Circuit Reversal of
35-Year Clean Water Precedent*

WASHINGTON— David P. Tenny, President and CEO of the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO), released the following statement after the U.S. Supreme Court issued an order asking the Solicitor General for the views of the federal government on two petitions challenging the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that forest roads are "point sources" requiring an industrial discharge permit under the Clean Water Act (CWA):

"We applaud the Supreme Court for scrutinizing the Ninth Circuit's decision to disregard EPA's 35 years of success regulating forest management as a non-point source under Clean Water Act. The Court is hearing not only the voice of forest owners and managers across the country but also Attorneys General from 26 states who joined a brief supporting EPA's historic approach. The policy and legal importance of this case is clear.

"For nearly four decades, the EPA has cooperated with the states under established Clean Water Act authority to build a network of Best Management Practices providing flexible and effective water quality protection during forestry operations. This has been a Clean Water Act success story. The Ninth Circuit's decision threatens to upend this progress by replacing an efficient and flexible system that promotes clean water with a costly and inflexible permit requirement that invites additional litigation. In the end the Ninth Circuit's decision hurts forest owners and forests alike.

"While this is a significant first step, there is no guarantee that the Supreme Court will hear the case and reverse the Ninth Circuit Court's overstep. It does, however, provide the Administration and the Solicitor General an opportunity to submit to the Supreme Court a clear and unambiguous defense of EPA's longstanding and legally appropriate approach to regulating forest roads as non-point sources."

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SCTPA Comments: *Dave Tenny will be a speaker at the SCTPA 2012 Annual Meeting, February 3 – 5, 2012, at the Crown Reef Resort & conference Center, Myrtle Beach.*





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"FOREST ROADS" APPEAL: POSITIVE SIGNAL FROM SUPREME COURT

In October, FRA joined the National Alliance of Forest Owners and several other organizations in submitting an amicus brief supporting the defendants' appeal of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' unfavorable ruling in NEDC v. Brown to the U.S. Supreme Court.

That ruling asserts that rainwater runoff from forest roads used for timber harvest is a "point source" of water pollution under the Clean Water Act--calling into question today's state-managed BMP programs for controlling and monitoring forest road runoff. FRA members have contributed generously to supporting the costs of this litigation and of the media outreach accompanying it.

On December 12, the Supreme Court, having reviewed the appeal brief and several amicus briefs (both opposing and defending the 9th Circuit's position), asked for the view of the U.S. Solicitor General on the request for review. This request is a very positive step, in that it indicates that the Court acknowledges that the case is consequential in terms of public policy and that the history of the (contested) 35-year-old regulation NEDC v. Brown calls into question is relevant to the case's consideration.

The Solicitor General's task will be to seek out and present the views of the various relevant federal agencies (such as EPA, USDA, Department of Interior, Council on Environmental Quality) with respect to the points at issue. NAFO's counsel estimates that the Solicitor General will complete that task and submit the Administration's brief by June 2012 and that the Court will decide whether to hear the case shortly thereafter.

Whether the Solicitor General's report is likely to support the defendant's position or the plaintiff's is anyone's guess--the Administration has

not given consistent signals. The important thing is to get the case on the Supreme Court's docket.

To place expectations in context: the U.S. Supreme Court agrees to review approximately 1% of the cases submitted to its attention. In asking for the Solicitor General's views, the Court has increased those odds, although it would be optimistic to say the chances are yet as high as 50%, although they will increase considerably if the Solicitor General recommends Supreme Court review. If the Court does agree to hear the case, the hearing would likely occur during fall 2012.

Meanwhile, bipartisan co-sponsorship for legislation to overturn the NEDC v. Brown decision, the Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act (HR 2541 / S 1369), has grown to 53 in the House and 26 in the Senate. In addition, we understand that the hotly debated Omnibus Appropriations bill, currently on track for a vote on December 16, contains a provision that would prohibit EPA from requiring federal forest road permitting within the 9th Circuit jurisdiction until (at least) October 1, 2012.

*Forest Resources Association Bulletin,
December 16, 2011*

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CANAL WOOD, LLC AGREES TO SETTLE GOVERNMENT'S ALLEGATIONS FOR \$520,064.50

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney William N. Nettles, stated today Canal Wood, LLC has agreed to pay the United States a total of \$520,064.50 to resolve allegations that Canal Wood fraudulently failed to include more than one thousand timber scale tickets in settlement sheets it presented to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for timber cut on its land. The more than one thousand tickets each represented a truck load of timber. The value of the timber tickets fraudulently withheld was \$208,064.50.

Shortly after the government's discovery of Canal Wood's withholding of the timber tickets, Canal Wood paid the amount of the actual loss to the government of \$208,064.50 to the Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2006, a Canal Wood employee, Markus Gaskins pled guilty to a portion of the timber theft. Canal Wood has agreed to pay an additional \$312,000 to resolve the allegations brought by Gaskin on behalf of the Government in a qui tam action. Gaskins will receive a reduced share because of his involvement in the scheme.

Canal Wood contracted with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to cut timber on the federally owned Sandhills Wildlife Refuge, near Cheraw, South Carolina. Today's settlement resolves allegations by the United States and the relator that Canal Wood submitted to the government false settlement statements in valuation of the False Claims Act (FCA), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733. The false settlement statements allowed Canal Wood to avoid paying the United States for more than one thousand truck loads of timber taken from federal land. Mr. Nettles stated, "This is a significant settlement. When taking possession of government property, contractors must insure that the government is properly compensated. A number of attorneys and agents have worked very hard on the investigation and on the negotiations that resulted in his settlement. I commend Assistant U.S. Attorneys Fran Trapp, Jennifer Aldrich and James Leventis for their extraordinary effort in this case. In addition, Darren Brandenburg of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service did an excellent job of investigating the case as did Aaron Gillan of Dendro Resource Management.." The settlement is the culmination of a joint investigation involving investigators, attorneys and auditors from the United States Attorney's Office in Columbia, the Department of Interior, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Forest Science and Carbon Policy: Manage Forests to Get the Most Carbon Benefit

Angelique Mitchell, November 23, 2011

Thomas Huxley, the noted 19th Century English biologist, once said that “science is simply common sense at its best.” Huxley’s observation rings true—especially for those of us in forestry and forest-related industries—when it comes to the science underpinning policy discussions about forests and carbon.

Instead of taking a common sense view, some outside of forestry choose to take a myopic view of the relationship between forests and carbon emissions, a view that reveals just part of the picture.

They look at the individual tree or an individual harvest site and make generalizations that include only one aspect of the carbon story—the re-release of carbon into the atmosphere upon conversion of wood to energy. That view is not only myopic—obscuring the full story over landscapes, timeframes and end products; it also neglects to take into account the carbon benefits that accrue throughout the entire life span of the forest and of forest products. The atmospheric carbon balance is a long-term global issue. Common sense would seem to dictate a broader view.

This common sense, scientific view is the one put forth by The Society of American Foresters in the recently published Managing Forests because Carbon Matters: Integrating Energy, Products and Land Management Policy (a supplement to the October/November 2011 issue of the *Journal of Forestry*).

The report highlights the importance of “growing more forests and keeping more forests as forests.” Focusing solely on sequestration, the report points out, misses “important (and substantial) carbon storage and substitution GHG benefits.”

According to the SAF, carbon policy should be based on four basic scientific facts about forests:

1. “A sustainably managed forest can provide carbon storage and forest substitution benefits while at the same time delivering a wide range of environmental and social benefits such as timber and biomass resources, clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreation.
2. “Energy that is produced from forest biomass returns to the atmosphere as carbon that plants absorbed in the relatively recent past; it results in no net release of carbon as long as overall forest inventories are stable or increasing (as is with the United

States forests).

3. “Forest products that are used in place of energy-intensive materials (i.e. metals, concretes, plastics) (a) reduce carbon emissions (because forest products require less fossil fuel-based energy to produce); (b) store carbon (for a length of time based on the products’ use and disposal); (c) provide biomass residuals (i.e. waste wood) that can be substituted for fossil fuels to produce energy.

4. “Fossil fuel-produced energy releases energy that has resided in the Earth for millions of years; forest biomass-based energy uses far less of the carbon stored within the Earth thereby reducing the flow of fossil fuel-based carbon emissions into the atmosphere.”

In order to capture these scientifically proven carbon benefits from our forests, the SAF emphasizes the importance of managing forests to maximize these benefits: “US policies can encourage management of forests for all the carbon and energy benefits of forests and forest products while sustaining ecosystem health and traditional forest biomass uses.”

To encourage landowners to manage their forests for these benefits, the SAF outlines three tenets for “integrating forests into a rational policy framework”:

1. **Keep forests as forests and manage appropriate forests for carbon.** United States forest cover has increased and its net growth has exceeded removals and mortality for more than 70 continuous years; therefore, carbon storage is increasing in the United States. Choosing not to manage forests has negative carbon consequences; mature forests are carbon-cycle neutral (because they absorb carbon at a much slower rate as their growth rates decline) or sources of carbon emissions as they decay naturally or are subject to fires, diseases or weather disturbances.
2. **“Recognize that substantial quantities of carbon are stored in wood products for long periods of time and it lasts a long time in service – often a long time in service before being retired from service.** Wood is one-half carbon by weight; substantial volumes of wood go into construction products and structures, paper goes into long-term use (i.e. books) or is recovered from waste stream for energy production. Other wood—construction debris, yard waste,

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and unrecycled paper—winds up in landfills, where it often deteriorates more slowly than is generally assumed. In total the rate of carbon accumulation from wood products in use and in landfills was about 88 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents in 2008, about 12% of the rate of sequestration in forests.”

3. The substitution effect is real, irreversible and cumulative. Considerably less fossil fuel-derived energy is required to make wood products than as compared with other building materials, such as steel, aluminum, concrete, and plastic products. In addition, by substituting biomass-based energy for fossil fuel-based energy, additional non-biogenic GHG emissions are avoided.

What types of policies can help the US exact as much carbon benefit as possible from forests? According to the SAF, science is once again the key.

- Carbon offsets and credits—Offset programs are not working because they are just not practical. The science of measuring carbon benefits in this area is far from common sense: “uncertainty about acceptable methodologies for measuring forest carbon and related climate benefits has significantly limited interest in developing forest carbon projects that have large upfront costs.”
- Economic incentives in the form of tax credits, subsidies or direct payments for reforestation and afforestation are effective tools for keeping forests as forests.
- Information disclosure requirements have been proven to motivate firms to modify their behavior. By encouraging entities to differentiate between biogenic and non-biogenic carbon emissions, this policy would encourage the use of forest products,

which would then incent reforestation.

- Building codes and procurement strategies that specify the substitution of wood products for higher fossil-fuel intensity building materials like steel and concrete. By providing landowners with stronger markets for wood products that store carbon over long time periods, this policy would incent them to replant, keeping more forests as forests. In addition, this policy would reduce fossil fuel emissions.

The SAF report adds to the dialogue about forest and carbon policy by encouraging the use of known science—and common sense—when it comes to making policy decisions.

Overall, the report confirms the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s view (one we’ve quoted here before; see Wood Emissions 4% of Coal) that “In the long-term, a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while procuring an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit.”

<http://blog.forest2market.com/2011/11/23/saf-report-carbon/>



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More Ninth Circuit Mayhem The Supreme Court has another legal clean-up job.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is often a source of national amusement, but if one of its recent decisions on the Clean Water Act is allowed to stand, it will wreak havoc on the timber industry and damage other agricultural management as well. Today the Supreme Court is likely to decide whether to hear the appeal on a case that could reinterpret a longstanding classification in environmental law.

In *Georgia Pacific v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center*, the question concerns whether rural roads used for hauling timber should be subject to the same stringent environmental permitting process as major industrial sites and municipal systems.

An environmental group claimed that water runoff from logging roads was getting into fish-bearing streams. The District Court said there was no case but in its ever-willful way the liberal Ninth Circuit overturned, ruling that the roads should fall under so-called "point source" standards, which require special permits from the EPA.

The stricter classification is a perennial on the wish list of environmentalists because it would introduce an army of lawyers and specialists every time a new logging road was built. Under the roads' historical Clean Water Act classification as "non-point source," storm-water runoff on the roads is regulated by the states, which develop their own requirements and restrictions on road use. The stricter category would delay the process as the permits themselves become a new locus for additional environmental litigation.

The U.S. Forest Service says that if the ruling stands, it would have to obtain more than 400,000 permits, working with 46 states, a process that could take 10 years. And that's the green goal: to create enough delay and bureaucracy that timber harvesting will cease to be profitable.

According to Oregon Democratic Senator Ron Wyden, the Ninth Circuit's radical interpretation "would shut down forestry on private, state and tribal lands" in the states where it applies. That list would include Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada and Montana.

As a legal matter, the Ninth Circuit's decision was a particularly blatant power grab in the kind

of matter traditionally left to an agency with specific judgment and knowledge. In deciding environmental complaint cases, courts are supposed to defer to the Environmental Protection Agency, as long as the agency has acted reasonably.

In the case of the logging roads, the non-point source classification represented 35 years of consistent interpretation by the EPA, that storm-water runoff was "better controlled through the utilization of best management practices" and "ill-suited for inclusion in a permit program." After Congress amended the law in 1987, the agency again rejected including logging roads in the category for heavy industrial pollutants.

The interpretation has been confirmed by two other circuits, but if the Ninth Circuit's wacky ruling is allowed to stand it will impose major economic burdens and a litigation free-for-all in the Pacific Northwest. No doubt some Supreme Court Justices are frustrated that they must keep playing janitor after the legal elephant parade that is the Ninth Circuit, but no one else has the authority. We hope the High Court takes the case.



SCTPA Comments: Several articles in this issue have focused on the Ninth Circuit Ruling deeming runoff from forest roads as "point source" pollution requiring a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This ruling has and could have nationwide dramatic impacts on the forestry and timber harvesting industry. Therefore these articles have attempted to convey the importance of what is taking place.

ROBINSON REMAINS BELIEVER AS BIOFUEL PROJECTS MOVE AHEAD

By Gene Zaleski, Times & Democrat Staff Writer, December 19, 2011

While Orangeburg County awaits its own alternative energy projects, a recent study by a federal research body is questioning whether biofuel projects make sense.

Orangeburg County Development Commission Executive Director Gregg Robinson said while there are challenges in alternative fuel production, they can be overcome. He remains bullish on alternative fuels' future in Orangeburg County. "It comes down to price," Robinson said

Energy costs are about 12 percent to 14 percent cheaper here than nationally, which does make it more difficult to market green energy, he said. "It is hard for us to invest the capital and to do the things needed when it is above market."

The congressionally requested study from the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, warns next-generation biofuels are so expensive to make that the nation is unlikely to meet its goals.

Production has fallen short of the requirements of a 2007 law. And while the nation is supposed to be using 500 million gallons of cellulose-based fuel by 2012, only 3.5 millions are expected.

Federal targets can't be met "unless innovative technologies that unexpectedly improve the cellulosic biofuel production process and technologies are scaled up and undergo several commercial-scale demonstrations in the next few years," the study said.

Robinson said South Carolina needs to jump on board through the federally mandated Renewable Portfolio Standard regulations.

The RPS requires the increased production of energy from renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal. Currently, there is no federal policy in place, though 30 states including North Carolina have adopted the standard and been more successful in pursuing alternative fuels, Robinson said.

"What makes the most sense is cellulosic biomass," Robinson said, noting Orangeburg County is full of pines.

"We have the available resource that lends itself to a successful biomass company." Organic Bio-Energy Inc., a Claflin spin-off, and Greer-based Green Energy Partners joined together in April 2008 to study the feasibility of building a \$75 million, 35-acre biofuel plant/research park at the John W. Matthews Industrial Park. The park is

located at the corner of U.S. 176 and U.S. 301.

Officials estimate the output would be 4 million gallons of synthetic biodiesel, 1 million gallons of biobutanol and 44 megawatts of electricity.

Officials estimate the project could create 100 jobs over a five-year period.

The project received an \$180,000 grant through the S.C. Department of Agriculture and the S.C. Energy Office in April 2008.

In a separate project, Orangeburg County Biomass LLC also wants to build a \$100 million wood-fired power plant on 55 acres at the Matthews Industrial Park.

The 35-megawatt, electrical power generator would essentially burn wood chips and forestry thinnings for electricity.

Project officials have said the plant will create about 27 jobs over its first five years. Jobs would be timber and trucking related. Wages would average about \$15 per hour, above the county average of \$13.

Robinson says the needed environmental studies and permits are complete for the project to move forward.

Construction will begin once an

agreement is reached with a utility provider. Robinson said the utility provider could be locally based or even from out of state. Robinson said the county is also looking for other alternative fuel projects.

"Timber makes more sense because it is a readily available stock," he said. Orangeburg County Clemson Extension forester Beth Richardson said there is currently little profit for landowners to make from biofuels.

And when it becomes more feasible, that will not end the problems, she said. "Then the power will cost more," Richardson said. "Our electricity will be about three times higher. One reason is harvesting cost. Biomass fuel will not be feasible unless subsidized with our tax dollars, so either way we are paying for it."

Richardson says countries that depend on biomass fuels are feeling the pinch. "Countries that depend on biomass fuels pay about three to five times more than we do for electricity and food that uses electricity for production," she said.

Calhoun County Development Commission Executive Director Pat Black says he does not see Calhoun County being excited about biofuels "unless the technology changes."

The push for alternative fuels is nothing new, Black said. He said Henry Ford proposed using alcohol-based fuels rather than petroleum products in the 1920s and 1930s. The idea obviously did not win the day. "We have been through this before. If it was such a great idea, it would have been done years ago," he said.

Black said Calhoun County farmers are currently focused on growing crops for the market. The alternative fuel market just has not been there.

"Economy drives everything," Black said. "Agriculture is a sort of self-fulfilling prophecy." He said if there are predictions of high corn prices, everybody will plant corn and the prices will fall. It will be the same with convincing farmers to grow for alternative fuels.

"If the price of corn goes up, I am sure farmers will grow more corn," Black said. "Alcohol gallon for gallon has never been an attractive substitute for gasoline."

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ENERGY SUBSIDIES PUSH UP THE PRICE OF WOOD

By Richard Anderson and Damian Kahya
Business reporters, BBC News



Environmental groups have questioned the policy of encouraging power stations to burn wood

Technology, they say, will provide the answers to all our future energy needs.

Harnessing the power of the sun, wind and ocean currents using state-of-the-art instruments is seen the world over as key to achieving domestic energy security and combating carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to global warming.

But in amongst all this technological wizardry remains one energy source that humans have relied upon since time immemorial; an energy source that is now being seen as a key component in renewable energy production for future generations: the humble tree.

Governments around the world are paying power stations to burn wood to generate electricity.

In the UK, subsidies for so-called biomass energy were introduced in 2002, and some of the country's biggest stations are burning an ever increasing amount of wood alongside more traditional coal; and being paid handsomely for doing so.

In theory, burning wood only releases the carbon that was stored by the trees when growing, so there is no net increase in CO₂ emissions. But there is, of course, an increase in emissions compared with keeping the tree standing.

And there is little benefit in terms of energy security, as much of the wood burned on an industrial scale is imported from overseas.

Indeed many environmental groups argue the push for burning wood will increase deforestation.

"Biomass stations that rely on wood imports from abroad are a threat to the world's forests and may even increase climate-changing emissions," says Paul Steed-

man from Friends of the Earth.

Higher prices

But there are much more tangible, not doubt unintended, consequences to biomass subsidies.

Since 2005, the price of the kind of wood used in the construction and wood panel industries has gone up by more than 50% in the UK.

The reason, the wood industry says, could not be simpler - biomass subsidies have increased demand for wood, pushing prices higher.

As Dr Peter Beele at the Furniture Industry Research Association says: "There is no doubt the two are connected".

Alastair Kerr at the Wood Panel Industries Federation is even more unequivocal, arguing that timber prices are significantly higher than five years ago despite the economic downturn. "The only factor is biomass," he says.

'Serious effect'

And if the companies that make wood have to pay more for their raw materials, it's not long before these additional costs are passed on to builders, furniture makers and, ultimately, consumers.

The effects are already being felt.

"The increases in costs eroded our bottom line significantly, until the point when, about 12 months ago, we were forced to pass them on to our customers," says Gavin Adkins at wood panel manufacturer Kronospan.

The customers of panel makers are furniture makers, and they too are feeling the heat.

Julian Roebuck at Gresham Office Furniture says that recent increases in the price of chipboard have been "incredible".

"In the past 12 months, we have had two increases of 6% and 9% which, in the current economic climate, we have been unable to pass on to our customers," he says.

"This is having a serious effect on our business and the damage to the office furniture sector will be untold."

Eventually, these additional costs on furniture makers will be passed on to consumers, if they have not already.

Karl Morris at Norbord, one of the world's biggest wood panel makers, says UK consumers will be looking at paying an additional £200 on a standard kitchen.

Cost advantage

But these cost increases are just the beginning, according to the wood industry.

"It's not so much what's happening now as what's going to happen in the next five years," says Mr. Kerr.

He says under the current subsidy regime, a dedicated biomass power station gets about £75 for each tonne of wood it burns. A co-firing station - one that burns biomass alongside coal, for example - gets about £25-£50.

This gives power stations quite an advantage over more traditional buyers when UK-harvested wood can cost

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RURAL AMERICA'S TIMBER DILEMMA

By Dale Bosworth, December 18, 2011,
Los Angeles Times

During my long career with the U.S. Forest Service, people frequently expressed their concerns about the management of public lands to me when I'd run into them at the grocery store or on a hiking trail. One of the main issues they brought up had to do with the relationship between timber harvests and county budgets.

Here's the dilemma. Counties traditionally rely on property taxes to fund basic services and education. But local governments cannot tax national forest land, and many Western states have a high percentage of their land in federal ownership. In Idaho, for example, about 63% of the land is owned by the federal government (as compared with, say, New York, where less than 1% of land is in federal hands).

To help compensate local governments for that loss of tax revenue, the Forest Service for decades returned 25% of the money it made from harvesting timber to the county government where the logging occurred. But that was problematic too because revenues were prone to wide swings depending on how much timber was harvested and what price it brought.

To address the uncertainty, Congress in 2000 passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, which guaranteed revenues to counties based on past timber receipts. The act also introduced new goals of funding restoration and stewardship projects on public lands to help communities improve forest health and diversify their economies. In 2008, funding was extended through 2011 and some revisions were made to the law.

Next year, unless the program is renewed, the payment system will revert to the old method, in which counties receive 25% of timber revenues. This formula would return uncertainty and drastically reduce payments to counties at a time when rural America is already struggling.

A working paper put out last month by the Oregon State University Rural Studies program estimated that Oregon (with about half of its land owned by the federal government) stands to lose about 4,000 jobs and would have to make deep cuts in school funding unless the bill is reauthorized. And Oregon is just one of many states affected.

Instead of allowing the program to end, the act should be renewed, and Congress should take the opportunity to better align payment incentives with current economic realities and forest health goals.

Unfortunately, current proposals from the Obama administration, the House and the Senate all fall short. The president's 2012 budget, for example, proposes to phase out the payments over two to five years, with no clarity for how the federal government will assist counties with large amounts of public land going forward.

In addition, the administration proposal would, for the first time, fund the payments directly from the Forest Service budget, a budget already stressed by deep cuts. Subjecting the county reimbursements to the annual appropriations process rather than setting up a multiyear reauthorization would make it difficult for many counties to provide basic services.

Counties rely on property taxes to fund basic services. But they can't tax national forest land, and now Congress may reduce payments for harvested trees.

In the House, a draft bill proposes a timber-only approach in which logging would pay for all future federal payments to counties. This would be accomplished largely by rolling back environmental laws and abandoning collabora-

tive efforts. Even if this bill could pass, it would require unsustainable logging levels to maintain payment levels, and it would require more federal spending than current appropriations.

In the Senate, a draft bill proposes continuing the current payment system at a reduced level for five years, but that only kicks long-term reform down the road.

There is still time before the payments end in mid-2012 to pass legislation that ties future county payments to achievable forest management goals and provides real economic options for counties.

One promising idea would be to deliver payments to counties based on economic need, so that payments are targeted to ensure the best use of taxpayer dollars. Another would be to link funding to efforts by counties to improve ecosystems and recreation opportunities on federal lands.

Although logging alone cannot lift rural economies, logging combined with forest and watershed restoration work — a timber-plus jobs bill — could be the basis for both funding and job growth in counties.

Dale Bosworth worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 41 years, and served as its chief from 2001 to 2007.

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Forestry Commission Thanks State Senator Yancey McGill for Years of Support

The Forestry Commission has awarded State Senator Yancey McGill (Williamsburg) with a first-of-its-kind award for his unwavering support for the forest industry and the Commission.

State Forester Gene Kodama presented the Senator with the newly-minted *Forestry Commission Challenge Coin of Excellence* on December 1, 2011.

Senator McGill's commitment to forestry is well known in government and business circles. His 32nd district includes the heavily forested counties of Florence, Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg and is home to several forest product mills, which depend on active forest management for a sustainable wood supply.

Forestry is essential to the healthy business environment and high quality of life associated with the communities in Senator McGill's district. Many of his constituents work or have family who work in forestry-related fields. Communities in his district also rely on the Forestry Commission to protect them, their homes, and their forested land from wildfire.

"Senator McGill recognizes how important supporting forest industry and the Commission is for citizens in his district and across the entire state of South Carolina," says State Forester Gene Kodama. "He knows we have to not only protect our forests from fire, insects, and diseases, but we also need to develop the state's forest resource through the retention and growth of forestry businesses." These are the businesses, Kodama hastens to add, which harvest and grow trees. "The Senator's efforts have greatly helped forestry remain the state's number-one manufacturing segment, with regard to job numbers and wages paid."

"Senator McGill is an outstanding advocate for forestry and the wood and paper products industry. He is very deserving of the honor of receiving the SCFC Challenge Coin for his tireless efforts to promote forestry in South Carolina," says Cam Crawford of the South Carolina Forestry Association, an advocacy group for forest industry in the state.

Upon receiving the coin and recognition, Senator McGill said, "I really appreciate the award and the recognition. I have greatly enjoyed working with all the fine people in forestry and our

natural resources over the years to retain the wonderful quality of life that we enjoy in my district and across South Carolina. We are now in a position to do even more things to better utilize our natural resources to create jobs and improve our fine state with partnerships like we have with the Forestry Commission and other resource agencies."

As chair of the Senate's Finance Subcommittee on natural resources, Senator McGill has fought hard every year to restore funding to the Commission and other natural resource agencies so they can fulfill their mission to protect and develop those resources. That has been a difficult task in the face of dwindling state revenues, a direct result of the financial crisis worldwide.

"The support of state leaders like Senator McGill who work very hard through the best and worst of times is greatly appreciated by all South Carolina citizens," Kodama says.

The idea of a *Challenge Coin Award* for excellence in mission accomplishment grew out of interactions with military personnel during the Commission's military appreciation hunting program. Challenge coin programs are common in the military, and Commission personnel have received several such coins from soldiers who have participated in the military appreciation hunts.

COIN INFORMATION: The Forestry Commission coins are purchased with funding from a federal grant established to promote forestry. The purpose of the coin is to recognize an individual or organization that has exhibited excellence in ensuring the accomplishment of the Forestry Commission's mission by making a significant and lasting contribution that is above and beyond the norm and to serve as a reminder of their valuable service.

Examples: 1) Provided assistance on a very difficult project, and this contribution was a key ingredient to project completion and/or high quality results, 2) Provided service that significantly reduced costs or increased revenue while producing high quality results, 3) Donated significant time or financial resources resulting in a major enhancement to mission accomplishment, 4) Exhibited valor in protecting lives, property, or forest resources, 5) Greatly improved the public's understanding of the importance of the Commission, the state's forests, or forestry, 6) Made a major contribution to the development of the forest resource increasing economic impact or job numbers. Coins will be presented by the State Forester or designee. Recommendations for coin presentations can be made by submitting them in writing to the State Forester.

SONOCO ANNOUNCES \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT, JOB CREATION

By Gavin Jackson, SCNOW.com,
December 13, 2011

Sonoco Products announced plans to invest \$100 million, over three years, creating 230 at the company's largest manufacturing complex--located in Hartsville.

"This investment by Sonoco is a testament to the globally competitive workforce in Darlington County," Darlington County Council Chairman Billy Baldwin said through the state's release.

Sonoco will replace two 60-year-old coal-fired boilers with a \$75 million biomass boiler. The turbine will produce 16 megawatts of "green" electricity. Primary sources will be residual material from logging activity and saw mill waste. When in operation during the fourth quarter of 2013, the project is expected to reduce operating costs by \$14 million.

"We are extremely excited about this project. It is the single largest capital investment that Sonoco has made to our Hartsville manufacturing operations and in South Carolina," Sonoco President and Chief Operating Officer Jack Sanders said in a release issued by the state. "In addition to maintaining the viability of our operations and protecting hundreds of existing jobs, the project will create new growth opportunities and new jobs."

Other investments will upgrade efficiency of No. 10 paper machine and emission control technology and efficiency of No. 9 boiler system.

"Sonoco is a world-class company and we are excited that they are making this large investment in Darlington County. This announcement not only indicates the company's commitment to South Carolina -- it also demonstrates that we are doing the right things on the economic development front to attract large investments like this one," Gov. Nikki Haley said through the state's release.

"Sonoco's investment is one of the largest industrial investments in the history of the county. The county council and the school board have responded to Sonoco's commitment to Darlington County with a globally competitive performance-based tax incentive package. We thank the legislative delegation for providing this project the support of the S.C. Department of Commerce and ability to provide competitive tax rates, Baldwin said"

Sonoco also plans to upgrade roads leading to the site as increased truck traffic of 65 trucks a day of biomass material is required to run the boiler.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved the company for a rural infrastructure grant of \$100,000, which will be used to improve roads used by the trucks.

In an effort to minimize interruptions to local traffic, Sonoco worked closely with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and Darlington County to identify the best route to get the trucks into and out of its facility.

Additional Information

The Hartsville Biomass Boiler: A "green" energy solution

Wood residue from regional logging activity will fuel the new Biomass Boiler. Steam generated by the boiler will be used to make paper and Sonoco will continue to use its cogeneration turbines to produce 16 megawatts of low-cost, "green" electricity that will be used on site.

Interesting Biomass Boiler facts

- To fuel the boiler, Sonoco will buy more than 400,000 tons of residual material from normal logging activity and sawmill waste annually from regional loggers. A month's worth of wood residue will be maintained on site.
- The boiler will be fired with natural gas before wood residue is added. Boiler temperatures will reach 2,500 degrees.
- It will produce super-heated steam at high pressure that will be "dried" and sent through the turbines to produce "green" electricity.
- Lower-pressure steam will leave the turbines, be re-hydrated and used in the paper-making process.

The new Biomass Boiler will meet all new air emission standards, radically reduce our sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions and help achieve Sonoco's corporate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 15 percent by 2014.

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£60 a tonne - although, of course, the subsidy is designed to cover the cost of building or converting traditional stations, which can run into many millions of pounds.

In fact, the subsidies have encouraged more and more power stations to look at burning wood, not to mention a swathe of applications for new-build biomass stations.

"Planning applications either submitted or granted are just the tip of the iceberg," says Mr Kerr.

Demand for wood, he says, will rocket.

The total wood harvested from UK forests last year was 10 million tonnes, and yet the projected demand will be between 50 and 80 million tonnes by 2030, says Mr Kerr.

The government has set an unofficial target that 10% of wood used for biomass energy production should be sourced domestically, which means between five and eight million tonnes in 20 years.

So either the UK needs to grow an awful lot of trees very fast to meet this demand, which appears entirely unrealistic, or the price of wood will continue to rise.

The government says it will try and increase forest expansion, and suggests imported wood can make up any shortfall in domestic production.

"We are taking action to increase the supply of wood from within the UK by using more waste wood and bringing forests back into economic production," a spokesman for the Department of Energy and Climate Change says.

"Operators of bioenergy plant will import wood

Fairer system

That may be so, but it costs an awful lot more to buy wood from overseas, more than double in most cases, so power stations will inevitably buy as much as they can from domestic forests.

And as long as they do, the price of wholesale wood and furniture in the shops is likely to keep rising. The wood industry does not oppose biomass subsidies in principle, but wants a system that doesn't push up demand for domestic wood to such an extent.

More importantly, "we don't want to burn things in the first instance. We want to use them first, then burn them", Mr Kerr says.

Carbon emissions from the wood may ultimately be the same, but at least something useful and valuable - to companies, consumers and the wider economy - will have been created, and the unintended consequences not quite so severe.



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28 Newberry District 2 & Saluda/Edgefield District 1 Meeting, Farm Bureau, Newberry, 7 p.m.

Saluda/Edgefield/Aiken District 1 Members and Non-Members invited to attend the Newberry District 2 Meetings due to Saluda meetings discontinued.

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