



**American Loggers Council
Quarterly Report to the States
January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015**

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 you will use these reports to inform your members on how the American Loggers Council is working on their behalf to benefit the timber harvesting industry.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held one conference calls during the quarter, on February 9 and then met face-to-face with the ALC Board of Directors in Washington on March 21st. During both meetings, reports were given on the activities of the committees and the work that they had been doing as reported below.

Legislative Committee

The ALC Legislative Committee, chaired by Jim Geisinger, outlined the issues and activities that are ongoing in Washington, DC. The top priorities identified for 2015 include:

1. Reintroduction of the Future Careers in Logging Act
2. Reintroduction of the Right to Haul Act
3. Comprehensive federal timber land management and sale program reform, and
4. Fixing the “fire-borrowing” practices that takes money away from land management activities and places them in wildfire suppression.

Transportation

The ALC Transportation Committee, chaired by Tommy Carroll, recommended that the ALC members join the “Linked-In” blog to help identify and discuss some of the issues that will be pending as Congress considers reauthorization of the Transportation Bill in 2015. Issues identified and discussed included:

1. CSA enforcement,
2. Truck weights,
3. Driver health card and physical requirements.

The committee has invited USDOT representatives to a briefing session to be held on March 20, 2015 in Washington, DC to discuss these issues.

Communications

The ALC Communications Committee, chaired by Brian Nelson reported for the period that:

1. The ALC Annual Report has been completed and distributed,
2. The Facebook social media page continues to increase in “likes”,
3. The number of visits to the ALC website continues to increase,
4. The monthly ALC Washington reports are being completed and distributed to members,
5. The monthly “As We See It” editorials are being completed and distributed,
6. The reformatting of the annual meeting in 2014 was highly successful and will continue in 2015.

Biomass

The ALC Biomass Committee, co-chaired by Richard Schwab and Larry Cumming have not met during the quarter, but co-chair Richard Schwab reported that they would be prepared to present a report in September.

Membership

The ALC Membership Committee, chaired by Myles Anderson, have set goals for both membership and sponsorship in 2015 and have already surpassed sponsorship targets set for 2015.

Both Crad Jaynes and Danny Dructor attended a meeting with the West Virginia Forestry Association in December and have been in contact with Frank Stewart, director of the West Virginia Forestry Association, and reported that the WFVA has approved the formation of the West Virginia Loggers Council and once operational, will be joining the ALC.

Travel

Travel in the 1st Quarter of 2015 included a January trip to Reno, Nevada where Danny Dructor met with President Myles Anderson and Montana Logging Association Executive Keith Olson to make presentations to the Associated California Loggers during their annual meeting

Danny traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for a presentation by John Deere as they introduce their new M-series and H-series machine to the market. He was able to spend time with Tom Trone and Cliff Caudill discussing some of the ALC issues as well as meeting other press members who were invited to the event.

Danny traveled to Washington, DC in mid-March to participate in the ALC Spring Fly-In and Board of Directors meeting. Speakers were arranged for a Friday afternoon briefing to ALC members that included Congressman Tom McClintock (R-CA) (chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and the Environment); Bryan Rice – Director of Forest Management, USFS; Caitlin Rayman and Luke Loy – FMCSA; Bill Imbergamo – Director of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition, Candace Schnoor – Director of Public Policy for John Deere Construction and Forestry; and Kevin Thieneman – President of Caterpillar Forest Products.

Other Highlights

Danny was able to participate in a limited capacity via teleconference in the Forest Research Advisory Committee meeting in February. He was also privileged to participate in a call with Senator McCain's (R-AZ) office to discuss support for and reintroduction of the Flame Act Amendment in 2015.