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AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL MEETS IN ORGEON

September 27, 2010 –
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American Loggers Council President, Mike Wiedeman and the Associated Oregon Loggers hosted the American Loggers Council 16th Annual Meeting in Pendleton, Oregon on September 23-25, 2010.

The three-day conference drew a large attendance of approximately 210 Professional Timber Harvesters and representatives from the industry that supports the Council from across the nation.

Events opened up with an optional logging tour on Thursday morning, September 25th hosted by Forest Capital and BTO Logging where a group of 100+ attendees were able to learn about high lead logging operations, including many of the difficulties of performing such operations.

The “Welcome Reception” sponsored by Bituminous Insurance on Thursday evening at the Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton. Randy Hervey and his wife Coni, from Bituminous’ headquarters

in Rock Island, Illinois were present to welcome the group and Randy was awarded the first of two President’s Awards to be handed out during the meetings for his continued support.

Following a hearty “logger’s breakfast” hosted by Forestry Mutual Insurance, Friday brought the opportunity to attend technical sessions with guest speakers Lynn Michaelis, a RISI economist discussing the current domestic and world economic conditions, John Hickman from John Deere discussing where the technology is for liquid biofuels and the role wood will play in new emerging markets for wood products.

The second session of the morning was led off by Dave Tenny, President of the National Alliance of Forest Owners discussing many of the national issues and policies that are affecting private forest



Mike Wiedeman describes logging job

lands, followed by Tom Partin, President of the American Forest Resource Council discussing

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many of those same issues and the implications that they have for federal lands.

Following lunch, attendees had the opportunity to experience both virtual reality machines used in the design process of timber harvesting equipment as well as simulators which are used around the country to help train operators for that equipment. Nate Clark with John Deere emceed the events that were hosted by John Deere. There were approximately 30 John Deere representatives on hand during the session.

The ALC ladies traveled to Pendleton, Oregon on Friday for tours of the historic Pendleton Underground and the Pendleton Woolen Mills before going to lunch at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

Following lunch they were taken to the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute for a guided tour on how Native American heritage has helped form the communities in and around the Pendleton region. All of the tours and lunch were hosted by Forestry Mutual Insurance out of North Carolina and Forestry Mutual President Keith Biggs and agent Jimmie Locklear and his wife Ruthann were present during the meetings and Ruthann accompanied the ladies on the tour.

Friday was capped off with a reception and dinner at the Red Lion Hotel hosted by John Deere Credit and the John Deere Forestry Group, including Waratah and Deere-Hitachi Specialty Products and numerous Deere representatives, including Kevin Karlix, Nate Clark, Thad Currier, Doug Landers and Dave MacFarlane were on hand to meet and greet the ALC members as they enjoyed a "Buffalo Barbeque" buffet. Entertainment was provided by local talent Brady Goss.

Following the dinner, the ALC Annual Auction was held and over \$15,000 dollars were raised in the event which helps support the projects and programs of the American Loggers Council.

Saturday morning, ALC members were up early again for a Saturday breakfast sponsored by Ponsse. Markko Martilla, President of Ponsse had registered to be at the meeting, but was called away at the last minute for some pressing business back at home.

On Saturday, the ALC Board of Directors also got down to business. The ALC Board of Directors and Executive Committee met to discuss Legislative, Communications, Transportation and ALC

Master Logger Certification© program issues. Larry Cumming, President of Peterson who also co-chairs the ALC Biomass Committee presented the Biomass Committee report. The question of ALC endorsement of the Sustainable Forestry Initiatives © program was tabled pending further discussions.

The ALC Board of Directors welcomed the Independent Logging Contractors of Alabama, Inc. as the latest State Association to become a member of the American Loggers Council. Ezell Castleberry was welcomed to the Board as their representative.

During the meeting, a slate of officers for the 2010/2011 term was voted on. Logger Matt Jensen from Crandon, Wisconsin was elected to serve as the new ALC President. Logger Steve Sherich of Hayden Lake, Idaho was elected to serve as 1st Vice President of the organization. Rounding out the elections, logger Travis Taylor from Louisiana and logger Brian Nelson from Michigan will serve as 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. Regional Directors to serve on the Executive Committee

include Northeast delegate, Dan Keniston - New Hampshire; Mid West delegate, Shannon Jarvis - Missouri; Southern delegate, Ken Martin - Mississippi; and, Western delegate, Myles Anderson - California.

Saturday morning also brought the Annual Membership meeting. All individuals wishing to participate in the discussions were invited to attend the meeting. The membership meeting was hosted by Tigercat, out of Paris, Ontario, Canada and Fil Rinaldis was on hand to visit with the loggers.

Caterpillar Forest Products treated the ALC ladies to a Washington State winery tour at the Dunham Cellars winery located in Walla Walla, Washington, followed by a vineyard and winery tour and luncheon at the Basel Cellars winery. Sandy Price with Caterpillar Forest Products was on-hand during the tour.

The Saturday Awards Luncheon, sponsored by John Deere, recognized all of the Associate members that support the goals and programs of the American Loggers Council.

United States Congressman Greg Walden was the guest speaker at



World Famous Pendleton Round Up Stadium



Congressman Greg Walden

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Incoming President Matt Jensen's Acceptance Speech

Presented to the American Loggers Council Annual Meeting
September 25, 2010.



I'd like to start by thanking Mike Wiedeman for his leadership and dedication to ALC for not only last year, but for the last several years. Also, Danny and Doris Dructor for the great work that they do on our behalf and the Executive

Committee for the important decisions that they make that guide the direction of the American Loggers Council.

I too would like to set some goals for the next twelve months for the leadership of the ALC.

The first is to further promote the ALC Master Logger Certification program. If all of the states in this organization would at least submit a template for the program for approval by the committee that would further show the professionalism and commitment that we as professional timber harvesters have towards our unity in applying sustainable timber harvesting practices across all ownerships in every region of the country.

The second goal would be to look at the potential that a national purchasing cooperative would have in not only strengthening our bottom lines, but that of our state associations and the American Loggers Council as well. We will work with the Southern Loggers Cooperative and see how it might fit into our organization.

My third goal will be to continue to explore new markets for our products both here and abroad. With markets being such an important issue for the survival of our industry, we must proceed forward.

The fourth goal is yet another continuing one, and that is to track legislation that is impacting our industry and professional loggers across the country and to try and remain involved in favorable outcomes for our industry.

And finally, we must continue to strengthen our partnerships with our associate members. Without them we could not exist. There are many opportunities out there for us to be working together on which in turn will benefit us as the customers and them as the suppliers.

In the coming year, we have some important issues facing us, the Cap and Trade issue, the 2011 Forest Service budget, the EPA tailoring rule, the Clean Water Act and Biomass legislation just to name a few. There are economic policies that have either

passed or being considered by the Federal Government that could affect our businesses for years to come. I don't know of a more important time to be politically engaged than right now.

The fact that all of you traveled across the country to be at this meeting proves you are engaged. That is motivating to me. It gives me a sense of optimism. In this group are some of the finest loggers in the country. The character of all of you in this room would be hard to find anywhere else. The hard working men and women who provide the fiber that America needs on a daily basis.

I am honored to be your President. The support and confidence that you have shown and offered for the next twelve months is humbling. I accept that responsibility and with it, the challenges that lay ahead.

Thank you.



Matt Jensen owns and operates Whitetail Logging in Crandon, Wisconsin. Matt's term as President of the American Loggers Council began immediately following the passing of the gavel from now Immediate Past president, Mike Wiedeman, of Enterprise, Oregon.

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the luncheon where he presented ALC President Mike Wiedeman with a framed copy of what was read into the Congressional registry pertaining to Mike's lifelong leadership and passion for the timber harvesting industry. Kevin Karlix, Western Hemisphere manager for John Deere Construction and Forestry, Nate Clark, Director of Public Affairs for John Deere and a host of others representing Deere- Hitachi and Waratah were present during the luncheon.

Dan Keniston, with Keniston Logging & Trucking out of North Woodstock, New Hampshire was presented with the second President's Award for 2010, recognizing all of his service to the ALC and the logging community for several years running. Ed Lewis, Jr. from California received the humorous, yet prestigious, ALC "Bubba" award for the outstanding blunder of the year.

Outgoing ALC Director Tommy Barnes from South Carolina was recognized for his service and



Congressman Walden presents Congressional Proclamation to Mike

commitment to the American Loggers Council.

Saturday evening closed out with a reception and dinner sponsored by CAT Financial and Caterpillar Forest Products. Ben Kinney with CAT Finance

was on hand to welcome ALC members at the reception and Bruce Narveson, Sandy Price and the entire Caterpillar Forest Products team welcomed and visited with the attendees and helped kick off the events of the evening.

Dan Shell, representing Hatton-Brown Publishers presented Jack Buell and family, Jack Buell Trucking, with the most prestigious Logging Business of the Year Award. Jack and Eleanor Buell, and family, were present to accept the award.

The banquet meeting adjourned when ALC President Mike Wiedeman of Enterprise, Oregon, passed the gavel to incoming President Matt Jensen from Crandon, Wisconsin.

During his acceptance speech, President Jensen presented several goals for the coming year; promoting the Master Logger Certification program, looking at logger's cooperatives, seeking new markets both domestic and abroad for our products, staying informed and involved in legislation that impacts professional loggers across the country, and strengthening partnerships with our associate members.

Following the ceremonies, all guests were entertained by the Jingle Dancers, with Native American youth performing traditional dances in full handmade regalia.

Sponsors for the Annual Meeting included Caterpillar Forest Products, John Deere Forestry Group, Tigercat, John Deere Credit, Bituminous Insurance, Stihl, Inc., Waratah Forestry Attachments, Hawkins, Rawlinson, Inc., Forestry Mutual Insurance Company, Georgia-Pacific, Forest Capital, Ponsse, CAT Financial and Deere-Hitachi Specialty Products.

Members of the American Loggers Council wish to thank the many sponsors and associate members of the Council who help to make the Annual Meeting a continued success and support this profession that we call logging.

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization representing over 50,000 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.



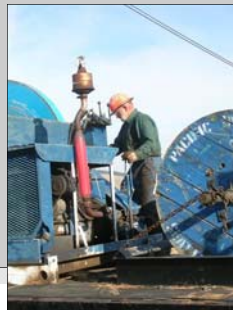
Tommy and Janice Barnes



Photo Gallery



16 Annual Meeting





2011 Annual Meeting "Forests For Our Future"

Our 12th Annual Membership Meeting is January 28 – 30, 2011 at the Crown Reef Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach.

Forests For Our Future is our emphasis. Sustainable forests will supply conventional wood products as well as the socio-economic-environmental benefits to meet future demands.

Emerging woody biomass markets will place more emphasis on our forests in conjunction with conventional forest product harvests. These demands may increase the need for more intensified forest management, timber harvesting and reforestation to continue providing sustainable Forests For Our Future.

Our distinguished speakers will present different perspectives of sustainable forest management, timber harvesting and woody biomass for renewable energy and share how future wood demands for solid wood, pulpwood and woody biomass from growing, managing, harvesting and reforestation will be involved in making sure our forest resources are sustainable.

Saturday speakers include: Tom Reed, Vice President Southern Resources, Plum Creek; Larry Cumming, President, Peterson Corporation; Matt Jensen, Whitetail Logging and President, American Loggers Council; Dale Greene, Professor, University of Georgia Center for Forest Business; and Discovery Channel's Swamp Logger Bobby Goodson, Goodson All Terrain Logging and Nate Clark, Vice President of Forestry, John Deere will be our featured luncheon speakers.

With the new *Comprehensive Safety Analysis Trucking Program* in full swing *Sergeant Don Rhodes of SC State Transport Police* will conduct a workshop to review CSA Saturday afternoon.

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 2010 Logger Activist, Distinguished Service and President's awards. During our association business session we'll hear news, vote on any bylaws

changes, receive the annual financial report and elect board of directors.

We'll draw for the Honda ATV, or some other type vehicle, \$1,000 cash and four days and three nights stay at the Crown Reef Resort.

Our Sunday Prayer Breakfast will feature His Girls, Rachel Rabon and Linda Avant, from Georgetown. These talented ladies 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.

Seven (7) 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.

Dress is business casual. We ask that attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Go ahead now and block the dates to join us January 28 – January 30 for our 12th Annual Membership Meeting.

Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,

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President & CEO

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The Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) Final Rule Provisions October 2010

Overview

BCAP, created in the 2008 Farm Bill, is a primary component of the domestic agriculture, energy, and environmental strategy to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil, improve domestic energy security, reduce carbon pollution, and spur rural economic development and job creation. BCAP provides incentives to interested farmers, ranchers and forest landowners for the establishment and cultivation of biomass crops for heat, power, bio-based products and biofuels.

BCAP will address a classic chicken-and-egg challenge: if commercial-scale biomass facilities are to have sufficient feedstocks, then an established, large-scale energy crop source must exist. Conversely, if profitable crop production is to occur, then a viable consumer base must exist to purchase the product.

With the enactment of the updated federal Renewable Fuels Standard, which requires 36 billion gallons of advanced biofuels in the national fuel supply by 2022, new crops must keep pace with these revised Federal targets. Many bioenergy crops need several years to become established. Many bioenergy facilities need several years to reach commercial scale. BCAP serves as catalyst to unite these multiple dynamics by reducing the financial risk for landowners who switch from familiar, revenue-generating crops to new, unconventional crops in preparation for these emerging markets.

- Crop producers and bioenergy producers will be able to team together to submit applications to USDA to be selected as a BCAP project area.

- If selected, crop producers will be eligible for reimbursements of up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing a bioenergy perennial crop. Producers also can receive up to 5 years of annual payments for grassy crops (annual or perennial), and up to 15 years of annual payments for woody crops (annual or perennial).
- Assistance for the collection, harvest, storage and transportation of biomass to biomass conversion facilities will be available for 2 years, per producer, in the form of a matching payment for up to \$45 per ton of the delivery cost to the facility.

HIGHLIGHTS

Expenditures

- During the Notice of Funding Availability period, \$250 million was expended during roughly one quarter year of BCAP matching payments. Refinements to the BCAP final rule has the BCAP cost-benefit analysis estimating that total expenditures over 15 years will be \$461 million.

Blue, White and Green-Collar Job Creation:

- The Record of Decision on the BCAP Environmental Impact Statement estimates the total impact from implementation to be an estimated \$88.5 billion in economic activity.

New Energy Crop Feedstocks

- BCAP will reducing the financial risk for producers who support emerging biofuels markets - - - crops including, but not limited to switchgrass, miscanthus, fast-growing woody poplar, jatropha, algae, energy cane, and pongamia.

Enhanced stewardship and conservation measures

- Biomass must be certified to have been collected and harvested only with an approved conservation, forest stewardship, or similar plan to protect soil and water quality and preserve land productivity into the future.

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- Harvesting must occur with an approved harvest plan.
- BCAP project areas cannot occur on native sod.
- All crop collection, harvesting and transportation must be in strict accordance with invasive plant species protections.

Protects existing markets

- Eligible materials may not qualify for matching payments for BCAP purposes if USDA determines that in those distinct localities that the materials are used for pre-existing markets.

Provides feedstock neutrality

- The eligibility of both woody and herbaceous biomass for energy purposes is fully maintained, and the objectives of heat, power, biofuels and bio-based products all remain supported by BCAP, as required by statute.

Kick-starts liquid cellulosic biofuels to meet Renewable Fuel Standard targets

- Provides bonus incentives for the cultivation of cellulosic biofuels that have 60 percent lower lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions.

Ensures additional production

- Promotes the cultivation of new biomass for new purposes.
- Doesn't penalize existing users of biomass for heat and power.
- Disallows windfalls or undue financial gains for producers seeking payment for using their own waste products in existing conversion practices.

Two year eligibility

- Prior (NOFA period) participants are not penalized. Previous participation counts against the "clock", but clock stopped between the last matching payment received under the NOFA and the next matching payment received after the final rule.

Matching payments for eligible materials.

- Provides for matching payments to eligible material owners at a rate of \$1 for each \$1 per dry ton paid by a qualified biomass conversion facility, in an amount up to \$45 per dry ton. An eligible material owner may be a producer of an eligible crop or a person or entity with the legal right to collect or harvest eligible material. By law matching payments may be made to eligible material owners for a maximum of two years.

- Eligible materials remain the same; qualification for matching payments is based upon the sequence of collection, harvest, storage, transportation and delivery.

- To qualify for matching payment, eligible materials must be collected or harvested directly from the land, before transport and delivery. Materials cannot be "collected or harvested" after transport and delivery, nor "collected or harvested" by separating from of a higher value material in order to be used for heat, power, bio-based products or biofuels.

- Woody eligible material collected or harvested must come directly from the land and if outside BCAP project areas must be a byproduct of preventive treatments that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health.

- All eligible material must be harvested in accordance with an approved conservation, forest stewardship, or equivalent plan.

Establishment payments

- Producers can get up to 75 percent of the costs of establishing a perennial crop. This does not include equipment. Annual crops are not eligible. (Annual crops, however, are eligible for annual payments.)

Annual payments

- Biomass producers in BCAP project areas can receive annual payments up to 5 years for herbaceous biomass (annual and perennial) and up to 15 years for woody biomass (annual and perennial).
- Reduced upon sale of the crop by:
- 1% if biomass sold for cellulosic biofuels

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defined by RFS regulation as having 60 percent lower lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions

- 10% if biomass sold for advanced biofuels
- 25% if biomass sold for heat, power or biobased products
- 100% if biomass sold for anything other than heat, power, biofuels or biobased products.

Requirements on Arm's Length Transactions / Related Party Transactions

Replaced with a requirement that eligible ma-

terial must be purchased at fair market prices regardless of the relationship between buyer and seller. This provision allows BCAP participation for startup and other vertically integrated operations, but prevents efforts to defeat the purpose of BCAP by inflating biomass prices to gain higher matching payments.



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12th Annual Membership Meeting
Forests For Our Future

MEETING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Conference Center

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting... Members & Guests Welcome
- 3:00 p.m. Registration Desk... Open Until 8:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception... Food, Music & Dancing with a DJ!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Conference Center

- 6:30 a.m. Member & Guests Breakfast
- 6:45 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
- 8:00 a.m. General Session: Welcome, Invocation, Antitrust Statement & Announcements
 - Speaker: Matt Jensen, Whitetail Logging & American Loggers Council President
 - Speaker: Tom Reed, Vice President, Southern Resources, Plum Creek
- Morning Break
 - Speaker: Dale Greene, Professor, Center for Forest Business, University of Georgia
 - Speaker: Larry Cumming, President, Peterson Corporation
- 8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
- 11:45 a.m. Break for Luncheon
- 12:00 p.m. Membership Business Luncheon & Meeting
- 12:45 p.m. Chairman's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
 - Speaker: Nate Clark, Vice President Forestry, John Deere
 - Speaker: Bobby Goodson, "Swamp Logger," Goodson All Terrain Logging
- Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections, Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
- 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 4:00 p.m. Workshop: *Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 Trucking Regulations – A Look at the New Standards*, Sgt. Don Rhodes, SC State Transport Police
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn
 - Saturday Evening On Your Own. Enjoy Your Evening!
 - DISCOUNTED CAROLINA OPRY TICKETS available through SCTPA.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Conference Center

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Special Guest: His Girls – Rachel Rabon & Linda Avant
- 10:05 a.m. Silent Auction Announcements & Final Comments
- 10:30 a.m. Adjourn Meeting

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, 5:00 – 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

EXHIBITOR HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Come Join Us For This Exciting 2011 Annual Meeting!

Meeting Speakers & Schedule Subject To Change

2011 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION January 28 - 30, 2011

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2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Three Board of Directors Seats are up for election at our January 29, 2011 Annual Membership Meeting at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board terms for Seat 6 served by Tommy Barnes, Ideal Logging, Inc., Edgemoor, Seat 7 served by Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, Heath Springs, and Seat 9 served by Joe Young, Low Country Forest Products, Inc., Georgetown, will expire December 31, 2010.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, January 29, 2011.

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 January 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, 2010, 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 15, 2011.

Nominations Committee

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FRA RELEASES UPDATED OSHA LOGGING SAFETY TRAINING VIDEO

FRA has revised its most important logger safety training resource, the **OSHA Logging Safety Training Video** and Guide, to bring the scenes and equipment shown up-to-date and to make it more relevant to today's logging conditions. The 76-minute video orients both supervisor and crew about the safety and administrative requirements stipulated in OSHA's Final Rule on Logging Operations, as revised and published on September 8, 1995. A grant from the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation (THATS) provided resources to bring the video up-to-date.

"The new DVD's basic content hasn't changed from the original 1995 version," commented FRA President

Richard Lewis. "We have updated the scenes to represent today's logging workplace better." The video, accompanied by a 23-page Companion Booklet, or Guide, enables a logging employer to conduct a series of four interactive sessions for logging personnel. The four units cover:

- General Requirements
 - Requirements for Machine Operations
 - Chain Saw Operator Requirements
- Requirements for Vehicle Operations

The Companion Booklet also provides important information about the employer's obligations for providing training and for interpreting the OSHA Logging Standard, and about the types of exceptional situations in which employer discretion in interpreting the Standard is allowable.

FRA members may order the **OSHA Logging Safety Training Video** (DVD format) with Guide at \$50 apiece, or \$100 apiece for non-members, using this **Publications Order Form**. Please refer to stock number 10-A-4.

2010 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominations for SCTPA's **2010 Gene Collins Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2011 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Crown Reef Resort Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

This award recognizes a Professional Logger who has demonstrated an exceptional desire to positively promote and represent the timber harvesting profession by actively participating in association activities, educational efforts, community action, industry advocacy, and engendering the public's trust with commitment to the American Loggers Council Professional Logger Code of Practices and by displaying a commitment to sustainable forestry principles and practices.

You may nominate a SCTPA Logger Member or yourself. Contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office by January 15, 2011. Thank you for your nomination.

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ACCOUNTANT RESPONDS TO IRS

SCTPA was contacted by accountant Dianne Martin, Union, SC, regarding a logger member. She indicated her involvement with the logger's Heavy Vehicle Use Tax situation as the member was audited by IRS when the HVUT 25% Log Truck Discount denial was effective.

SCTPA explained the situation regarding how it started and how it transpired over the course of some 20 months. Of course through the efforts of SCTPA partnering with the other associations, ALC, VLA, NCAPL, FRA and the IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Office, we defeated the IRS and the HVUT 25% Log Truck Discount was reinstated.

Loggers who had been audited by IRS agents and paid the back taxes can now file for their refund. And several members have indicated they have indeed received their refund.

However, Dianne Martin's issue and concern was about the IRS agent's conduct and treatment of the taxpayer as well as her dealings with the agent. She has taken on the task of reporting his conduct to IRS.

SCTPA forwarded Dianne the official documents supporting the reinstatement as ruled by IRS legal counsel.

Here are the correspondences between SCTPA, Dianne Martin and her letter to IRS. Thought her letter was interesting and wanted to share the story.

Crad-

Thanks so much for the info you forwarded to me this afternoon. And also for the way you folks handled the IRS matter for your constituents. I take great comfort in the way you advocate for the logging industry. Your members definitely have the right man at the helm!

A copy of the letter just sent to the Taxpayer Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) is attached.

Best wishes,

Dianne S. Martin, EA, ATA, ATP

To: Dianne S. Martin
Subject: Abuse of power

Dear Dianne,

Your letter was right on target. As I mentioned to you in our conversation, other SCTPA members who had been audited because of the IRS's error were subjected to the same attitude displayed by agent Stone as indicated in my correspondence with those members.

I guess it is the IRS attitude and its enforcement power, like giving someone a badge and a gun, that those representatives "think" they are the "supreme power" and do not have to convey any respect toward

the public. In this case the tax paying public.

As I indicated today in our conversation, the SC office was the first to deny this discount and then it carried over to the region of SC, VA and NC. This region was the ONLY region in the country to deny the 25% HVUT Log Truck discount. I checked with my other logger association directors around the country and they had not encountered any problems.

With your permission, I would like to publish your letter in my newsletter. I think this would be good to let others know this association and other logger associations are working in the best interest of its constituency just like you are.

I appreciate your concern and advocacy for your clients. Like I indicated, this was a battle and with the "great" help of the Tax Payers Advocacy Office, particularly Greg Ricketts and Terri Willert, partnering with the logger associations of VA and NC, the American Loggers Council and Forest Resources Association, we were able to defeat the IRS on this issue.

Thanks Dianne and if I can be of assistance anytime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards,

Crad Jaynes
SCTPA
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From: Dianne S. Martin
Date: 0/4/2010 4:36:24 PM
To: Complaints@tigta.treas.gov
Subject: Abuse of power

You folks may already be aware of this and have taken some form of disciplinary action.

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Gentlemen:

One of my accounting clients has brought to my attention a matter that I feel you need to investigate.

In late 2008 and early 2009, there was a flurry of 2290 audits in relation to those in logging operations. I know of 9 operations here in Union County, SC that were audited by an IRS Excise Tax Specialist out of Columbia, Mr. James G. Stone, and ID # 57-10617. At

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issue was the 25% rate discount offered to those in the logging sector. According to my recent telephone conversation with Mr. Stone, he relied on incorrect information in denying the 25% discount to all loggers he audited. I understand that the whole mess started because of a rogue IRS manager.

My concern is this: If tax compliance is largely voluntary and it is, there must be confidence between taxpayer's and the agency enforcing the tax law. Mr. Stone and his manager both acted without a basis for denying SC loggers their 25% rate reduction. Mr. Stone refers to himself in correspondence as an Excise Tax Specialist. Please!

Did you not feel that both men abused their power because of their position or did the go ahead come from higher up?

Only one of my clients was caught up in this audit mess. I am attaching the Power of Attorney Form given to me along with a copy of the audit done by Mr. Stone. There is no explanation given to this client as to why the 25% discount was denied. My client feels like so many others would feel given the same situation, to wit

"IRS is the authority and you are defenseless against them".

Mr. Stone did tell me that my client could file Form 8849 for a refund. Well, why should they have to file claims for taxes taken due to IRS error? Mr. Stone and his manager both knew the companies they had audited, why should it be the taxpayer's responsibility to constantly undo IRS error? Why are they still working with IRS? Their actions show disregard for the code and law they were hired to enforce and their still being on the job indicates that their actions were okay with everyone on up the chain of command. As an enrolled agent, the threat of penalty, fines and prosecution apply because of the mandates of Circular 230 should I act in a careless or ill-advised manner. I should be able to expect that the same adverse actions should apply to IRS employees as well and apparently, it does not.

Why should the taxpaying public and its representatives be held to a far higher standard than you impose on your own employees?

Sincerely yours,
Dianne S. Martin, EA, ATA, ATP

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

It's hard to realize 2010 has been flying by so fast and here we are staring at Turkey Day then the Christmas holidays.

I guess the ole saying really applies ... Time flies when you're having fun. Or could be the other one ... Time flies when you're getting more experienced in life. See I didn't use the "getting older" phrase. Just trying to be more politically correct I guess. But I can proudly say, yep, I'm getting older. Wiser... hum ... now that might be questionable.

As Thanksgiving rolls around, sure it is the time to eat, eat and eat all the turkey, dressing, pie and all the fixings that go along with the festivities.

But it is also the time to reflect and give thanks for what we have in our lives, the people we love, the people who protect us, the people who have provided opportunities in our life, the people who guide our nation, the freedoms we enjoy daily, and freedom to worship our Lord and the opportunity to live in the land of the free.

Sure, not all things are great now economically, socially, politically and peacefully. But I look at the entirety of the situation and above all else, believe there is a plan. Do we understand the plan? Probably no. But there is a plan guided by The Lord for this country and each of us. And let's be thankful for that.

So take time to tell those you love how much they mean and how thankful you are to have them in your life. Thanks those who you work with, thank those who support you, thank a soldier for their protection of our way of life and most of all, thank God for America and for being our guiding light.

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NEW PLANT TO PRODUCE BIOMASS FUEL

\$50M facility to be built in Dorchester County

By Warren Wise
Tuesday, September 28, 2010

A new \$50 million wood waste-burning plant that will produce biomass fuel for Santee Cooper's renewable energy program will be built in Dorchester County by late 2012, bringing with it 20 jobs.

Southeast Renewable Energy plans to build three 15-megawatt plants around the state, and Santee Cooper will buy the power from the Alabama company, the Moncks Corner-based utility announced Monday.

The other plants will be built in Kershaw County and at a third site yet to be determined, all by the end 2012, said Raine Cotton, Southeast Renewable Energy president and chief executive officer.

Each \$50 million plant will create 20 jobs and support logging, trucking and related industries. The specific sites for each plant have not been determined, but Cotton said a decision could be made in the next two weeks. Construction could start by December.

The company, which started in the ethanol business in 2000 but switched to biomass fuels three years ago, currently has no other plants but plans to build two facilities similar to those in South Carolina in Alabama and another in Georgia.

Cotton said it was important to point out that the wood-

burning plants are not viewed as traditional incinerators because they will burn "virgin timber residue" only.

Santee Cooper's board of directors on Monday also approved a purchase power agreement with Domtar Paper Co. LLC for 50 megawatts of renewable biomass-fueled energy at the company's Bennettsville pulp and paper mill in Marlboro County.

The proposed agreement with Domtar is for 15 years and still requires board approval from the company. Domtar has installed a generator as part of its existing process to utilize steam from wood waste, steam that also is used in making paper. Santee Cooper would purchase the electricity produced from the generator.

The Southeast Renewable Energy contract is for 30 years. Together, the two contracts will provide Santee Cooper with 95 additional megawatts of biomass energy, boosting its 9-year-old renewable-energy program.

Santee Cooper already produces 22 megawatts of renewable energy from landfill methane gas, a type of biomass, which the utility markets to customers as Santee Cooper Green Power.

"These contracts significantly increase the amount of renewable power Santee Cooper can provide to our customers and signify our continuing commitment to environmental stewardship and economic development in our state," said Lonnie Carter, the utility's president and CEO. "These are exactly the sort of practical, cost-effective renewable projects that Santee Cooper wants to promote and support."

Cotton called the contract significant for his company. "Securing a power purchase agreement is the most important part of the planning and development stage for the biomass industry," he said. "If you don't have an off-taker, you can't build a biomass plant."

LOGGING ROAD RUNOFF RULING APPEALED

Oregon forestry officials have asked a federal appeals court to reconsider a ruling that imposes Clean Water Act permit requirements on runoff from logging roads.

Oregon State Forester Marvin Brown and members of the Oregon Board of Forestry submitted a petition on October 5 asking that a broader panel of judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rehear the case.

In August, a three-judge panel from the 9th Circuit ruled that runoff from logging roads contains sediment and pollutants that harm water quality and sensitive species, with emphasis toward salmon.

If such runoff is collected and conveyed through roadside ditches and culverts, it qualifies as a "point source" of pollution that is subject to regulations under the federal Clean Water Act, according to the ruling.

State forestry officials say the decision is flawed and does not follow past precedents established by the 9th Circuit, such as the authority of federal agencies to interpret environmental laws.

The three-judge panel impermissibly substituted its judgment for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency by declaring that logging is an "industrial activity," even though the agency specifically excluded it from that definition, the petition said.

The American Forest and Paper Association and the Oregon Forest Industries Council, which represent the industry, were joined by several timber companies in filing a separate petition for a rehearing before the 9th Circuit.

SCTPA Comments: This appeal is important because of the nationwide ripple effect the initial runoff ruling may have toward logging, logging roads, log trucks entering roads, and Best Management Practices. The 9th Circuit's initial ruling was a point of discussion at the American Loggers Council annual meeting. ALC is monitoring this issue very closely along with other national and state associations. Hopefully this appeal will have a positive outcome. If not, there could be far reaching impacts nationwide on logging.

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EXTENDING THE MAINE/VERMONT GVW PILOT

On September 15, Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) announced that President Obama had agreed to support her request to make permanent the pilot program that allows six-axle trucks weighing up to 100,000 pounds access to federal Interstate highways in Maine, with related provisions for Vermont, as a provision in the Fiscal Year 2011 Continuing Resolution, an appropriations bill that would continue to fund the federal government past October 1. Working with other coalitions, the Agriculture and Forestry Transportation Reform Coalition, or AgHaul (for which FRA serves as secretariat), contacted members with constituent relationships with Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and asked them to advise Senate Appropriations members of the importance of supporting this provision when the matter came to a vote. AgHaul members made contacts with the offices of Senators Thad Cochran (R-Mississippi), Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), George Voinovich (R-Ohio), and Mark Pryor (D-Arkansas), as well as with certain key House members.

Unfortunately, opposition arose from Senate Appropriations Committee members from both parties who, for procedural reasons, felt compelled to oppose the inclusion of any item that was not strictly concerned with the business of funding the government (the Appropriations Committee's main business). Appropriations Committee leadership withdrew the provision, and the Continuing Resolution passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 28, *without* authorization to continue the pilot project, and became law later that week.

However, the story does not end there. The Continuing Resolution--partially because of action Sen. Collins took--only funds the government through December 3. When Congress convenes again for the so-called "lame duck" session (after the Election but before the inauguration of the new Congress), it will have to pass an additional Continuing Resolution, to fund the government

until the new Congress is able to exercise its sovereignty--presumably until sometime early next year.



All signals we have received indicate that the Administration still supports including--not an extension but *permanent implementation* of the terms of the Maine/Vermont pilot and that other Senators recognize the depth of support among Sen. Collins's allies for making the pilot permanent, and for doing so before the pilot expires on December 17 of this year. Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), for instance, indicated that addressing the Maine/Vermont truck weight issue remained pressing business as far as he was concerned, in remarks he delivered on the Senate floor on September 29: "The Obama Administration sought to extend a highway provision of interest to Maine and Vermont, but [since] it does not expire until December 17, it was not necessary to include this in the [Continuing Resolution]. But, if the CR does not expire until February, that provision is needed if that program is to stay alive." Within the standards of clarity for political dialogue, this statement is a clear indication that Senate Appropriations regards treatment of the Maine/Vermont pilot as unfinished business for this Congress.

A good deal is at stake for Maine and Vermont in such action. However, the stakes are palpable for the nationwide gross vehicle weight reform movement, as well. As the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks' policy director Curtis Sloan told a railroad trade publication shortly after the Administration announced its position, "Permanently allowing heavier trucks in Maine and Vermont is one more step toward allowing bigger trucks nationwide."

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UNITED STATES REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADA UNDER SOFTWOOD LUMBER AGREEMENT

Washington, D.C. – United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk announced that the United States has requested consultations with Canada under the 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement (SLA) regarding the apparent unfair under-pricing of timber harvested from public lands in the Interior region of British Columbia. Requesting consultations under the SLA initiates the dispute settlement process and provides an opportunity for the United States and Canada to exchange views and attempt to resolve their differences. If the matter is not resolved during consultations, either the United States or Canada may request arbitration.

“The United States and Canada have been engaged in discussions regarding the apparent under-pricing of timber harvested in the Interior region of British Columbia for many months, but those discussions have so far been unsuccessful,” said U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk. “The decision to move to consultations is intended to emphasize the importance of resolving this matter. As contemplated under the Softwood Lumber Agreement, we are asking to continue our engagement on this issue and ensure that the SLA is implemented as intended.”

The United States is seeking consultations over apparent under-pricing of timber in British Columbia’s Interior. It appears that British Columbia is providing to softwood lumber producers a low-cost input for their products and circumventing the export measures provided for in the SLA.

“I know that both the United States and Canada are committed to the successful implementation of the Softwood Lumber Agreement,” Ambassador Kirk said. “These consultations offer an excellent opportunity to resolve this long-standing implementation concern, and I hope that Canada will take it. This Administration is committed to enforcing our trade agreements and taking action when our trading partners don’t live up to their obligations.”

BACKGROUND

The price of timber is a key factor in the pricing of softwood lumber. The SLA was agreed in part to resolve disputes as to whether Canada was unfairly subsidizing the price of timber sold to its softwood lumber producers. Under the SLA, Canada agreed to impose export measures under certain circumstances to affect the price of softwood lumber exports to the United States. The SLA also provides that neither party is to circumvent those export measures, including through providing grants or other benefits.

The SLA “grandfathers” British Columbia’s timber pricing system as it existed on July 1, 2006. Under the grandfathered system, timber harvested from public lands in the Interior region of British Columbia meeting the definition of “Grade 4” is priced at a fixed rate of 25 cents per cubic meter, while timber meeting the definitions of “Grade 1” or “Grade 2” is priced at a variable rate, which can in no case be lower than 25 cents per cubic meter, and often has been significantly higher. The share of timber harvested from public lands in the Interior region of British Columbia and provided as “Grade 4” (or otherwise priced at 25 cents per cubic meter) has increased dramatically since the SLA entered into force. This increase does not appear to be justified under the grandfathered BC provincial timber pricing system, even when known factors affecting timber quality in BC (such as the mountain pine beetle) are taken fully into consideration.

The United States has sought information from Canadian federal and British Columbia provincial authorities. However, so far Canada has not sufficiently addressed the U.S. concerns.

The SLA entered into force on October 12, 2006. Consultations are the first step in the SLA dispute settlement process and are designed to facilitate the exchange of views and resolution of differences short of arbitration. Under the SLA, consultations are to be held within 20 days. If the matter is not resolved within 40 days of the request for consultations, either party may refer the matter to arbitration. The United States has brought two disputes under the SLA to ensure proper implementation of the Agreement. In the first dispute, a tribunal found that Canada failed to calculate quotas properly during the first six months of 2007 and found that Canada should impose an additional CN\$68.26M in export duties on softwood lumber as compensation. The second dispute is ongoing and concerns several Canadian provincial programs that appear to provide subsidies in circumvention of the SLA.

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POLITICS HINDERING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Definition of Biomass in Bingaman Bill Excludes Renewable Resources

HEMPHILL, Texas, November 12 – In spite of the “shellacking” received by Democrats as President Obama mentioned during his press conference on November 3rd, following the November 2nd elections, it would appear that “politics as usual” still continue to stand in the way of energy independence, promoting job growth and stimulating a renewable energy economy, according to the American Loggers Council (ALC).

“On September 22nd, Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) introduced Senate Bill S. 3813 which basically omitted a huge source of renewable resources, woody biomass, from being considered as part of any renewable energy future if the definition included in the bill is allowed to stand,” according to Danny Ductor, Executive Vice President for the ALC.

“Woody biomass is not the cutting down of old-growth trees,” Ductor went on to say. “A sustainable biomass industry will keep our forests healthy and provide clean energy jobs in rural forest-dependent communities who are staggering under double digit unemployment.”

Throughout the U.S., the closing of mills has devastated small-town economies that once relied on timber harvesting. In Oregon, 30 percent of loggers are currently unemployed and many rural communities suffer from almost 20 percent unemployment, almost double the national average.

Timberland owners have seen the markets for their forest products disappear, and with the diminishing markets, comes the likelihood that those forest will be converted to other more valuable uses, including fragmenting the forests into real estate. “You can’t have sustainable forests without sustainable markets” said ALC President Matt Jensen. “Without those markets, it makes it difficult for landowners to continue to pay taxes and make the investments necessary to keep forest lands forested. Utilizing woody biomass from all sources of land ownership will ensure a sustainable fiber supply, promote forest health, and inject much needed funding into those rural economies that have the natural resources available to deliver to those new markets, all while helping the US to attain its goal of energy independence.”

The ALC urges Congress to change the definition of renewable biomass in the Bingaman bill to include woody biomass from all sources, the same as they did in the bipartisan 2008 Farm Bill. By harvesting biomass in compliance with federal, state and local laws, the nation’s federal and private forestlands will experience huge benefits in the prevention of catastrophic forest fires, preservation of wildlife habitat and the protection of critical water resources.

Whether things can turn around for the logging communities depends on the federal government. “They have to get serious about biomass,” said Jim Peterson, co-founder of the non-profit Evergreen Foundation, and publisher of Evergreen, the foundation’s periodic journal.

“One thing that’s important for people to understand is that forests grow; that’s what they do,” he said. “There will always be biomass, and the collection of biomass could keep loggers going forever.”

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NAFO President Dave Tenny Addresses EPA's Tailoring Rule

The National Alliance of Forest Owners President and CEO David Tenny kicked off the Southeast Biomass Conference & Trade Show in Atlanta by addressing what most of the 500-plus attendees would likely describe as a giant elephant in the room — the U.S. EPA's Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule, which if enforced as currently proposed, would no longer deem biomass combustion as a renewable energy generation method.

The rule could drastically affect the relationship between forest owners and biomass markets, Tenny said, as it treats biomass carbon emissions the same as fossil fuels, not taking into account the biogenic carbon cycle.

Tenny began his keynote address by emphasizing that despite the increased use of biomass as an energy source, U.S. forest stocks have been steadily maintained over the past 100 years — the nation's total forest land base constitutes about 755 million acres — and total growing stock has actually increased by 50 percent in the past 50 years.

"From a carbon context, which is very important to forestry, we are netting about 800 million metric tons from these forests, which is about 8 percent of all net carbon sequestration, net that occurs from all land uses so it's very significant," Tenny said. The products produced from the forestry industry are sequestering an additional 100 million metric tons per year, he pointed out, and there has been continuous replanting of trees for many years.

Historically, the housing and paper/paperboard industries have been significant markets for the forest industry, but right now both are at an all time slump and the paper industry capacity is not expected to recover, according to Tenny. These are two major markets that the forest industry has traditionally banked on, and as of January 2, 2011, the Tailoring Rule will negatively affect an additional market — biomass energy.

"Now, biomass is a regulated source of carbon opposed to a voluntary source of carbon offsets," Tenny said. "In the forest products industry, just about every product has a residual use for energy. If it's no longer economic or more efficient than a fossil fuel, that creates a very real consternation in terms of the marginal benefit that biomass energy is providing. It could be the difference between a profit and a loss in such a razor-thin market, and it will have a real impact on existing capacity and investment in biomass energy today."



David Tenny of the National Alliance of Forest Owners kicked off the Southeast Biomass Conference & Trade Show in Atlanta talking about the state of U.S. forests and the potential impact of the U.S. EPA's Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule.

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Tenny said forest owners were surprised at the final Tailoring Rule announcement, because there was no indication in the draft rule that biomass energy would be regulated identically to fossil fuels. "That's the disconcerting aspect of the rule that has all of us concerned, as it is the ROI (return on investment) for forest owners — the carbon stored in products and the environmental benefit that come from these markets over time — taking that off the table poses a very real question: What are the comparative advantages to biomass energy over fossil fuel energy under this policy?"

Those in states with renewable portfolio standards looking to receive credit are aware that the EPA will regulate biomass carbon emissions and may choose other sources of renewable energy, Tenny pointed out. "Other sources won't have this conflict, of where you're getting a benefit on one hand but creating costs on the other hand."

Tenny encouraged attendees to educate their delegates of the impact the Tailoring Rule will have on their industry, and to seek an amendment that recognizes biomass carbon life cycles, measures forest carbon flux at a national scale, avoids differentiating between "good" and "bad" biomass, and fixes the problem now rather than deferring the solution.

"Are we [considered] green, or are we not?" Tenny asked. "Six months we knew the answer to that question, now, we're not sure."

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NEW EPA RULE ON BIOMASS IS DIVISIVE AND POSES A THREAT TO JOBS

By Brad Owen
Lieutenant Governor, Washington State

October 31, 2010

One of my first jobs out of high school was as a choker setter in a logging operation, attaching wire rope around loose logs so they could be yarded into a stack and hauled away. It was dangerous work, and I did it just long enough to know that I didn't want to be a logger.

After we set the chokers they'd haul away the big stuff and pile up the limbs, roots and other debris to either leave it standing or burn. In fact, whenever you walk through the forest, you will see heaps of woody debris everywhere. Additionally, any operation involving wood, such as a saw mill or door plant, yields tons of sawdust and chips as a byproduct.

Back in my day we called all that waste. Today we call it biomass, and are finding safe, clean ways to turn it into fuel for our cars or power for our homes and businesses. About 8 million dry tons of wood biomass is produced in Washington every year, providing a ready supply of material for our renewable energy stream.

Suddenly, woody biomass has found its way into a national policy debate. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is set to implement a rule that will derail both the use of an important renewable energy source as well as economic recovery.

In January, the EPA will begin regulating renewable forest biomass energy under the Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule, requiring biomass energy producers to purchase costly pollution permits just like coal-fired plants. While the rule has good intentions – to lower emissions of greenhouse gases – it is a sharp departure from long-held science and policy. It means that the EPA will no longer consider biomass a carbon-neutral source of energy.

This is a direct affront to legislation requested by Public Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark and passed unanimously earlier this year by our state Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Chris Gregoire.

The Forest Biomass Supply Agreements Act encourages both a ready and ecologically sustainable supply of biomass from our state forests, a new source of revenue for our rural economies

and a great mechanism to take better care of our forests.

The Department of Natural Resources recently initiated a statewide inventory to determine the economically and ecologically available volume of biomass on all of Washington's forest lands. This will be complete prior to the state selling biomass that comes from public lands to make sure our forests are sustainable for the long term. The stakes are particularly high, as private and public forests and the forest industry support 110,000 jobs and pump millions into the local economy. If investment in Washington's biomass industry is not nurtured, we may lose the opportunity to be at the forefront of the green power revolution and employ more Washingtonians.

We cannot afford to make choices that will increase the already significant pressure on our forest landowners to convert their lands to non-forest uses. Our national policies, especially in these rough economic times, must be set to create and maintain jobs.

The scientific community, which normally remains quiet on matters of public policy, has strongly voiced opposition to the EPA's plan, too. More than 100 scientists across the country have called the EPA's treatment of biomass unscientific and "counter to our country's renewable energy and climate mitigation goals." They note that biomass energy is indeed carbon-neutral and that the United States should follow the lead of Europe and the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and treat it as such.

Gregoire, U.S. Sen. Patty Murray and many others have already expressed their opposition to the EPA's proposed policy. In fact, the policy has sent loud alarms across both sides of the political aisles and puzzles both environmental and industry advocates alike.

The only person who can reverse the plan is EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson. Let's hope she will take a look at the science and policy precedents — as well as the inevitable impacts this will have on rural jobs and green energy innovation — and keep us moving forward on a green path of energy development.

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NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

SAFETY



With the coming of the New Year we always wonder what cards will be dealt during the year ahead. How will the forest industry be? What markets will I be able to take advantage of? Can I adapt to changing markets with my current business strategy? These questions along with many others are pondered at New Years. One underlying factor must remain constant, **SAFETY!!!**

Our industry is ever changing. We are harvesting for a world-wide market. What was in demand yesterday may not be attractive today. Timber species and cutting specs may often change. We have to be able to adjust to new opportunities to remain financially sound. Safety has always been a direct influence on the financial side of a logging business. Remember the saying SAFETY PAYS!

A very good New Years resolution would be to focus on the risk associated with most logging jobs. Three broad categories carry the majority of risk on logging jobs. Branching from the three main categories are sub-categories where specific risk can be attacked. The three main limbs of risk are:

OVER-HEAD HAZARDS

Without a doubt over-head hazards represent a major limb in logging risk. Catastrophic injury and death are the result of this ever-present risk on our jobs. To fight this risk we must be aware and LOOK UP!!

- Proper head PPE is mandatory on the logging job.
- Look Up and Out! Identify possible risk from above.
- Don't place your body under anything that could fall, this includes equipment.
- Maintain at least two tree lengths from any felling operation.
- Be visible!!! Wear high visible clothing. Use proper felling techniques.

MAINTAIN PROPER WORKING DISTANCES

The second big risk factor to conquer is working too close. Ground personnel and moving logging equipment can create extreme risk. Awareness is the key for avoiding a "too close" incident.

- Proper PPE is to be worn at all times.
- High visibility clothing is essential. If I can see you, I

won't hurt you!!

- Maintain at least two tree lengths from any felling operation.
- Maintain proper distance from skidding activities. Toppers should use shield trees whenever possible.
- Machine operators should never enter a "safe zone" provided for ground personnel.
- All employees must be aware of "blind spots" on the logging equipment. Be especially cautious in and around the deck area, it's a busy place!

SLIPS/TRIPS/FALLS

Slips, trips and falls plague our industry. While this section may seem a silly to high light, let me assure this type of incident is no joke! Very serious injuries occur frequently in and around a logging operation. Being alert and aware can save a serious injury from a slip, trip or a fall.

- Always use the 3-point of contact technique while mounting and dismounting equipment.
- Keep platforms, steps and handles free from grease, oil and other foreign material.
- Maintain a firm grip while entering or exiting a machine.
- Proper footwear with good ankle support is mandatory. (No sneakers)
- Be focused! Keep your mind on the business at hand!
- Avoid climbing or walking on felled trees or limbs.
- Stay on the "uphill" side of felled timber and limbs. When not cutting, make sure the chain brake is engaged.

By focusing on the Big Limbs of risk, we can then venture out on the smaller limbs to deal with specific risk. Good examples of this strategy would be including training on lock and tag out, tension wood, proper felling techniques etc. These subjects are all sub-divisions of the three "Big Limbs."

I feel tackling the risk issue in this manner gives us a complete package for avoiding an incident. Let's all make the New Years resolution of operating safely during the next year.

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IMPORTANT TIMES

The American Loggers Council has been going strong since 1994. As I assume the presidency for 2011, I would like to thank Mike Wiedeman for his service to our organization. Mike has been a dedicated and passionate leader for ALC for many years. I have enjoyed being on the board and the executive committee with him.

As we move forward, I see reason for optimism. The ALC has a wealth of experience and more importantly, people with great character on its board. Many of our state associations have very involved and dedicated executive directors that bring a lot to the table as we fight the battles in our industry. All of these attributes add up to a solid organization that is governed by loggers for loggers. It is no wonder that the ALC has become the place where the professional logging community and state loggers associations go to for answers.

The success of the ALC truly depends on a team effort through communications on federal and state issues and how they affect all of us. We have some very important mid-term elections at hand. If there were ever a time to be engaged politically, it is definitely now. There seems to be an ever growing disconnect between Washington D.C. and the real world. As freedom loving Americans we need to take a long hard look at the direction our current government officials are taking the country. There could be many new faces in congress this year as the anti-incumbent sentiment is taking place all over the country.

A pro-business, less intrusive government, family values agenda would be a welcome change. We do not yet know what impact "Obama Care" will have on small businesses in Amer-



ica until it actually happens. The talk of raising taxes in a time of recession doesn't sit well with anyone I know. Cap and Trade seems like a great idea if you are the one selling the "imaginary" carbon credits. The debt our government is incurring is unsustainable. In my personal opinion, it seems our government officials are doing the exact opposite of what I would do to stimulate the economy.

In these important times, we all need to stay engaged and let our politicians know exactly what we expect of them as loggers and business owners. After all, they do work for us. It is not too late to turn in the right direction.

November 2010

STIMULUS?

The American Loggers Council annual meeting in Pendleton, Oregon has come and gone with a new year for our Board of Directors set in motion. As always, I learned a lot during the trip.

On Friday, John Deere hosted a technical session which was very informative. Economist Dr. Lynn Michaelis, laid out an interesting yet somewhat sobering report on housing starts in the U.S. He reported that 2011 would remain somewhat flat, but that there would eventually be a rebound. Following Dr. Michaelis, John Hickman gave an overview of the various technologies currently being researched for the conversion of woody biomass to liquid biofuels. Dave Tenny of the National Alliance of Forest Owners and Tom Partin of the American Forest Resource Council were equally interesting with their presentations on how various policies are affecting both private and federal lands.

On Saturday, the Legislative and Forest Policy Committee report at the Board of Directors meeting was very informative. The 2011 Forest Ser-

vice Timber Program budget has a target of 2.4 billion board feet reduced from 2.5 billion board feet in 2010. With many parts of the western U.S. prone to fire and disease from beetle kill, one would think they would not have reduced the harvest volumes.

I am not naïve to the fact that people have differing views of how our federal forests should be managed, but shouldn't the health of the forest be the ultimate goal? The duty of the Forest Service Chief should be to promote and provide policies that give all Americans a thriving, growing forest. Unfortunately, to the environmental community, that requires harvesting timber. Foresters and logging professionals in the U.S. are on the cutting edge of technology in the equipment and practices they use. The renewable resources we have in our forest could help us to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the process. If there were more certainty in the energy biomass policies, logging and forestry businesses would consider expanding.

Good paying, rural jobs that promote forest health and energy independence with reduced carbon dioxide emissions would be a good stroke of business for our elected officials. It seems to me that an increased timber sale program could qualify as a worthwhile stimulus package that would not cost a million dollars per job and could provide benefits that even the environmental community could agree to.

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'OPPOSITE DAY' AT THE FOREST SERVICE

By KARINA BROWN

EUGENE, Ore. (CN) - An environmental group wants to stop the Forest Service from logging 70 percent of the trees on a mountain, and claims the government ginned up "a fictitious need for treatment" to prevent a bogus "catastrophic mortality" of trees by fire and insects. In fact, the group says, the logging would kill far more trees than fire and insects combined.

The League of Wilderness Defenders - Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project sued the U.S. Forest Service in Federal court. The Forest Service plans to log 70 percent of the trees in the Lookout Mountain Unit of the Deschutes National Forest, and claims that the logging is necessary to prevent the "catastrophic mortality" of trees from forest fires and predation by insects. But the Wilderness Defenders say the government's own data show that the logging would kill many more trees than fire and insects combined.

The Forest Service created "a fictitious need for treatment," claiming imminent threat from wildfires and insects required it to immediately hire commercial loggers to reduce the number of trees in the forest from about 100 per acre to 30 per acre, according to the complaint.

But the Forest Service's own numbers don't back up that plan, the Wilderness Defenders say.

The forest in the Lookout Mountain Unit regenerated after burning in a high-intensity wildfire 150 years ago. The fire burned in a typical "mosaic pattern" which wiped out some areas while leaving others untouched. Today, the area is part ancient forest, untouched by the 1845 wildfire, interspersed with stands of 165-year-old conifers.

Since the area burned in a "natural" fire before the institution of fire suppression or logging by settlers, and regenerated on its own, with no help from human replanting, the forests of Lookout Mountain are "one of the last remaining reference conditions in the eastern Oregon Cascades - if not the last remaining reference conditions," the complaint states.

Such an area is "an ecological research treasure, where natural conifer regeneration and succession after natural high-intensity fire (in 1845) can be studied, as can the response of many wildlife species, including cavity-nesting birds, to these natural successional processes," according to the complaint. (Parentheses in complaint.)

According to the Forest Service's own Forest Vegetation Simulator data, its logging plan poses a greater threat to the forest than fire and insects combined, the group says.

If it didn't log a single tree, Forest Service data show that about 18 percent of the trees in the area would die

in the most severe wildfire, the Wilderness Defenders say.

Despite the Forest Service's claim that logging must be done immediately to save the trees, the risk actually decreases with time, according to the complaint. By 2022, only 11 percent of the trees would be at risk of dying in a fire, the lawsuit states, citing Forest Service data.

As for insect predation, the Forest Service failed to note in its proposed action that the scientific studies it cites "generally contradict" its claims about the potential for "catastrophic mortality" of trees due to insects, the lawsuit states.

The studies conclude that 5 to 20 percent of trees under 85 years old are imperiled from insect predation, with the risk significantly decreasing as the trees age.

But most of the trees in the Lookout Mountain Unit vary between 165 years old and "ancient," the Wilderness Defenders say.

The Forest Service also refused to consider logging only younger trees, but changed the region-wide forest plan to allow commercial loggers to cut down old growth, the Defenders say.

The Forest Service also refused to consider evidence that the spotted owl actually benefits from high-intensity fire, preferentially choosing areas that have burned for foraging, according to the complaint. Instead, the government allegedly told the public that the indicator species would benefit from the logging.

Finally, the Forest Service acknowledged that its plan would reduce the number of snags, or dead trees with broken-off tops. But many animals, especially cavity-dwelling birds, depend upon snags for nesting habitat. The logging plan would "reduce the already low snag levels in future decades ... rendering less than optimal habitat completely unsuitable for imperiled [management indicator species] and other wildlife species for up to 150 years," the complaint states.

Despite acknowledging that its plan would "exacerbate the current threats to cavity-nesting wildlife species, [the Forest Service] dismissed this concern without conducting any analysis of these adverse impacts."

The Wilderness Defenders say the Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act, which "requires a 'hard look' at the environmental impact of proposed federal actions and full disclosure of these impacts to the public."

The Act also requires the agency to "give a reasoned explanation for rejecting each alternative," the lawsuit states.

Forest Service representatives declined to comment.

The Wilderness Defenders demand an order stopping the logging project until the Forest Service has prepared an environmental impact statement that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Wilderness Defenders' lead attorney is Sean Malone of Eugene.



The buzz on biomass

The Southern Company blazes the way to renewable energy use

If you've heard the buzz about renewable energy lately, it's probably news stories and discussion about using solar and wind energy as alternatives to coal and natural gas. But listen up, another renewable energy is about to become very hot in Georgia.

Believe it or not, biomass energy, which is often produced by burning grass, woodchips and other organic materials, is the second most popular form of renewable energy. Your home or business may be one of the over two million it already provides electricity for in the U.S.

Southern Company, the parent company of Georgia Power and one of the U.S.'s leading producers of electricity, is investing heavily in renewable biomass energy.

Biomass is essentially any organic material, and energy producers such as Southern Company have been working with a variety of organic materials to find ones readily available to burn and convert to energy.

Take a trip to the Albany, Georgia area and you might see the company's Plant Mitchell, which the Georgia Public Service Commission approved in March 2009 to be converted from a coal-fueled to biomass-fueled power plant. When converted, it will be counted among the largest wood-fueled biomass generating facilities in the country, creating enough energy to power 12,000 homes from biomass energy alone.

"We estimate that biomass sources in our service territory, such as switchgrass and woody biomass, have the potential to reliably and economically supply a few hundred megawatts of generation," said Jason Cuevas, Southern Company's media relations manager. "In our view, biomass, along with increased energy efficiency and conservation, nuclear, natural gas, advanced coal and other renewables such as hydro, solar and wind, should all play roles [in utilizing a balanced energy portfolio to provide our customers with reliable, affordable electricity]."

In addition to Southern Company's conversion of Plant Mitchell to a biomass-fueled plant, in Nacogdoches, Texas they're building another biomass generating facility. Like Plant Mitchell, it will be counted among the largest in the U.S.

"Response [to the company's foray into biomass] has been positive, particularly from the Nacogdoches, Texas, community," said Cuevas. "As Southern Company worked with American Renewables on the acquisition, it was readily obvious that elected officials and community leaders had been very supportive of the plant there, and they continue to be supportive."

While the company's biomass ventures are noteworthy, biomass is not the only way Southern Company is reducing its environmental footprint through renewable energy sources.

"We recently formed a partnership with Turner Renewable Energy, owned by business leader and environmentalist Ted Turner, to pursue development of renewable energy projects in the U.S.," said Cuevas. "Initially, we will focus on developing and investing in large-scale solar projects in the Southwest, where solar resources are currently most efficient, with the goal of further commercializing the technology and making it more cost-competitive."



Southern Company continues to test solar energy and study the potential for wind energy throughout the Southeast, where it has historically not been considered a viable option. Their meteorological tower on Florida's Gulf Coast measures wind speed and duration and air temperature to determine if wind is a cost-effective energy resource in northwest Florida.

Despite these tests, the climate of much of the southeastern U.S. is not ideal for solar or wind energy production. Biomass, though, is in abundance – with 24.7 million acres of forestland, Georgia has more commercially available biomass than any other state in the U.S.

Southern Company's next step is to determine the feasibility and cost-efficiency of generating electricity from 100 percent biomass rather than co-firing biomass and coal together.

Southern Company's work is keeping Georgia on the cutting edge of renewable energy – good news if a much-debated National Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) passes, which would require electric utility companies to provide a specific minimum percentage of their electricity production from renewable sources each year.

However, the likelihood of a National RES passing has varied over the last few years, with several versions reaching the House and Senate. The good news, although a National RES has not yet passed, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, 24 states and the District of Columbia have passed similar policies at the state level.



SENATORS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER BOILER MACT FINAL RULE

September 28, 2010

Forty-one U.S. Senators sent a letter to the U.S. EPA Sept. 28 regarding its proposed so-called Industrial Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) rule. The Senators, who represent 27 states, requested the EPA to consider jobs and the economy before passing the rule, which would require biomass boilers to meet unreachable emissions standards.

"Biomass power provides nearly half of the nation's renewable energy. It is extremely encouraging that so many U.S. Senators, under the leadership of Sen. [Mary] Landrieu [D-La.] and Sen. [Susan] Collins, [R-Maine] are voicing their concerns about the danger of passing the proposed MACT rule, both to the renewable energy industry and the wider economy," said Bob Cleaves, President and CEO of

the Biomass Power Association. "This rule could put thousands of Americans who work at biomass facilities out of jobs, and could possibly threaten the entire industry's existence. We hope the EPA will reconsider its proposed rule."

In the letter, the Senators point to "the significant economic impacts of the proposed rule," particularly for small business. They also express concern over the future of the biomass industry if the rule is passed, stating, "While we support efforts to address serious health threats from air emissions, we also believe that regulations can be crafted in a balanced way that sustains both the environment and jobs." The Senators recommend that the EPA "use a method to set emissions standards that are based on what real-world best performing units actually can achieve."

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SOUTH CAROLINA DOT ALLOWS HEAVIER INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS TO TRAVEL ON STATE HIGHWAYS

On Nov. 1, a new South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) policy took effect that makes all international containers with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) up to 100,000 pounds eligible for permitting to be trucked in the state. The previous overweight policy covered containers with a GVW up to 90,000 pounds.

Forged in conjunction with the South Carolina State Ports Authority, the new permitting policy will improve the state's competitiveness, enhance transportation efficiency and match the policies of neighboring states, which allow heavier international containers to be trucked, SCDOT officials said in a prepared statement.

"Part of our job is to support economic development. Our highways, ports and rail systems are the infrastructure for economic development. We all work together to make South Carolina as competitive as we can in global markets," said South Carolina Transportation Secretary H.B. Limehouse Jr.

Jim Newsome, the maritime agency's president and CEO, described the permitting increase as "an extremely important development" for export cargo business, which he said had historically faced disadvantages linked to weight restrictions.

In addition, the expansion of the Panama Canal in 2014 will allow larger cargo ships — those capable of carrying more than 8,000 containers — to move goods from Asia to the United States' eastern seaboard. The state's upgraded container weight policy will better position the Port of Charleston to compete for more cargo moving through the Southeast, SCDOT officials said.

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CSA 2010: Impact On Trucking and Wood Supply

Although the trucking industry trade press has been rolling out stories about the forthcoming implementation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's **Comprehensive Safety Analysis** program (CSA 2010), FRA's inquiries find that most wood supply chain participants -- loggers, log truckers, and mill procurement people--have for the most part sparse and conflicting information about it, even though it is already in effect in eight "pilot" states. This program seems likely to change the forest products trucking environment dramatically, with nationwide enforcement scheduled to begin on December 6, 2010.

CSA 2010, which replaces the current "SafeStat" system of tracking and evaluating trucking fleets' safety performance, introduces a new method of assembling safety performance data, of linking the performance of individual drivers and rigs to an evaluation of the whole fleet, and a new, graduated system of demerits and penalties.

FRA has produced a three-page **CSA and Forest Products Trucking** handout to introduce the program, available for free download from FRA's home page, at http://www.forestresources.org/FRA_CSA_Myths.html. In addition, on October 25, FRA hosted a 60-minute Webinar, **CSA 2010: Impact on Trucking and Wood Supply**, featuring presentations by Jeremy Jones, of International Paper, and Darlene McDonald, president of safety compliance consultancy Safety On Site, and including a lengthy question-and-answer session. A "streaming video" of this very informative session, including the Q&A, is now accessible at <http://fra.peachnewmedia.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=6323>, where FRA members can buy a year's access to it for \$35 (\$70 to non-members). More details about the Webinar's content, and speaker bios, are available at that link.

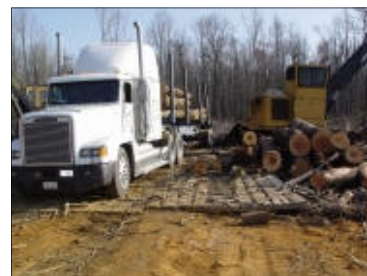
The North Carolina Forestry Association, working with a Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation grant, has produced an 18-minute DVD, **CSA 2010**, that covers the basic features of CSA and the potential impacts it may have on drivers and fleet owners. This resource is available from NCFA's Roger Pyle, 919-834-3942, for \$99.



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NOVEMBER 2010

- 8 Union Area District 3 Meeting, Midway BBQ, Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Chester/Catawba District 3 Meeting, Front Porch Restaurant, Richburg, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Easley/Upstate District 4 Meeting, Fatz Café, Easley, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Lugoff/Midlands District 10 Meeting, Hall's Restaurant, Lugoff, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Walterboro/Low Country Districts 6, 7 & 8 Meeting, Longhorn Steakhouse, Walterboro, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Newberry District 2 Meeting, Farm Bureau, Newberry, 7 p.m.
- 25 Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 2010

- 9 SCTPA Board Meeting, SC Forestry Commission, Columbia, 10 a.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve ... Santa Is Coming!
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2011

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 28 – 30 SCTPA Annual Meeting, Crown Reef Resort, Myrtle Beach

- *Saluda/Edgefield/Aiken District 1 Members and Non-Members invited to attend the Newberry District 2 Meetings due to Saluda meetings discontinued.*
- *Berkeley/Charleston District 8 Members and Non-Members invited to attend the Walterboro District 7 or Georgetown District 9 Meeting due to Moncks Corner meetings discontinued.*
- *Members in these areas will receive meeting notices for the other district meetings.*

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