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ALC Holds Annual Meeting

Over 250 attend Annual Membership Meeting in Eureka, California

Hemphill, Texas (October 5, 2015) –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its 21st Annual Meeting in Eureka, California, on Sept. 24 – 26 and had over 250 attendees including loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council over the past twelve months and twenty-one years. This is the first time that the loggers have returned to California since 2001 when Kerry Charlton served as President of the organization.



*l-Henry Schienebeck,
r-Myles Anderson*

The three day conference included a logging tour, technical sessions, business meetings and awards presentations where the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association Executive Director Henry Shienebeck received the President's award for his efforts



Floyd Quiram Logging,

and accomplishments over the past several years and Montana logger and businessman Floyd Quiram with Quiram Logging, Inc. received the prestigious Timber Harvesting "Logging Business of the Year Award."



*l-Frank Myers,
r-Myles Anderson*

The American Loggers Council's National Logger Activist Award that recognizes a logger who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession was presented to Frank Myers with Gahsburg Land and Timber Company located in Gahsburg, Virginia.

The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on September 26th and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications,

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membership, Master Logger and nomination committees.

Congressman Tom McClintock, who chairs the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and the Environmental Regulation addressed the group at the Saturday luncheon discussing the legislation that is currently working its way through Congress that addresses the need to eliminate fire borrowing and provide better management on U.S. forest Service lands.



Congressman Tom McClintock

Technical sessions on Friday included presentations from Mike Rose with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers on how the ALC and their organization could work together on like issues when seeking to preserve jobs and industry here in the United States, Jimmie Locklear with Forestry Mutual Insurance and several other insurance representatives discussing the issues they are faced with when trying to insure log trucks and the need for driver training to keep CSA and safety scores low in order to be able to provide insurance, Nick Smith addressing the work that he has done with the Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities program, and a panel that included Keith Argow from the National Woodland Owners Association, Dan Tomacheski with Sierra Pacific, and Jim Dudley with the Swanson group discussing what their respective organizations were looking for when hiring a contractor in today's market, as well as the concerns that they have with logger attrition and their ability to seek out loggers for hire.

Ladies events included a visit to the scenic Avenue of the Giants where the Redwood trees are nearly touching the roadway as well as a luncheon at Rosina's vineyard where Associated California Logger member Rosina Lewis hosted a tour of their vineyard. Saturday the ladies were given the opportunity to explore historic downtown Eureka, California, as well as have a luncheon at the historic Carson's Mansion on Humboldt Bay.

Attendees opened their pocketbooks on Friday evening at the annual ALC auction where a record \$23,645 was raised to further support the work of the Council.

During the closing President's dinner on Saturday night, President Myles Anderson from Fort Bragg, California introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council, Florida logger Richard Schwab. Mississippi logger Ken Martin, Oregon Logger Mark Turner, and Alabama logger Chris Potts filling the Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer positions on the Executive Committee. Mr. Schwab stated in his remarks that "I plan on moving forward with three goals in mind, 1) increasing the visibility of the organization among our peers, 2) Reviewing the five-year strategic plan and coming up with ways to make this organization even stronger, and 3) Increasing our presence in Washington, DC by making an extra effort to bring more people to the Spring Fly-In to make visits to the Hill."

Outgoing President Myles Anderson again recognized and thanked all of the sponsors of the American Loggers Council emphasizing the importance of their contributions in keeping the Council funded and moving forward.

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor thanked outgoing President Myles Anderson for his leadership over the past twelve months and assured the group that the industry is in good hands with young men like Myles Anderson and Richard Schwab representing the professional timber harvesting industry.

About American Loggers Council

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See more ALC Annual Meeting photos on pages 40-42.



SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

American Loggers Council Annual Meeting Eureka, CA

Crad Jaynes, President & CEO

SCTPA entered its 16th year with our "On The Rebound" Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, February 2015. With the recovering industry and economy the attendance was outstanding with over 375 attending.

SCTPA proudly welcomed several outstanding speakers. American Loggers Council President Myles Anderson provided his "Logging in the Peoples Republic of California... You Just Don't Know" presentation at the Saturday luncheon. He provided insights into ALC national activities, information on his company's history, timber harvesting operations and the many rules, regulatory and environmental issues required to be dealt with in California. After Myles's presentation our SC loggers felt they had a pretty good situation here in SC. Wendy Farrand, WFarrand Consulting of Limerick, ME, presented her "How to Build a Kick#\$\$ Logging Team" workshop. She talked about communications, building winning attitudes and teamwork makes for successful logging businesses. Rob Moseley, an attorney specializing in trucking with Smith Moore Leatherwood, Greenville, SC, discussed the FMCSA Compliance Safety Accountability program and how fleet scores are impacted. He concentrated on explaining the complexities for legal liabilities in sub-contract trucker relations and necessary steps to take to protect the general contractor's, the logger, business.

Our 2014 Logger Activist of the Year Award was presented to past board member Frampton Ferguson and Ferguson Forest Products, Inc., Luray, SC, for their outstanding timber harvesting business, their sincere commitment to community involvement, sustainable forestry education and support of SCTPA and their profession. Members approved a bylaws amendment to increase the board of di-

rectors from nine to eleven members. Josh Key, Beech Island Timber & Construction, Inc., Jackson, and John Rice, Rice Land & Timber, LLC, Allendale, were elected as new board members. Tommy Barnes, Ideal logging, Inc., Edgemoor, Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, LLC, Heath Springs and Joe Young, Low Country Forest Products, Inc., Georgetown were re-elected to four-year terms. The Forestry Mutual Insurance Company SC Logger of the Year was awarded to Rudy Ritter, R. A. Ritter Logging, Inc., Moncks Corner. Swamp Fox Agency, LLC awarded their Timber Industry Leadership Award to BoBo Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc., Hampton. BoBo is also a SCTPA board member. The SCTPA President's Awards were presented to Forestry Mutual Insurance Company and Swamp Fox Agency, LLC for their support of the timber harvesting industry and the association. There were twenty-nine inside exhibitors and many outside exhibitors displaying trucks, trailers, logging equipment, chippers, tires and pressure washers.

The winter was very wet and unusually cold for South Carolina. The wet weather hampered many jobs and production, but it was strange as the mills had very good inventories. Summer brought extremely hot triple digit temperatures across the state for over eight weeks with some areas receiving substantial rain from storms again hampering production. But markets remained good with some imposed quotas this summer and overall production appeared to remain steady. Bottom line was... SC Logged On!

With the economic recovery and steady markets loggers saw reductions in fuel costs and the logger attrition has slowed with many new startup timber harvesting businesses coming on line. There continues to be new logger startups across the state as market demand has increased. Several mills have undergone expansions which has increased demand for timber.

South Carolina's legislative session was active for

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forestry issues. Highway and bridge improvement funding was a “hot” issue. Bills in both houses were introduced to increase the SC gas tax to pump more funding into SCDOT for infrastructure. While SCDOT did get regular funding and the House approved a bill for the gas tax increase and more funding, the Senate did not. So there was no action on increased funding for infrastructure so it was a very disappointing legislative session. There are over 400 posted bridges directly impacting the transportation of unmanufactured forest products to mills and markets and trucking of finished and other forest products. One study revealed there are over 1,000 SC bridges in need of repair or replacement. Another bill proposed to eliminate the sales tax exemption on off road diesel and agricultural equipment replacement parts which both impacts timber harvesting. Both SCTPA and SC Forestry Association strongly oppose this bill. Another issue was SCDOT transferring regulatory control of roads and bridges to

local governments. Again, SCTPA and SCFA and the SC Trucking Association strongly opposed this action as it would have allowed local governments to post roads

and bridges. An amendment was added to the legislation that requires local governments to receive approval from SCDOT before posting weight and road restrictions on roads and bridges. An important issue passed and signed by the Governor was the Trespasser Responsibility Act. This increased liability protections for landowners against trespassers. Legislation was signed providing the Governor authority to issue an executive order allowing logging trucks to haul up to a GVW of 90,000 pounds for a 120 day period after a State of Emergency has been declared (i.e. ice storm, hurricane, etc.) The SC Forestry Commission received funding to purchase additional new firefighting equipment and add Commission personnel.

SCTPA continues to partner with the SC Forestry Commission and SC Forestry Association to make good things happen for South Carolina forestry.

SCTPA continued its activities with the SC Biomass Council, Statewide Trucking Task Force, SFI State Implementation Committee, SFI Timber Operations Professional Training Program, Timber Equipment Applications Management (TEAM) Committee, Team Log/Chip Truck Committee and organizations such as the SC Forestry and the SC Trucking Associations and State Transport

Police’s Captain John Price to discuss unmanufactured forest product trucking issues regarding size, weight, inspections, accidents and regulatory enforcement. Issues of State Transport Police’s focus areas for safety and driver behavior were discussed. SCTPA continued representing timber harvesting in coalitions to promote forestry, agricultural, wildlife, natural resources and AgriBusiness to promote these segment’s importance to the SC General Assembly and state agencies for economic development.

SCTPA and Southern Loggers Cooperative (SLC) continue to work to establish Southern Loggers Cooperative fuel depots in the state. One privately owned fuel depot in Allendale, was acquired is operational and doing well. The Georgetown depot continues to do well. Other locations being considered are Kinards, Chester, Florence, Orangeburg and Darlington. SCTPA acts as the on-the-ground representative for the pilot program. Thus far, positive results have occurred in locating sites.

“Bottom line was ... SC Logged On!”

SCTPA participated in the 16th SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour, a weeklong sustainable forestry education program. This year’s June tour

was tremendous. SCTPA arranged the timber harvesting stop at the jobsite of Bay Area Forest Products, LLC, Georgetown, SC. Thanks to Bay Area’s Greg Thompkins and Joe Young, Low Country Forest Products, Inc., Georgetown, for an outstanding tour stop to educate the teachers on professional timber harvesting. SCTPA, Bay Area and Low Country sponsored the stop. Other tour stops included the Norfolk Southern’s Brosnan Forest, International Paper’s Georgetown mill, KapStone’s Summerville sawmill, Georgia Pacific’s Alcolu OSB mill, a private tree farm, a tour of Resource Management Services forestlands and Old Santee Canal Park. The association continued presenting its sustainable forestry management and professional timber harvesting education program in schools.

SCTPA representatives, Danny McKittrick, Billy McKinney, Tommy Barnes and Crad Jaynes, visited our South Carolina U.S. House and Senate delegation during the ALC March board meeting in Washington, DC to promote the ALC issues and state issues related to sustainable forestry, professional logging and trucking.

SCTPA continued supporting the Wood Supply Research Institute for wood supply chain research projects. SCTPA’s president was elected chairman at the

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April WSRI annual meeting. SCTPA's president participated on a trucking panel at the Forest Resources Association Southeast Technical Division meeting in Wilmington, NC.

Statewide district meetings were conducted in the Spring to keep attendees updated with national and state legislation, ALC activities, regulations and local issues.

Emphasis for producing energy from woody biomass has continued with an increased interest in developing wood pellet facilities in state. One facility near Greenwood, SC is in the process of site preparation for construction of a pellet mill. The feeling is there will be increased activity in these alternative markets. Loggers, wood suppliers and landowners will welcome these alternative markets.

SCTPA continued providing the SFI Training in our Timber Operations Professional (TOP) program to members under the revised training using a DVD format for the annual training period of July 1 – June 30. SCTPA participates in the 2-Day TOP program for the initial SFI Trained status in SC.

SCTPA's President Crad Jaynes continues serving as the ALC National Master Logger Certification Committee Chairman.

As South Carolina's professional timber harvesters, wood suppliers and timber truckers continue to face challenges, SCTPA will continue to assist timber harvesting and wood supply business professionals meet and exceed the challenges for improved economic, production and market opportunities.

SCTPA is proud to be THE association representing, servicing and advancing the professionals harvesting, producing and trucking South Carolina's sustainable forest resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Crad Jaynes
President & CEO



Circuit Court of Appeals Stays WOTUS



On October 9th the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a nationwide stay of the WOTUS rule by a vote of 2-1. This decision comes in a case that consolidated several actions brought by a total of 18 states seeking to overturn the rule.

The Court's Order notes that there is still a question as to whether the Court has jurisdiction in these consolidated cases, an issue that will be resolved in the next several weeks. Nonetheless, the Order believes that a stay is warranted to preserve the status quo while the jurisdictional issue is sorted out.

The Order finds that the states will likely succeed on the merits based on three arguments: 1) the WOTUS rule's distance limitations on the definitions of adjacent waters and waters having a significant nexus to navigable waters is not consistent with the Supreme Court's Rapanos decision; 2) the distance limitations are not a "logical outgrowth" of anything that was in the proposed rule, in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA); and 3) the rule is an inappropriate expansion of federal authority that improperly alters the federal-state balance of power in implementing the Clean Water Act. The Order noted that "the sheer breadth of the ripple effects caused by the Rule's definitional changes counsels strongly in favor of maintaining the status quo for the time being."





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Lucas calls on House panel to begin assessing impact of flood

Staff Report

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Speaker Jay Lucas has asked House Ways and Means Chairman Brian White to begin assessing the impact of this month's historic flooding before the General Assembly convenes in January.

"At this point in time, it is clear that full assessments and exact estimates for the damage done are not yet known and may take time to determine," said Lucas, R-Darlington. "However, idly sitting back and waiting for these specifics is not

an option. It will ultimately be the responsibility of the General Assembly to provide the means and method of recovery."



Lucas said he asked

White and his panel to hold hearings with state agencies and other entities involved in disaster response to assess both the impacts of the flooding and the potentials costs of recovery.

"Based upon the overwhelming support our first responders, neighbors, and nonprofit organizations have provided, we owe it to the people of South Carolina to move forward with the recovery process immediately," said Lucas, adding that Majority Leader Bruce Bannister and Minority Leader Todd Rutherford agree with his action.



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2015 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominations for SCTPA's **2015 Gene Collins Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2016 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Springmaid Beach 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, 2016. Thank you for your nomination and association support.

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2015 Logger Activist Award Nomination

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LIFE IS A HIGHWAY



The great pop culture philosopher Tom Cochrane once said, "Life is a highway." We all are on a journey going somewhere. On this journey we are all going to arrive at our destination, either on purpose or off purpose. Over the last few years American Loggers Council has been moving forward, on purpose, because of its strong leadership. As President, I plan to maintain the course. These are my goals for the coming year.

My first goal is to bring more awareness to this organization. The last survey that was taken, only 46% of loggers in this nation understood what ALC is and does. We have got to change this. We are going to solve this by strengthening our message through social media, word of mouth, and other ideas we are brainstorming. As loggers we are so busy doing our jobs, we forget the importance of our national voice. We can't allow ourselves to be so busy, that we personally don't take part in sharing our voices. Join me in understanding what we are about and letting others know about this great profession. With the American Loggers Council as our national voice, we have to personally participate and let others know what we are about.

As you know, 2016 is an election year. It is extremely difficult to get any traction on issues in an election year. However this spring, I would like to see more loggers than ever participate in our Washington D. C. Fly In. It's a wonderful opportunity to get our story told of what we do professionally in the woods. Such as, how we help the environment. Let's try some new things this year during our Fly In. Bring someone who has never been to D.C. Set some appointments up with Members that are generally not favorable to our industry. Don't worry about what to say. We will have a strong legislative agenda. We will give you the opportunity to make it personal to suit your business and personality.

The American Loggers Council this year will also be taking the time to evaluate its five year plan. With help of our corporate sponsors, we are going to be evaluate our goals and we will derive an action plan to achieve those goals. As it develops, I will share details of these plans. In this process, we will measure our successes and failures for the past five years. Along with the executive committee, I will be looking forward to this retreat in the summer of 2016. We will share our five year plan at the annual meeting in September.

As you can see, we have some aggressive plans for this next year. Together we are going to work hard. We will be further down the road...on purpose. "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil."(Proverbs 4:25-27 NLT)

Richard Schwab is the Procurement Manager for M.A. Rigoni, Inc., a full service timber harvesting and forest management company located in Perry, Florida.

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Quarterly Report to the States July 1, 2015 – September 30, 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.

Summer Board of Directors Meeting

The ALC Summer Board of Directors meeting was held on July 24-25, 2015 in Duluth, Minnesota. Barko Hydraulics, LLC hosted the meeting and held a tour of their manufacturing facility in Superior, Wisconsin as well as an equipment demo for the attendees.

The ALC Executive Committee and Board of Directors met at the Holiday Inn – Downtown Duluth on Saturday, July 25, 2015 and shared committee reports that included legislative updates and other committee reports.

Fall Board of Director and Annual Membership Meeting

The ALC Fall Board of Directors and Annual Membership was held on September 24-26, 2015 in Eureka, California with over 250 members and sponsors in attendance. The board meeting followed up on activities from the Summer Board meeting, including an updated Legislative Committee report, an update on membership and sponsors, programs involving labor and loggers working together on legislative activities, truck safety and insurance issues, landowner/mill/logger relationships, and comments from Congressman Tom McClintock and Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities Director Nick Smith.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee held one conference call during the quarter, on August 13, 2015. During the meeting, discussion was held on requesting proposals for both a communications and marketing effort to promote the logging industry.

The Service Contract for ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor was discussed as well as the performance review for the Executive Director position.

A new travel policy was adopted that allowed the travel expenses for the ALC President and the ALC Executive Vice President to be taken from the travel budget approved by the ALC Board of Directors.

President Myles Anderson reported that the Membership Committee had reached all of its target for 2015, including the recruitment of two new state associations and two new sponsors.

Biomass

The ALC Biomass Committee, co-chaired by Richard Schwab and Larry Cumming drafted a letter of support for

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the goals of forming and launching a wood-to-energy check-off program.

Membership

All goals and targets have been met by the Membership Committee, gaining two new State Association members in the 3rd Quarter (West Virginia Loggers Council and the Associated Contract Loggers & Truckers of Minnesota), bringing two more sponsors (TimberSure® and Wallingford's) into the organization, and exceeding sponsorship funding targets by 23%.

Travel

Travel in the 3rd Quarter of 2015 included a July trip to the Texas Logging Council's annual meeting in Center, Texas where Danny Dructor met with their members and talked about the legislative activities of the ALC.

Danny also traveled to Duluth, Minnesota for the Summer Board meeting, and Raleigh, North Carolina for the inaugural TEAM Truck Safety meeting hosted by Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

A scheduled Forest Research Advisory Committee meeting to be held in DC in mid-August was canceled due to the inability of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reauthorize the program as a result of budget issues.

Other travel included the trip to Eureka, California on the week of September 21-27 to attend and work the 21st Annual Membership meeting.

Other Highlights

Because of the size and complexities involved with planning and organizing the Annual Meeting, there was a lot of time during the 3rd quarter devoted to those activities. With Congress on their August recess, we were able to complete the meeting planning process without compromising our work in Washington, DC.



DEW cuts Unemployment Insurance tax rate for second straight year

Staff Report

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The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce plans to cut the Unemployment Insurance tax rate by an average reduction of 17.1% over last year's rate, a move which will save businesses more than \$69 million.

This marks the second consecutive year the agency has cut the rate, saving state businesses more than \$151 million over that period, it said.

"When we save businesses money, we give them cash flow, and they can expand, putting more of our people to work – that's why this announcement is so important," Gov. Nikki Haley said. "South Carolina is on the move: we've seen record lows in unemployment and more people working than ever before, and, as we continue to invest in education and workforce development, we'll continue to celebrate."

A number of factors contributed to the rate reductions, DEW said. Those include an improving economy, more than 2 million South Carolinians being employed, the organization lowering benefit payouts and legislative and DEW policy changes that restrict benefits to those who lost a job through no fault of their own.

DEW paid off a nearly \$1 billion federal loan in June which was used to pay state unemployment insurance benefits during the economic downturn, and the department's payments on the loan over the last four years led to returning the Trust Fund to solvency. That saved business more than \$12 million in interest payments, the department said.

"The economy is improving and more South Carolinians are working than any time in our state's history," executive director Cheryl Stanton said. "This, coupled with paying off the federal loan, has allowed us to reduce the tax burden on businesses while rebuilding the Trust Fund to a level that will sustain a recession."

"Our gratitude goes out to the business community and workforce development training partners who have worked hard to create jobs and provide the skilled workers to fill them."



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FOR RELEASE October 1, 2015

Virginia Logger Frank Myers Receives American Loggers Council 2015 “National Logger Activist of the Year Award”

Veteran Virginia logger selected by his peers to receive recognition



l-Frank Myers, r-Myles Anderson

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, Virginia Logger Frank Myers with M.M. Wright Inc. was recognized by the American Loggers Council as the 2015 recipient of the National Logger Activist of the Year Award during ceremonies held at the ALC's 21st Annual Meeting in Eureka, California.

Frank has been serving the logging industry for 34 years and is a member of the Virginia Board of Forestry and the Virginia Loggers Association Board of Directors.

Ron Jenkins, Director for the Virginia Loggers Association submitted Mr. Myers as a candidate for the award based on his tireless efforts to improve the logging industry as a whole in the State of Virginia and at the federal level. Frank's nomination was received along with an endorsement from both the Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Todd Haymore and Virginia State Forester Bettina Ring.

The 2014 recipient of the award, Mike Albrecht, introduced Frank to the audience and ALC President Myles Anderson made the presentation.

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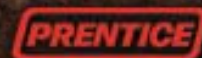
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ALC Washington Report – October 7, 2015, Future Careers in Logging

As of October 7, 2015, the Future Careers In Logging Act, H.R. 1215 and S. 694, had 19 sponsors in the House and 4 sponsors in the Senate. The ALC has put out a request that members contact their respective House and Senate representatives and ask that they cosponsor the Bill.

John Deere has graciously allowed the use of their Bipac site to contact members of congress on this issue. The web address is: <https://www.bipac.net/alert.asp?g=DEERE>.

On July 29, 2015, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) introduced H.R. 3283, the “Securing America’s Next Generation of Safe Loggers and Truckers Act,” which mirrors the language in H.R. 1215 but also includes a provision on trucking which would allow 18 – 21 year old drivers to travel Interstate routes where there is reciprocity between state statutes governing the age of commercial truck drivers. The American Loggers Council supports both H.R. 1215 and H.R. 3283.

Right to Haul Act – Highway Bill

There has been no movement to reintroduce the Right to Haul Act by any member of Congress. Congressman Reid Ribble (R-WI) is introducing legislation that would allow a 91,000pound, six-axle configuration on the Federal Interstate Highway System, but with no means of getting those loads to the Interstate from secondary roads, no grandfather clause that would allow those with higher weight limits already in place to remain operating, and with the concern that freight rates would decrease as a result of the weight increase, the members of the American Loggers Council reached a consensus to not support the legislation and continue to request existing State legal weight tolerances be allowed on the Federal Interstate Highway System.

Wildfire Funding

After nearly 9 million acres have burned over the summer months, we had hoped to see some movement on the need to reform the way that wildfire suppression is funded and do away with the current policy of “fire-borrowing,” or robbing one account to pay another. A short-term Continuing Resolution (CR)

is headed to the President’s desk, which will avoid a shutdown...at least through December 11. The CR includes \$700M of emergency funds to repay FY15 fire transfers. Any balance of the \$700M is to be used for suppression in FY16. This is the first time we’ve seen an emergency supplemental since FY2010 to repay FY2009 transfers.

The ALC continues to support the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015, H.R. 2467 and joined 49 other organizations in mid-September that signed on to a letter to the Senate requesting that they take quick action on wild fire funding reform and reform of federal forest management this fall. The “National Forest Ecosystem Improvement Act of 2015”, S. 1691, has been introduced by Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) and is similar enough to H.R. 2647 that if passed in the Senate could go to conference with the House passed H.R. 2647.

In spite of the loss of life and property and the smoke-filled skies of the Western States, Congress has returned after the August recess with thoughts of defunding Planned Parenthood and other politically charged issues on their agenda. We can only hope that once things have settle down that they will get serious about addressing the cause of deteriorating forest health rather than waiting for the smoke to begin rising again next summer before taking up the issue.

Boehner Resignation

Perhaps the biggest news coming out of Congress over the summer months is the announcement by Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) as to his leaving Congress. Already members are scrambling to determine who his replacement will be. Currently, Kevin McCarthy (R-Ca) appears to be the front runner.

As we enter yet another election cycle, it will be even more difficult to move our issues forward in Congress, but the fact remains that we must continue to exercise patience and persistence as we deal with what has become an almost dysfunctional Congress.

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Master Logger Certification Committee Update

**American Loggers Council
September 26, 2015 Annual Meeting
Eureka, DC**

Many states have implemented the American Loggers Council Master Logger Certification Program and have been progressing well. Some states report ALC Certified Master Loggers are realizing benefits.

Now eighteen states have approved MLC templates. Other states are encouraged to submit a template for approval by the MLC Committee.

The ALC Master Logger Certification program is voluntary, not mandatory. If all ALC states had an approved MLC template, whether the program is implemented or not, this would enhance the ALC MLC's position as a mechanism to certify wood as being sustainably harvested by certified logging professionals to concur with the SFI Standards, Chain of Custody processes and other Forest Certification Systems.

No reports or comments from MLC approved states regarding any changes or updates have been received since the Summer Board Meeting in Duluth, MN. No new templates have been received since the Duluth meeting. ALC MLC states are reminded if a revision is made to the state's program, the MLC Committee request an update be forwarded to the committee chairman. The committee would appreciate any updates that may have been initiated for a MLC state.

The ALC's National Master Logger Certification® template provides guidance for Seven Areas of Responsibility for performance standards. Each ALC member state develops its state template according to state laws, practices, regulations and criteria to meet the national template's performance standards.

The ALC Master Logger Certification® Committee has the responsibility of reviewing submitted state templates to assure established processes are included for implementation, administration, third party verification, accountability and enforcement. The committee then can approve or return the template for recommended revisions. The committee also reviews approved state template revisions to assure MLC objectives are maintained.

The ALC MLC program is a true third-party certification system via audits of a logger's business and on the ground practices for the Seven Areas of Responsibility required under the ALC Master Logger Certification Program National Template. States must have an approved state ALC MLC template to qualify for the designation of ALC Master Logger Certification.

Logger certification continues to gain importance within forestland management and forest products certification systems. The important point is the American Loggers Council MLC program has led the charge.

ALC states and its logger members must support ALC's "logger owned and logger controlled" program. ALC and its member states must continue to be the leaders in professional logger certification.

Respectfully submitted,
Crad Jaynes
Chairman
Master Logger Certification Committee

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Twenty-two years ago the Independent Logging Contractor had little hope of ever getting anything done in Washington, DC. Today, because of the persistence of our members, and our ability to work with other like-minded organizations in Washington, DC, we have made progress, and are often called upon when members of Congress really want to know what loggers are thinking. Our incoming President Richard Schwab from Perry, Florida, pledges to stay the course during next year's election cycle, and next spring, we will be on the Hill making our voices heard.



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FOR RELEASE October 1, 2015

The West Virginia Loggers Council and the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota Join the American Loggers Council

Two more state associations join the national ranks of the ALC

Incoming President Richard Schwab is pleased to announce that two more State Logging Association have chosen to join the membership of the American Loggers Council.

The West Virginia Loggers Council and the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota were both voted full membership privileges at the recently held Fall Board of Directors meeting on September 26, 2015 in Eureka, California.

The newly formed West Virginia Loggers Council is under the umbrella of the West Virginia Forestry Association directed by Frank Stewart, and the Associated Contract Loggers and Truckers of Minnesota is an independent Logging and Trucking organization with Scott Dane serving as their Executive Director.

Richard stated that "this is the first time in several years that we have had the opportunity to welcome another organization into our membership. Both organizations have already appointed members to serve on the ALC Board of Directors and we look forward to their insight and knowledge that they ring to the table."

Membership into the American Loggers Council is held exclusively by loggers with opportunities for ALC sponsors have input into many of the committee discussions.

About American Loggers Council

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 32 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at www.amloggers.com.



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2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.
WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 6, 2016
WHERE: Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center
3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Be it known to all members, this is the official call to the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc. to be conducted at the above specified time and location.

At the Association Business Session, members will:

- Be provided the Association Annual Financial Report.
- Be presented bylaws amendment recommendations for approval and adoption.
- Elect Board of Directors.

As a member, you should plan to attend the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. This is a member privilege and wonderful opportunity to get involved in your Association.

You can participate in the decision making process through interaction with the Board of Directors and fellow members. Your vote is needed for the adoption of Bylaws recommendations, if Bylaws changes are needed, and Board of Directors elections.

Your active participation in your association is important plus the sharing of your ideas will help shape the association's future and the timber harvesting industry in South Carolina.

Take advantage of this opportunity to play an active role in SCTPA. Make plans to join your peers **February 5 – 7, 2016 at Myrtle Beach's Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center for your Annual Membership Meeting.**

Annual meeting registration and information packages will be mailed to all categories of active members. Sponsor and Exhibitor packages will be mailed separately to prospective annual meeting sponsors and exhibitors.

Contact SCTPA for registration, sponsorship, exhibitor, silent auction donation and meeting information. We look forward to seeing everyone at our 2016 Annual Meeting.





17th SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA is excited about our 17th Annual Meeting to be held February 5 – 7, 2016 at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach.

Our 2015 meeting was the largest attendance ever and we are excited to be returning to Springmaid Beach Resort for our venue again for 2016.

Our meeting focus has changed to focus on the 800 pound gorilla in the room... trucking. Our theme will be... What's The Issue...Trucking! Trucking is a major issue in the unmanufactured forest products trucking segment. Finding and maintaining qualified, safe, professional drivers is an issue, trucking safety is a major issue, regulatory issues and the economic challenges related to trucking is an issue. A video regarding the proposed CDL Driver Protection Act to be presented in the SC General Assembly in 2016 will be shown.

Speakers confirmed are Richard Schwab, M.A. Rigoni, Inc, Perry, Florida and American Loggers Council President, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company's Jimmie Locklear and Keith Biggs and Bituminous Insurance Company's Randy Hervey will present The Issues of Trucking and discuss the Newly formed Log/Chip Truck TEAM, Mike Lucas, The Lucas Group will discuss what you need to know about trucking regulations and what has changed and Kathy Abusow, President SFI, Inc. for the Saturday luncheon to present SFI... Then and Now. The Silent Auction and the Big Drawings will be available too.

The TOP SFI Trained DVD will be shown on Saturday afternoon to qualify for the SFI Trained status year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Singing Steven, Steven Craps of Lexington, will be our Sunday Prayer Breakfast guest to treat the audience to his Southern Gospel music and faithful testimony.

Rooms connected to the conference center are all double queen beds equipped with a full size refrigerator-freezer and two sinks and one inside bathroom. Rooms with king bed along with one and two bedroom suites are located in a building across the property. There is a limited number of king and suites available.

The Conference Center is impressive with plenty of exhibitor and meeting room space. SCTPA will utilize the second and third floors.

The second floor will be used for registration desk, exhibitors and speaker presentations. The third floor will be used for the Friday night reception, Saturday breakfasts and lunch and Sunday's prayer breakfast. The third floor has a panoramic view of the beach and Atlantic Ocean.

Marlin's is the on-site restaurant and should be open. Barnacles restaurant is located on Springmaid Pier adjacent to the resort and also may be available.

The usual flow of events will be scheduled. We'll also utilize the parking lots for outside exhibitors with equipment, trucks and trailers.

Room rates are shown below. Early reservations made are the best to get the best available rooms. Live Oaks is connected to the conference center while the other rooms for suites are located across the property. Check out Springmaid Beach Resort at SpringmaidBeach.com

Annual meeting packages are being mailed to all members. Spread the word to others and non-members to attend the annual meeting to see what SCTPA is all about.

Sponsor / Exhibitor packages will be mailed separately. All 2016 Annual Meeting information will be available on SCTPA website sclloggers.com

Brenda and I are excited and look forward to seeing you at our 17th SCTPA Annual Meeting.

2016 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT ROOM RATES

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17TH SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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!

Conference Center

Live Oaks Bldg
2nd Floor
3rd Floor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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: Richard Schwab, M.A. Rigoni, Inc. & President, American Loggers Council
Speakers: Keith Biggs & Jimmie Locklear, Forestry Mutual Insurance Co., Randy Hervey
Bituminous Insurance Co., *Trucking ... This Is The Issue*
Morning Break
Speaker: Mike Lucas, The Lucas Group, *Trucking Regulations & What You Need to Know!*
8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
11:45 a.m. Break for Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon & Business Meeting
12:45 p.m. Chairman's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
Speaker: Kathy Abusow, President SFI, Inc., *SFI ... Then & Now!*
Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections,
Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. Workshop: SFI Trained TOP DVD Module for SFI Training For
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5:00 p.m. Adjourn
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Singing Steven, Steven Craps, Lexington, SC*
10:05 a.m. Silent Auction Announcements & Final Comments
10:30 a.m. Adjourn Meeting

Conference Center

3rd Floor

Silent Auction Bidding Hours - Conference Center

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2016 ANNUAL MEETING!

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Two Board of Directors Seats will need to be elected at our February 6, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board term for Seat 4 served by Billy Walker, Walker & Walker Logging, LLC, and Seat 5 served by Donnie Lambert, Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., will expire December 31, 2015.

Nominations are welcomed for the two seats. These expiring board members at this time and as of this Timber Talk issue have not indicated as to whether any one or all will run for re-election. However, nominations are encouraged regardless to be submitted for these board seats.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

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 and local district meetings. Plus, promote professional timber harvesting in SC, seek SCTPA members, represent the association at events where needed and promote the association. One board meeting is conducted at the annual meeting with bimonthly meetings held in Columbia beginning in February each year.

Any member solely and directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2015, may be nominated for any of the upcoming seats. Any member regardless of location is eligible for nomination. Logger members are encouraged to enter your name or the name of another logger member as an eligible candidate.

To enter your name for nomination or to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office no later than January 15, 2016.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

Nominations Committee

Chairman, Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, LLC, Heath Springs

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2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Silent Auction Item Donation

Our Silent Auction has been successful because of the participation of our Allied Supplier, Allied Supporting and Individual Members. Our 2016 Annual Membership Meeting, February 5 –7, at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, will again feature our Silent Auction. Auction proceeds are used to help financially support the association.

Would you and/or your company like to donate an item or contribute financially towards the purchase of a Silent Auction item? This is voluntary. Even if you are not attending the meeting, but would simply like to participate, we would certainly appreciate your contribution and involvement.

If you are interested, please return this form to the SCTPA office. Or you may contact the SCTPA office at 1-800-371-2240, fax 803-957-8990 or email bcjpaw@windstream.net for more information. Your company will be recognized at the meeting as a Silent Auction Donor.

Thanks for your support in our efforts to continue representing professional loggers and timber producers here in South Carolina. Your Silent Auction donation is greatly appreciated. Your contribution may be tax deductible as a contribution to this association.

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Fish and Wildlife Adds Black Pinesnake to Threatened and Endangered Species List

Certain timber management activities exempted; decision on critical habitat delayed to 2016

OCTOBER 8, 2015 – The Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it is listing the black pinesnake, which is endemic to Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, as a threatened species. The final rule regarding the listing was published in the Federal Register on Tuesday. The outcome of the final rule reflected strong input and concern from the forestry community after the Service published the proposed rule in May.

"While we are encouraged that the Service made a serious effort to show they took into consideration the comments of forest stakeholders, the full impact of the final rule will require a more thorough review as to the cause and effect it will have on private forests management and ownership," stated Scott Jones, FLA CEO.

Forest America's engagement tools and the Forest Landowners Association's GO (Grassroots Organization) Teams proved valuable in engaging landowners and forest stakeholders to provide information to the Service as to how the proposed rule would have an impact. More than 130 comments were sent to the Service by forest landowners as a result of a Forest America Call To Action. Additionally, 30 key forestry stakeholders signed a joint letter to the Service providing input on the forestry exemptions in the pro-

posed rule. The Service also received a letter supporting forest landowners from the Alabama and Mississippi Congressional delegations.

In the Question and Answer document released by the Service, it stated the following:

"We received valuable input during our two public comment periods and made updates to the habitat, life history traits, distribution, and threats analyses for the black pinesnake. One of the major changes between proposed and final rules was the development of a new set of exemptions permitted under Section 4(d) of the ESA. Based on comments the Service received, it removed language that had been interpreted as setting requirements for how landowners would have to manage their forests and scaled back the criteria needed to implement the exemptions to cover most normal forestry activities."

FLA believes that endangered and threatened species protection can be more effectively achieved by allowing forest landowners to continue to manage their land in a responsible manner rather than by imposing land use restrictions and penalties, which result in economic disincentive for owning and managing private forests.

FLA will work closely with other forestry associations to review and interpret the final rule and provide more information and feedback to landowners in the region as it becomes available. We will continue to report on this listing as well as our progress on the many listings still in the determination pipeline.



Less Can Mean More in Eyes Of The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

By J. Bennett Crites, Attorney, Smith Moore Leatherwood, Greenville, SC, October 2, 2015

Just because a company isn't hauling cargo, or another company thinks they are too small, does not mean that federal regulations do not apply to them. Some people may not be aware that vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of between 10,001 pounds and 26,000 pounds, when said vehicles are used as part of a interstate motor carriage (private or for-hire), are considered commercial motor vehicles for purposes of most of the DOT safety regulations. This applies to:



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1. Single vehicles (trucks and vans);
2. Passenger carrying vehicles with more than 15 passengers (including the driver), and passenger carrying vehicles equipped for 15 passengers, (including the driver);
3. Combinations of vehicles (such as a truck pulling a trailer or other equipment); and
4. Vehicles that carry hazardous materials for a business purpose are considered commercial regardless of the GVWR.

So consider the pharmaceutical company in South Carolina that on a weekly basis travels to Charlotte, North Carolina to deliver its supply of products for air shipment to China. As a startup business, the company makes the deliveries to the airport itself, using a company owned F350 Pickup Truck and commercial trailer. When combined, both the truck and trailer have a GVWR of 11,500 pounds.

During a routine delivery, a company driver is pulled over for speeding. Upon further questioning by the Highway Patrol, the Trooper has the wherewithal to call for the State Transport Police, believing the company is improperly engaging in interstate commerce in violation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Upon arrival, the State Transport Police determines the GVWR of the truck and trailer

are in excess of 10,001 pounds, he asks why there is no DOT number displayed on the side of the vehicle as required by Federal Law, and then so begins a laundry list of questions and resulting citations that the pharmaceutical company knew nothing about complying with.

Instead of receiving a warning from the State Transport Police, the driver becomes verbally combative with the Officer and pleads ignorance to the regulations. Ultimately, the truck and trailer are impounded while the misunderstanding is sorted out, the delivery date to the client is missed, and the contract is terminated. The failure to complete a MCS-150 application, pay the application fee, and obtain a US DOT number becomes the least of the company's concerns.

For many small businesses, the above scenario is not too uncommon, irrespective of whether or not they are caught. Unfortunately for them, the URS

mandates state enforcement of those who have, or should have, a US DOT number. Consequently, those required to have a US DOT number are also required to follow the regulations promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration if engaging in interstate commerce.

Some commonly violated regulations to the unwitting small business owner engaging in interstate commerce in vehicles with a GVWR of between 10,001 and 26,000 pounds are:

1. Lack of vehicle identification (Name and US DOT Number);
2. No medical exam certificate;
3. Using a radar detector (radar detectors are prohibited);
4. No fire extinguisher;
5. No stopped vehicle warning devices (reflective triangles);
6. Driver did not do a pre-trip/post-trip inspection;
7. No annual mechanical inspection of vehicle; and
8. Lamp lens broken or improper color.

Although a commercial driver license and substance and alcohol testing are not required for vehicles with a GVWR between 10,001 and 26,000 pounds, except in two limited circumstances, small businesses operating these vehicles in interstate commerce need to be aware that, per the FMCSR, (1) commercial motor vehicle hiring standards, (2) the medical qualification and exam requirements, as well as (3) hours of service rules all apply. (1)

While larger, over-the-road fleets know these regulations, it is the small business owner or non-traditional, smaller to medium size fleets that may be unfamiliar with the applicability of these regulations to them. Violations can be numerous and penalties can be expensive. In that regard, it pays to conduct some research on the front-end to ensure regulatory compliance and thereby avoid an unbudgeted business expense or loss on the back-end.

(1) This list is by no means meant to be exhaustive of all regulations applicable, but it is rather illustrative of some examples of commonly violated regulations. Consult www.fmcsa.dot.gov for complete details.

Just because a company isn't hauling cargo, or another company thinks they are too small, does not mean that federal regulations do not apply to them.



SCTPA Member Alert Baldwin Filter Discount Program



SCTPA's Baldwin Filter Program is effective for our Member Discount Program. Program is available for active dues paid members to receive a **45% discount** on Baldwin Filters. Per Jesse Gonzalez, SCTPA's Baldwin representative, this program is available to all association active dues paid members.

This association is proud to partner with Jesse Gonzalez and Baldwin Filters to provide a cost savings program for members. Program effective until notification by Jesse and Baldwin Filters.

A logger member who is using our program, compared the Baldwin Program to what they had spent the previous year on filters and figured their business would save \$ 20,000 in the program. Now that's real money!

The program will require members to purchase filters from Baldwin Warehouse Distributors (WD) and wherever Baldwin WD's have branch locations. Local retail outlets selling Baldwin Filters are not included. Only Baldwin WD's are to be used for the member discount. Active dues paid membership verification is required to qualify for the member discount.

If you have any questions, contact the association office.

Baldwin Filter Program

1. Baldwin Filter discounted pricing to active SCTPA members.
2. SCTPA members select from list of participating Baldwin Warehouse Distributors (WD).
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4. SCTPA informs Baldwin district sales manager of member choices in order to complete Baldwin internal paperwork.
5. Members complete credit application/other with Baldwin Warehouse Distributor(s).
6. Baldwin WD's will adjust filter inventories to match up with SCTPA member's usage.
7. SCTPA member can contact SCTPA office and request their Member Verification Form be faxed or emailed to Baldwin WD to receive filter discount. Member verification can be forwarded to the member as well. Baldwin WD can contact SCTPA for Member Verification Form at 803-957-9919, 1-800-371-2240, bcjpaw@windstream.net, or Crad Jaynes cell 803-530-5874.
8. Baldwin WD will take care of obsolete Baldwin filters annually on a swap out (if filters are clean, re-saleable and can be put back in the WD inventory).

Thank you for the opportunity to service your member's filter requirements with Baldwin Filters through our Baldwin Warehouse Distributor network in your service area.

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Poll Shows Americans Continue to Believe Trucking is Safe, Essential



Sixty percent of Americans say they have a favorable view of the trucking industry, the highest among transportation modes; 91% believe car drivers are more likely to engage in risky behavior on highways than truck drivers: American Trucking Assns.

PHILADELPHIA, October 22, 2015 (press release) – A new national poll released today found the public continues to believe truck drivers are among the safest on the road and that the industry is essential to the American economy.

The poll, the second commissioned by American Trucking Associations, was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies between August 30 and September 1, surveyed 800 registered voters on their attitudes about politics, the trucking industry and the state of infrastructure.

"Our industry invests more than \$7 billion each year in safety tools, technologies and practices, and this poll tells us those investments are working," said ATA President and CEO Bill Graves. "Americans believe trucks move the most freight and that our drivers are safe and getting safer. Those facts beliefs are not just correct, they are important to keep in mind when debating important safety issues."

Among the poll's findings were:

- A majority of Americans, 63%, believe trucks move most of the nation's goods – a three-point increase from 2014.
- Sixty percent of respondents said they have a favorable view of the trucking industry, the highest among transportation modes.
- When asked to offer unscripted thoughts on trucking, respondents called drivers hard working, said the industry provided thousands of jobs and trucking was dependable and efficient.
- The majority of Americans, 57%, said trucking's safety record was excellent or good.
- And 34% of respondents said trucking's safety record had improved over the past 20 years.
- Ninety-one percent of Americans believe car drivers are more likely to engage in risky behavior on the highways than truck drivers and 70% believe they are more likely to be at fault when a car and truck collide.
- Eighty-one percent of Americans believe truckers are safer drivers.

The poll also addressed the issue of speeds and speed limits, finding that:

- Sixty-nine percent of Americans oppose reducing highway speeds to improve safety and reduce pollution, and 63% oppose the installation of speed limiting devices on passenger vehicles, but
- More than half – 56% – of respondents said they favored mandating speed limiters for large trucks.

"Safety is our industry's most important calling," said outgoing ATA Chairman Duane Long, chairman of Logistics, Raleigh, N.C. "I'm pleased that so many of my fellow Americans think so highly of our safety record, but we should not be satisfied. We need to do more to not only improve our safety record, but to tell people about it."

The poll's results were released at ATA's Board of Directors meeting.

American Trucking Associations is the largest national trade association for the trucking industry. Through a federation of 50 affiliated state trucking associations and industry-related conferences and councils, ATA is the voice of the industry America depends on most to move our nation's freight. Follow ATA on Twitter or on Facebook. Trucking Moves America Forward

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
October 12, 2015

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An alliance of trucking-intensive business and industry organizations has issued this statement relative to the SCDOT and its response to the floods disaster the state has experienced over the last week:

"I speak in this instance for the many and varied organizations and trade associations whose constituencies use and depend on our highway system for commercial trucking operations to keep commerce and critical goods and services on the move in South Carolina," said Rick Todd, President & CEO of the South Carolina Trucking Association.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation in particular, working hand-in-hand with their sister agencies, other governmental and the private sector entities, has done an outstanding job of managing this unprecedented crisis.

Early on they initiated and maintained regular, comprehensive alerts, and public safety and road/bridge closure notices, which constantly improved in usefulness and content.

The legislature has assigned the SC DOT with responsibility for over 40,000 miles of roads and bridges in this state. That is a disproportionately large responsibility, but one they have managed very well, all things considered.

We thank every level of the DOT's agency for their tireless, round the clock work to protect our citizens and our highway system to provide critically-important, real-time information to those who *have* to use the roads.

We pledge our continuing support going forward.

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Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
SC Alliance to Fix Our Roads
SC Beverage Association
SC Farm Bureau
SC Timber Producers Association
SC Trucking Association





Southern Forests at Risk: New Report Identifies Three Southern Forest Regions in Immediate Crosshairs of Wood Pellet Industry

Three fragile forest ecosystems in US South under threat from growing wood pellet industry and European demand for biomass, says Natural Resources Defense Council; new report includes maps showing millions of acres of forests NGO says are vulnerable

NEW YORK, October 20, 2015 (press release) – First-of-its-kind maps expose millions of acres of vulnerable forests in the U.S. Southeast under threat from the rapidly-expanding wood pellet industry and rising biomass demand in Europe

A new report released today by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) reveals the imminent threat from the burgeoning wood pellet industry on three fragile forest ecosystems in the U.S. Southeast. Innovative GIS mapping techniques detail three hot spots – the Virginia-North Carolina border, Southeastern Georgia, the Alabama-Mississippi border – where both potential heavy wood harvesting from unprotected bottomland hardwood forests and established and proposed wood pellet facilities exist. The report also identifies a fourth emerging hot spot in Louisiana.

“Endangered forests across the south are in the crosshairs of a wood pellet industry that is not sustainable,” said Debbie Hammel, Senior Resource specialist with NRDC. “This mapping provides the undeniable visual proof of the threat wood pellet production poses to the South’s irreplaceable wetland forests. We need permanent protections in place today to ensure they’re not destroyed.”

Produced in conjunction with the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI), the report contains a series of maps of the South where over 24 million acres of unprotected wetland forests are susceptible to becoming feedstock for existing and proposed wood pellet mills across the region to meet the demand of European biomass energy facilities. Specifically, the data shows the geographic overlap, using a potential 75-mile radius sourcing area, between the region’s unprotected forests and existing and proposed wood pellet facilities, demonstrating the extraordinary pressures on forests within their potential harvesting territory that provide critical habitat to many rare and endangered species, filter freshwater for surrounding communities and act as a buffer against flooding and sea-level rise.

Cumulative data collected within these active areas

is alarming:

- 35 proposed or existing mills are located within the identified hot spots;
- Nearly 15 million unprotected acres of wetland forests within a potential 75-mile sourcing radius of facilities, an area nearly the size of West Virginia;
- An anticipated 10 million dry metric tons of production per year for all operating and proposed mills;
- The examined hot spots are home to 606 imperiled, threatened or endangered species; and
- 18,327 miles of impaired freshwater rivers and streams flow within the examined regions, putting the waters at new risk to logging pollution.

The full report and collection of maps can be accessed online at: www.nrdc.org/energy/southeast-biomass-exports.asp

The demand for wood pellets stems from European policies that incentivize energy companies for producing power from sources other than coal, including trees. Since Europe’s forests are highly regulated, European power companies have turned to the largely unregulated American South for wood pellet fuel, now the top exporting region in the world for wood pellets to the European Union. Pellet exports have multiplied in recent years as manufacturers, like giants Enviva and British utility Drax Power, build new facilities. From 2012 to 2013, wood pellet exports doubled from 1.6 to 3.2 million tons. That number grew 40 percent in 2014, and is expected to reach 5.7 million tons in 2015. By 2020, wood pellet production in the region is expected to reach as high as 70 million metric tons.

“European demand for wood pellets is skyrocketing and fueling the industry with little or no regard for unprotected Southern forests,” said Debbie Hammel. “As the need for more wood pellets grows, so does

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the number of mills that produce them and the sourcing areas for each. The maps clearly show that existing and potential sourcing areas are expanding and overlapping, which means we could be on the cusp of irreparable harm to these rare wetland hardwood forests and the species that rely on them to survive.”

Hot Spot 1: Virginia-North Carolina Border

The region spanning the Virginia and North Carolina border is already experiencing intense sourcing of wood for pellet manufacturing mills, most notably by the large pellet manufacturer Enviva which operates three facilities in Southampton County, Virginia, and Northampton and Hertford Counties, North Carolina. The company has plans to build two more facilities in North Carolina’s Richmond and Sampson Counties. In total, nine operating and proposed mills are located within this hot spot. These facilities are expected to produce 2.6 million dry metric tons of wood pellets per year.

The 75-mile radius surrounding the proposed and operating facilities (the potential sourcing area for each) contain 1.6 million acres of unprotected woody wetlands. This includes 60% of Virginia’s unprotected woody wetlands. There are 74 imperiled, threatened or endangered found within this hot spot, including the red wolf, Delmarva fox squirrel, Roanoke logperch, Atlantic sturgeon and the green pitcher plant. The region contains 8,500 miles of impaired freshwater streams and rivers.

Hot Spot 2: Southeastern Georgia

Georgia is home to the third-highest number of bottomland hardwood and mature forests in the South, only behind Louisiana and Mississippi, and contains the largest number of woody wetland acres under threat due to currently operating facilities. This hot spot stretches from Northeast Florida, along the Georgia coastline and inland region, and reaches into South Carolina.

There are 13 operating and proposed pellet mills in this area that threaten over 5 million acres of unprotected woody wetland. This includes 85% of Georgia’s unprotected forests woody wetlands. These facilities are expected to produce 3.5 million dry metric tons of pellets per year. This hot spot is home to 152 imperiled, threatened or endangered species, including the frosted flatwoods salamander, wood stork, West Indian manatee and the relict trillium. The region contains 1,652 miles of impaired freshwater streams and

rivers.

Hot Spot 3: Alabama-Mississippi Border

The border of Alabama and Mississippi has become another area of heavy sourcing for the wood pellet industry. Already five facilities are sourcing from this area, two of which are owned by Enviva, and five more have been planned. These 10 facilities are expected to produce 2.6 million dry metric tons of wood pellets per year. The facilities’ potential sourcing areas contain 4.19 million acres of unprotected and vulnerable woody wetland acres. This includes 74% of Alabama’s unprotected forests woody wetlands. The region is home to 306 imperiled, threatened or endangered species, including the Louisiana black bear, Mississippi sandhill crane, the Northern long-eared bat and the Alabama spike mussel. There are 4,106 miles of impaired freshwater streams and rivers within the region.

The Next Hot Spot: Louisiana

Louisiana is quickly becoming newest hotbed for wood pellet manufacturing. Two facilities were recently opened by the U.K.’s Drax Power to supply its power plant near Leeds, England, and a third Drax facility has been proposed. These facilities are expected to produce 1.35 million dry metric tons of wood pellets every year.

The state is particularly vulnerable because it contains more bottomland hardwood forests of any Southeastern state – 5 million acres – and the highest number of acres lacking protection from commercial logging at 4.1 million. This land provides critical habitat to 74 imperiled, threatened or endangered species, including the ringed map turtle, dusky gopher frog, pallid sturgeon, and Louisiana quillwort. The region is home to 4,069 miles of impaired freshwater streams and rivers.

NRDC is calling on policymakers in both Europe and the U.S. to reform policies that require sound carbon accounting, toughens sustainability standards and caps biomass levels to ensure sustainable sourcing.

“This report shows the devastating impact of weak policies both domestically and abroad,” Hammel added. “Without proper and sensible safeguards, demand will continue to grow to the detriment of Southern ecosystems, and ultimately the air we breathe. It’s imperative that policymakers take a stand to curb the damaging effects of biomass energy.”

Poor Driving Habits

JJ Lemire



Have you noticed that whenever you turn on the news, there is a deadly vehicle wreck being reported? In this year, 2015, our company has experienced fatalities and severe injuries resulting from some of the wrecks that were reported on the evening broadcasts.

As you drive, you have probably experienced one of the negative impacts of a bad accident - sitting for hours on an interstate waiting for the area to be cleaned up and the wreckage removed. There are other impacts such as: business interruptions, including late deliveries, hour of service violations due to traffic congestion, grief for the families and their loss, and overworked trauma centers, emergency rooms, law enforcement and emergency response personnel.

Several leading automobile insurance companies have done statistical analysis of these crashes and found not one but many areas that are underlying causes. These crashes set in motion a chain of events that impact so many individuals, families, and businesses. It is not only the victims and their families that are affected by the crash, but they take a toll on mental health of company employees, and the first responders/law enforcement personnel as well. How troubling to have to call and inform a parent that their child was killed or is struggling to hold onto their life in an emergency room.

Some of these same studies from the insurance industry have yielded a list of causes for most severe and deadly crashes. Here are some of the leading causes/poor driving habits:

- Failure to stay in your lane or improper lane changes
- Failure to yield the right of way – especially on ramps
- Overcorrecting in a bad situation
- Not adjusting speed to meet the road surface conditions (wet, ice, etc.)
- Improper turns – no signaling or deliberate crossing into other lanes
- Driving your vehicle on the wrong side of the road
- Not adjusting speed for construction/obstructions (items falling off trucks/animals/mattresses/work zones)
- Not having a safe vehicle or all required equipment
- Distractions – cell phone use/eating/drinking/reading

The serious threat of a vehicle crash confronts drivers daily. Studies show cell phone distraction is the leading cause of distraction crashes. I know folks are tired of hearing about it but mobile phones cause distractions and remove the precious seconds needed to react to an immediate threat. Many corporations have established a “best safety practice” by implementing policies that prohibit employee cell phone use while driving. Does your company have a policy?

Company owners, supervisors and managers must make sure you have done everything possible to prevent an accident. Brief your employees constantly on the many poor driving habits that can cause accidents. Establish policies for company vehicles. Make sure your employees know that you require a post-accident drug and alcohol test. DO your part to make so that every employee can go home each day.

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DECEMBER 2015

- 10 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., SC Forestry Commission Headquarters, Columbia
- 24 Christmas Eve... Santa's Coming to Town
- 25 Merry Christmas to Everyone
- 31 New Year's Eve... Ringing in the New Year

JANUARY 2016

1 Happy New Year!

FEBRUARY 2016

5-7 SCTPA 2016 Annual Meeting, Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach

District meeting dates may be changed. Meeting notices will be mailed prior to scheduled meeting. Meeting dates will be posted on SCTPA website ... www.scloggers.com.

Members & Non-Members are encouraged to attend our district meetings to know what the issues are affecting the industry.

Need SFI Trained DVD Class or other training?

SCTPA can provide the New DVD Training Module for SFI Trained status. SCTPA is an approved DVD training class facilitator and will be scheduling classes during the year. Other training programs are available for safety, driver training, equipment lockout & tagout, hazardous materials spill control on logging sites and forestry aesthetics.

Truck Driver Training Workshops will be scheduled. Watch the Mark Your Calendar section of this newsletter for dates. Notices for SCTPA workshops & events will be forwarded.

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