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Loggers Across America Convene for American Loggers Council Annual Meeting

The American Loggers Council (ALC) held its 23rd Annual Meeting in Natchez, Mississippi, on Sept. 28 – Sept. 30, 2017 and had over 200 attendees including loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council.



The three day conference included a logging tour on Davis Island, Mississippi.

Technical sessions included discussions on logging industry branding, log trucking safety and liability issues, local and global log market outlooks, new machine technologies, and on-board fire suppression systems.

The ALC President's Award was given to Shawn Keough, executive director of the Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho for her service and advocacy for loggers in her state and throughout the country. Keough, also a respected State Senator, is retiring from the Idaho State Legislature after a record 11 terms in office.

The President's Award was also given to D.K. Knight, Executive Editor of Hatton-Brown Publishers, Inc. Knight has been on the Hatton-Brown team since 1968, where he produces Timber Harvesting Magazine and several other important publications relating to the logging industry.

D.K. Knight presented Timber Harvesting Magazine's prestigious "Logging Business of the Year Award" to Ikola Logging of McCall, Idaho.

The American Loggers Council's National Logger Activist Award, which recognizes a logger who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession, was presented to Tim Christopherson with Dabco Logging located in Kamiah, Idaho.



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The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on September 30 and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees. ALC's leadership and members agreed to pursue new membership and sponsorship opportunities, and to expand in parts of the country where loggers currently lack a national voice. ALC will continue to be active in the policymaking in Washington DC, including advocating for key priorities including passage of the Future Logging Careers Act, Right to Haul Act, biomass utilization and federal forest management reforms.

Ladies were treated to shopping experience in nearby Vicksburg, Mississippi including lunch and a tours of the Vicksburg battleground and Anchuca Mansion.

Attendees opened their pocketbooks on Friday evening at the annual ALC auction where over \$28,000, with half the proceeds being donated to support rural relief for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Another \$2000 for the Log-A-Load for Kids program, which supports medical services for needy children.

During the closing President's dinner on Saturday night, President Ken Martin from Mississippi introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council, Oregon logger Mark Turner. Alabama logger Chris Potts and Missouri Logger Shannon Jarvis will serve as First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively. Mr. Turner stated in his remarks that "I believe that The American Loggers Council can be a guiding force. An organization by loggers, for loggers. Helping to bring loggers together from all across this great country. We can do so much more together then apart," before officially adjourning the meeting.





Team Safe Trucking Annual Meeting prior to ALC Annual Meeting



Team Safe Trucking meeting attendees



SCTPA's Bo Bo Seckinger at ALC Board Meeting



D.K. Knight receives ALC President's Award jacket



ALC logger associations executives



Ken Martin passes ALC Presidents gavel to Oregon Logger Mark Turner



SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
2017 ANNUAL REPORT
American Loggers Council Annual Meeting
Natchez, MS

Crad Jaynes, President & CEO

South Carolina had reasonably mild winter weather with few long periods of cold and of course receiving the usual rainfall for the first three months of the year. Markets were stable with many suppliers on quota even in the dead of winter as wood piles were good. Springtime came with the usual April showers and thunderstorms into the summer. Markets remained good with quotas fluctuating for the various mills. As the summer's heat progressed, the lower third of the state particularly along the coast endured a great deal of rainfall while the mid and upper regions of the state received the usual heavy thunderstorms scattered across the midlands, upper mid-state and piedmont regions. Markets remained steady with some easing of quotas. Fall has seen markets picking up and quotas have been reduced or eliminated so the wood flow has been good.

A blow was dealt to the industry as Resolute Forest Products, Catawba, SC, shuttered one of its paper machines at the end of June. 180 mill workers lost their jobs, mill wood supply was reduced, the Jonesville, SC chip mill was closed, one wood unloading crane at the mill was shuttered and wood supply from distant suppliers was eliminated. Resolute indicated the company is looking for another product to produce on the machine. Overall this has been an impact to the timber harvesting segment, but appears to be not as great as initially thought. But still, reduced wood supply to the mill... is reduced wood supply. But through it all... SC has Logged On!

SCTPA entered its 18th year with our "Loggers Are Heroes" Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, February 2017. With the industry and economy improving the meeting emphasized the wood supply chain is sustainable because of professional loggers and wood suppliers harvesting and transporting wood to the markets. The attendance was outstanding as over 415 attended our annual meeting.

SCTPA proudly welcomed several outstanding speakers. Pete Stewart, President of Forest2Market, Charlotte, NC, provided market information. One aspect of importance he presented is SC is losing hardwood pulpwood markets. While this market still exist it is shrinking. Wendy Farrand of WFarrand Consulting, Limerick, Maine, did her rousing Loggers Are Heroes presentation. She talked about how millennials must be approached differently to get their interest in having careers in the timber harvesting industry. Dr. Shawn Baker of Forisk Consulting, Athens, GA, presented the Wood Supply Research Institute funded Compensation Indices Comparison project showing how loggers, logging employees and log truck drivers compare with similar industries like construction, agriculture and similar trucking industries for wage and benefits packages in regions across the country. The project's result indicated the logging industry favorably compares itself with others.

SC Third District Congressman Jeff Duncan spoke along with former Florida Congressman Steve Sutherland. Both were outstanding and offered their cautious optimism about the new President, new administration and

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Congress related to forestry issues across the nation as well as other legislative issues impacting small business, environmental issues and sustainable forestry for our national forests. Both were overwhelming crowd favorites.

Wilkerson Logging, Inc. of Hickory Grove, SC was presented the SCTPA 2016 Logger Activist Award for their outstanding timber harvesting business, their sincere commitment to community involvement, sustainable forestry education and support of SCTPA. William and Linda Wilkerson lead the family business with their three sons and family involved in their business. Wilkerson Logging celebrated its 50th anniversary in May 2016. Wilkerson Logging, Inc. has been nominated for the Forestry Association of South Carolina's 2017 Logger of the Year Award. Rickey Chapman, Chapman Timber, Inc., Newberry, Robby Crowder, Land & Timber, LLC Greenwood, and Bo Bo Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc. Hampton, were re-elected to the SCTPA board of directors. The Forestry Mutual Insurance Company SC Logger of the Year was awarded to Jason Wilks and Wilks Logging, Inc., Chester, for their outstanding business and outstanding safety program as a policy holder. Swamp Fox Agency, LLC awarded their Timber Industry Leadership Award to Donnie Lambert and Leo Lambert Logging, Inc., Georgetown. Donnie is a SCTPA board member. SC State Forester Gene Kodama and Deputy State Forester Tom Patton presented the SC Forestry Commission's Challenge Coin for Excellence coins and plaques to board member Danny McKittrick for the association and to president Crad Jaynes individually in recognition for excellence in ensuring the accomplishment of the Forestry Commission's mission by making significant and lasting contributions above and beyond the norm. Congressman Jeff Duncan and Steve Sutherland received the SCTPA President's Awards.

South Carolina's legislative session was fairly active for forestry issues. Highway and bridge improvement funding was again THE "hot" issue. After three years of playing political football, the House and Senate agreed on a bill and even though Governor McMaster vetoed the bill, the General Assembly overrode the veto so now SCDOT will have sustainable road and bridge improvement, construction and maintenance funding. The new law increases the motor fuels tax by two cents per year for 10 years, increased the tax on vehicles, DMV fees and enacted other fees such as a registration fee for out-of state

registered trucking companies. One major aspect of the new funding will allow SCDOT to concentrate on repairing or replacing over 400 weight restricted and posted bridges across the state which has a direct impact on the transportation of unmanufactured forest products to markets. SCTPA supported the bill along with the Forestry Association of South Carolina (FASC) president Cam Crawford playing a major role in getting the bill passed. Another issue still on the table during the session proposed to eliminate the sales tax exemption on off road diesel and agricultural equipment replacement parts which both impacts timber harvesting. The issue was moved to a House committee for further review and recommendations. This issue will surely be back on the table for next session beginning January 2018. SCTPA and FASC have been working to change the law for the transportation of logging equipment so moving logging equipment on a lowboy will be exempt up to sixteen feet wide just like the exemption for agricultural equipment transportation. Currently logging equipment can only be twelve feet wide without a permit.

Local issues came up as counties tried to pass ordinances to prohibit UFP trucks from using county maintained roads and/or tried to force loggers using county maintained roads to pay for repairs or have to improve the road. SCTPA worked with a logger member and one county to have the county reimburse the logger for repairs and improvements "the logger" paid for since the county was unwilling to at least to scrape the road so the trucks could move to markets. Unfortunately this effort fell through... but at least SCTPA and the logger tried. Several municipalities and counties tried to stop timber harvesting operations, but through the partnership with FASC, and the Right to Practice Forestry law, most of these incidences were overcome.

Supported by SCTPA and FASC the SC Forestry Commission received funding to purchase additional new firefighting units 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 as SCTPA president was elected as vice chairman representing timber harvesting. The Biomass Council continued to work on a State Energy Plan for forest biomass to be included as a feedstock. Activities continued with the Statewide Trucking Task

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Force, SFI State Implementation Committee, SFI Timber Operations Professional Training Program, Timber Equipment Applications Management (TEAM) Committee, Team Safe Trucking and organizations such as the SC Forestry and the SC Trucking Associations and State Transport Police. SCTPA's board met with State Transport Police's Lt. Roy Cloud, statewide enforcement officer, and Corporal Lee Catoe, community affairs officer, 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, state agencies and public for economic development.

SCTPA along with FASC are founding members of Associated Industries of South Carolina Foundation to create the Be Pro Be Proud SC effort. This state funded private sector supported effort is modeled after the successful Arkansas Be Pro Be Proud program. This effort is aimed at young adults, middle and high school students, at-risk students and adults to enter the skilled-trades careers, blue collar sector, for training and job facilitation. The project will fund, build and deploy a mobile skilled professional jobs promotion workshop. This will be a tractor trailer unit with the trailer equipped with stations for displaying job careers in forestry, construction, agribusiness, trucking, heavy equipment and others. In April at our State Capitol in Columbia the Arkansas Be Pro Be Proud mobile unit parked on the state house grounds for view by General Assembly members, the governor and many others.

SCTPA and Southern Loggers Cooperative (SLC) continue to work to establish Southern Loggers Cooperative fuel depots in the state. The Allendale and Georgetown depots have been operating with a new depot located in Orangeburg coming on line. Efforts continue to locate a SLC fuel depot near the WestRock Florence papermill. SCTPA acts as the SC on-the-ground representative for the program.

SCTPA participated in the 18th SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour, a five-day sustainable forestry education program. This year's June tour was "hot" yet tremendous with 21 statewide teachers. The tour was down on quantity, but high on teacher quality and enthusiasm for learning about SC's sustainable

forestry industries. SCTPA arranged the timber harvesting stop at one of Charles K. Doolittle, Inc.'s jobsites headed by John Doolittle. The tract was on the Sumter National Forest. Thanks to John for an outstanding tour stop to educate the teachers on professional timber harvesting. Other stops included West Fraser's sawmill, Norbord's OSB mill, Resolute Forest Products' paper mill, private, public and industrial forest lands. Teachers were taught the basics of sustainable forestry, prescribed fire versus wildfire, forest management practices, SFI, logging BMP's and more.

SCTPA representatives, Danny McKittrick, Billy McKinney, Tommy Barnes and Crad Jaynes visited our South Carolina U.S. House and Senate delegation during the American Loggers Council Spring Fly In and 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. The May WSRI annual meeting was held in Charleston, SC in conjunction with FRA's annual meeting.

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

At the May board of directors, Joseph "Bo Bo" Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc., was elected SCTPA Chairman and Josh Key, Beech Island Timber & Construction, Inc. was elected SCTPA Vice-Chairman. Bo Bo Seckinger will be the association's board of director member for the American Loggers Council.

Emphasis for producing energy from woody biomass has continued with an increased interest in developing wood pellet facilities in state. Colombo Energy's Greenwood, SC pellet mill is operational with other interests coming to the state to build wood pellet facilities. Thunderbolt Biomass, Inc. is launching a new processing mill in Allendale County to produce horse and animal beddings, domestic fuel and more products using sawmill residuals, forestry residuals, thinnings and in-woods chipping operations. The Price Companies new wood chip processing mill in Holly Hill, SC is operational supplying wood chips to the KapStone Charleston Kraft papermill in Charleston. Loggers, wood suppliers and landowners welcome these markets.

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SCTPA continued providing the SFI Training in our Timber Operations Professional (TOP) program to members using the 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

Collum's Lumber Products expanding operations in Allendale County



Columbia Regional Business Report
Staff Report
Sep. 28, 2017

Collum's Lumber Products LLC will spend \$2 million to construct a new warehousing facility on the site of its existing sawmill operation in Allendale County.

"In South Carolina, not only do we excel at making things, we've also built a reputation as a state that has the infrastructure in place to get finished products to customers as efficiently as possible," Gov. Henry McMaster said in a statement. "Companies from all over the world trust our state and our people, and today's announcement by Collum's Lumber Products is just the latest example of that."

The company, which produces dimensional lumber and other wood products, expects the expansion to add 10 jobs.

Located at 1723 Barnwell Road, the company's

existing Allendale sawmill facility produces up to 200 million board-feet per year. The operation currently consists of five dry kilns and a state-of-the-art planer facility that uses an autograder to ensure on-grade lumber. Earlier this year, the company also installed a 924-kilowatt solar installation onsite.

"The people of Allendale salute Collum's Lumber Products for their investment and expansion, which will benefit not only their customers but our local community. Every job created changes the future of a family here, and that's important in a rural community like ours," said Allendale Mayor Ronnie Jackson.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded a \$100,000 Rural Infrastructure Grant to Allendale County to assist with the costs of site preparation.

A fourth-generation, family-owned business founded in the 1930s, Collum's also produces treated wood, poles, wood chips, biomass and remanufactured components.

"We are pleased to be able to expand our company's operations here in Allendale to better serve our current and future customers. Innovation is key to our success in offering the best quality product at competitive prices, and the new warehouse operation will allow us to operate at peak efficiency," said Micky Scott, president of Collum's Lumber Products.

SCTPA Comments: Collum's Lumber Products is a SC Timber Producers Association timber manufacturing member.



Commerce Proposes Softwood Lumber Duties, Angering Canada

CQ News

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By Ellyn Ferguson, CQ

The Commerce Department on November 2nd proposed imposing duties on importers of subsidized Canadian softwood lumber that sold below fair market value in the United States. In response, Canadian officials threatened legal action to defend a nearly \$6 billion-a-year export industry.

Commerce's move is contingent on a final decision by the U.S. International Trade Commission on whether the imports caused material financial damage to the U.S. lumber industry. The decision is expected by Dec. 18.

Canadian lumber provides more than 90 percent of all imported wood used in U.S. home construction. Overall, about a third of lumber in home building is imported, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

The Commerce decision would impose an average of 20.83 percent duties on Canadian imports if the ITC determines that the products caused financial harm to the U.S. lumber industry. The department said Canadian exporters sold their goods for 3.20 percent to 8.89 percent less than fair market value. Commerce says it also found that Canada provided subsidies to its producers of softwood lumber in the range of 3.34 percent to 18.19 percent.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said he was disappointed that the two NAFTA partners had not reached agreement to limit Canadian imports and keep the U.S. domestic timber industry from being undercut on prices.

Ross defended the department's findings as "based on a full and unbiased review of the facts in

an open and transparent process that defends American workers and businesses from unfair trade practices."

But in a joint statement Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr urged the United States to rescind the duties or face Canadian opposition.

"We are reviewing our options, including legal action through the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization, and we will not delay in taking action," the ministers said Thursday.

The Commerce decision also angered Granger MacDonald, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders. The Trump administration is "taking protectionist measures to support domestic lumber producers at the expense of millions of U.S. home

buyers and lumber consumers," said MacDonald. "This is an especially hard blow at a time when the housing sector is still struggling to regain its footing and grappling with rebuilding efforts following these natural disasters."

Where MacDonald sees protectionism, Scott Jones, CEO of the Forest Landowners Association, which represents owners of commercial timber lands, sees the federal government working to strike a balance.

"We can't compete with a Canadian government that gives its wood away as part of a jobs program," Jones said in a telephone interview with CQ. He said the government subsidies allow Canadian competitors to lower prices paid for lumber, which is considered a premium product.

Jones said his association had hoped the Commerce Department and Canada would work out an agreement to restrict imports that would have given his members greater certainty about domestic sales.



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Loggers Urge Congress to Address Wildfire Crisis, Fix Forest Management Policies

The American Loggers Council (ALC) today urged the Trump Administration and United States Congress to take action to address the nation's wildfire crisis. So far this year 47,000 fires have burned nearly eight million acres across the country. As the national organization representing America's professional timber harvesters, ALC believes the federal government should actively manage its forests through logging and mechanized thinning to reduce the risks of severe fire and protect adjoining state and private lands.

With 193 million acres in the National Forest System alone, much of America's forest land is controlled by the federal government. The U.S. Forest Service estimates up to 80 million acres of federal forest land vulnerable to wildfire, insects and disease and are in need of treatment. A large portion of federally-owned forests are non-reserved and suitable for sustainable timber production. Yet harvest levels on federal lands remain low, with tree growth and mortality rates far exceeding removal.

ALC supports reforms to increase the pace and scale of forest projects. ALC supports sensible reforms to the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act, and supports giving the U.S. Forest Service adequate resources to prepare and implement forest projects.

"The U.S. House of Representatives should pass the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017 to reduce dangerously high fuel loads on our national forests," said American Loggers Council Executive Vice President Daniel Dructor. "The U.S. Senate must also take action by passing this legislation, or other comprehensive solutions to restore our nation's forests back to health."

The Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017 gives the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management new tools to reduce the threats to federally-owned forests. It enables agencies to expedite forest health projects on watersheds, remove dead trees after wildfires, and generate new revenues to replant and rehabilitate burned forests. The legislation also provides an alternative to costly and ob-

structive litigation from special interest groups, reduces project planning times and lowers costs to American taxpayers.

Dructor says addressing America's wild-

fire crisis is also critical to preserving the nation's forest products infrastructure, which continues to be threatened by low timber harvest levels on federal lands as well as challenging markets due to low energy prices and high imports of wood products from other countries. Putting the nation's loggers and milling infrastructure to work will create more manufacturing jobs and support small family-owned businesses.

"As we've seen in some parts of the country, restoring forest health on federal lands has become enormously expensive and inefficient where loggers, log truckers and mill facilities have disappeared," Dructor said. "Taking action now, and working with the private sector, will enable the federal government to achieve its goal of increasing the pace and scale of forest management activities on federal land. Passing legislation now will allow federal agencies to get ahead of future fire seasons and lower the intensity of fires we're experiencing today."



ALC's Logging Tour on Historical Davis Island

By Crad Jaynes, SCTPA President

At the American Loggers Council annual meeting in Natchez, MS September 28 -30, the ALC attendees were treated to a logging job visit on historic Davis Island.

Davis Island is a large island located in the Mississippi River. It lies mostly in Warren County in the state of Mississippi, but is also partly in Madison Parrish, in the state of Louisiana. It is located about 20 miles southwest of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The island is approximately 32,000 acres in size formerly a peninsula known as Davis Bend, with an 11,000 acre area of rich bottomlands, bounded on three sides by the Mississippi River.

Before the American Civil War, Joseph Davis developed Hurricane Plantation for cotton production on the peninsula. He worked to develop a model slave community, providing more autonomy to his slaves, for instance allowing them to keep a certain portion of monies they earned. He bought the land in 1818. He gave the adjoining property of Brierfield Plantation to his much younger brother Jefferson Davis, helping him get started in the 1830's. Jefferson Davis later was elected as the President of the Confederate States of America.

The peninsula was separated from the mainland by a shift in the river in March 1867, after which it was an island accessible only by water. After the war, Davis provided a mortgage to Ben Montgomery, his former slave who had managed his plantation, and other freedmen to acquire both plantations. They operated them for several years, but declining cotton prices, economic hard times in the financial panic, and the repeated flooding caused failure. Montgomery descendants and others moved off the island to higher ground.

In 1878 Jefferson Davis regained possession of his Brierfield Plantation from the heirs of his brother. He never lived at the plantation again; both he and other Davis family members leased the proper-

ties to tenant farmers.

Following the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, which inundated nearly 30,000 square miles, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers raised the height of the levees to try to prevent such damage in the future.

This had the unintended consequence of increasing the severity of flooding of the island. It has been under water more than once. The Davis family finally sold the properties in 1953, and the private Brierfield Hunting Club has controlled most of the island since then. Access is only by water.

The tour was guided by Connor House of Good Hope, Inc. and Cottonport Hardwoods, LLC. Good Hope manages the forest resources on the island. There are 23,000 timbered acres on the island with 1,500,000-plus tons of wood product

and 70,000-plus tons annual growth of wood product equaling approximately 2,500-plus loads. Beautiful bottomland hardwoods of varying species cover the timbered areas.

Good Hope manages the timber and operates the Cottonport Hardwoods company. Cottonport owns and operates a variety of equipment including the fifty foot boat operated by a certified river pilot and 35 foot wide by 100 foot long barge. The companies do timber harvesting jobs along the Mississippi River and on islands. Barge will hold 2 loaded log trucks and 3 empty log trucks. The company prepares the barge loading and unloading sites and uses a Prentice 210 knuckleboom loader mounted on a truck for handling logs at the log storage area near the barge landing, if needed.

The group was given a tour of the island riding on hay bales in trailers behind pickups. Dusty does not do justice to the ride. Very dusty might be better. But hey... we were seeing a historical place and the scenery was fantastic. And the timber and the varieties of vegetation was amazing. There were hunt



D.K. Knight, Danny McKittrick, Bo Bo Seckinger, Mike Beardsley, Richard Schwab

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club member houses, agricultural storage sheds and other facilities. There's even a small airplane landing strip on the island. The private hunt club is exclusive and very, very expensive to be a member. Several tour stops were made to get the history of the island. One notable history item was the 17.5 mile levee built by slaves way back in the 1800's.

The tour visited the logging operation of BLC Trucking, Inc. owned by Chip Sullivan of Tallulah, LA. Chip with help from his logger dad, who started the business, operate the company. Chip was logging



History stop at 17.5 mile levee



Davis Island history lesson during lunch

several tracts on the island harvesting beautiful bottomland hardwoods for various markets in the region. Chip has been logging the island for many years and really now is the only logger used because of his professional work on the ground and in his business. Each day the crew, crew vehicles and trucks have to be barged to and from the island.

The operation was fairly simple using a John Deere sawhead fellerbuncher, John Deere grapple skidder and CAT knuckleboom loader. Chip had available a CAT road grader, John Deere bulldozer, water truck and two set out trucks and trailers. When road conditions aren't conducive for his trucks and contract haulers to use, the set out trucks and trailers move logs to the barge landing area for loading onto the road trucks. Chip had three log trucks and used contract haulers as well. Fifteen to twenty loads per day were moved from the island.

The jobsite was exciting to watch as "big" hardwoods were felled and merchandized into logs and pulpwood for various markets. The tract was a clearcut of some 25 acres and the timber was "big timber." It was exciting to see and visit such a historical place and see the logging on Davis Island.



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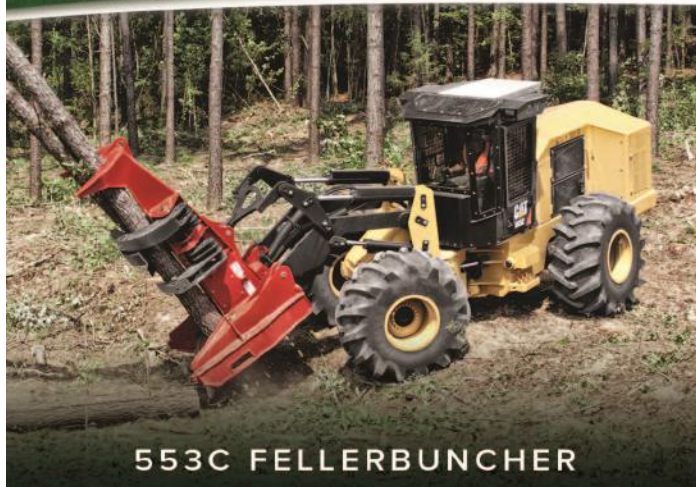




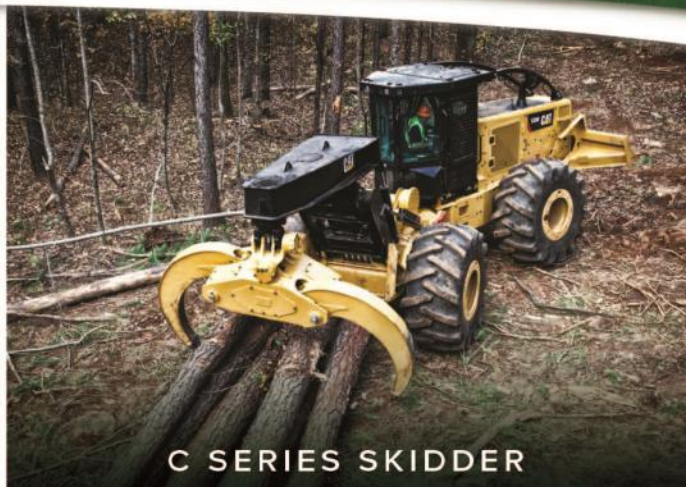
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF LOGGERS



By Mark Turner

I was born the son of a logger.

When my Dad started logging, back in the fifties, things were a lot different then they are now. Logging was an easy business to get into and there was a lot of money to be made. As my Dad used to say, "all you needed was an old wore out cat and a chainsaw and you were a logger". Back then, loggers were also some of the best paid and most respected workers around.

My experience with logging started as a young boy watching my Dad operate his logging business. I remember my Brothers and I riding up to the job, during the summers and on Saturdays. As our Dad worked, we would explore the area and build forts. It was a great experience for a young boy. Unfortunately, it's not something that many young people experience any more.

As my brothers and I grew older, we started becoming integrated into the operation. I can still remember how proud I felt when my Dad told me that I "would make someone a great worker someday".

I remember how hard my Dad worked, to keep the business going. Spending a lot of late nights either in the office or out in the shop.

I think I would have been perfectly happy to have gone straight into logging, after high school. However, after a lot of encouragement from some teachers and my Mom, I decided to go to college.

After graduating, I started a promising career as an engineer in the aerospace industry. It was fulfilling work; however, thoughts of the woods were always on my mind.

I have heard that you can take the logger out of the woods but you can't take the woods out of the logger. I have found this to be very true. In fact, I missed the woods. I missed working with my Dad and my Brother.

So, I came back. I worked hard and learned the business. I found that with hard work, I could make a comfortable living.

That doesn't mean that it has always been easy. As many of you know, running a logging business can be very challenging. Even in the best of times. But, in tough times, it can be brutal. And we've had our fair share of tough times.

As loggers, we have always been very self-reliant. When times get tough, instead of complaining, we just work harder and find a way to make it through. In my opinion, loggers are some of the most innovative people this country has.

One of the things we have never been very good at, however, is blowing our own horns. Most of us figure that actions speak louder than words. That if we do a professional job, we will get the credit we are do. Unfortunately, in today's world, that's not always the case.

That's where the American Loggers Council comes in. This coming year, I will do all I can, to ensure that the voice of the American Logger will be heard. It doesn't matter if that logger has a multi-million-dollar company and employs a hundred people or is just a one-man operation.

We will work to ensure that loggers are better appreciated by the public at large as well as the people we work for and sell to. We will continue to work to advance the professionalism of the American Logger. Particularly through master logger certification. We will continue to work to open more of our public lands for more active forest management. We will work to find new markets for our products. The American Loggers Council will continue to be the go to organization on national issues that affect the logging industry.

When I first got involved with The American Loggers Council, I was struck by how much I had in common

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with other loggers, across the country. We all go about our business in a different way. But, in the end, we are all loggers. Honesty, dedication to family and a pension for hard work, are some of the traits we have in common.

Whether we realize it or not, us loggers are the heart and soul of the timber industry. We produce the raw materials that every single person in this country uses every single day of the year. Without us, quite frankly, I don't think the timber industry can survive.

So, as loggers, where do we go from here? We face a number of challenges and opportunities. In fact, I think our industry is at a critical juncture. Technology continues to advance at an even greater pace. How are we going to incorporate these new technologies into our businesses to make ourselves more efficient? Whether we like it or not, we are part of a global economy and that often means increased competition. At the same time, the average age of a logger keeps getting older. And, we struggle to find enough young people to work in our industry.

How we address these issues now, will have lasting effects on the future viability of our industry.

I believe that The American Loggers Council can be a guiding force. An organization by loggers, for loggers. Helping to bring loggers together from all across this great country. We can do so much more together than apart.

So, it is with great humility, that I accept the Presidency of the American Loggers Council. And I hope that you will join me, this coming year, to help make a difference in the lives of loggers.

Mark Turner is the President of the American Loggers Council. Mark and his brother Greg operates Turner Logging out of Banks, Ore. Mark is an active leader with the Associated Oregon Loggers. The American Loggers Council is a 501 (c)(6) not for profit trade association representing professional timber harvesters and log truckers in 32 states across the United States with headquarters near Hemphill, Texas.



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Supporting Rural America in the Tax Code Means Supporting Forest Owners

Tom Martin, September 11, 2017

With Congress back in town following its summer recess, all eyes are turning to the congressional tax-writing committees as they work to pass tax reform legislation. Most rural Americans will be glad to see a simpler, more streamlined tax code. But, I hope that Congress, will consider how taxes impact a unique group of these rural Americans: family forest owners.

Family forest owners are an often-overlooked group. But, taken together, they are a powerful economic driver. Collectively, these individuals own more forests in the United States than corporations or the government. In fact, according to an analysis by the American Forest Foundation, one in four rural Americans is a family forest owner.

Just as important as their size is their impact on all Americans' daily lives. Family forest owners' efforts to care for their forestland provides for Americans in critical ways: They protect and filter clean water and clean air, as well as provide habitat for our wildlife.

They are also a critical part of rural America's economic backbone. These families provide wood for a \$282 billion industry that supports more than 2.4 million jobs, most of which are in rural communities.

As Congress begins its work on an overhaul, they should be deliberate in creating a tax structure that promotes the management of family-owned woodlands. This will help landowners to continue to care for our environment and our economy.

Namely, they should consider five things.

First, Congress should continue to allow rural landowners to deduct forest management and restoration expenses. The costs of forest management are high, and most landowners fall in the middle income bracket, making less than \$100,000 annually. Deducting these expenses allows landowners to conduct needed sustainable forest practices that keep their land in trees, and keep them healthy. Examples include creating fire breaks that reduce wildfire risk and installing culverts to protect streams. Without these deductions, most landowners could not afford to undertake many practices. In a new survey from

the American Forest Foundation, 89 percent of landowners surveyed use these deductions to afford needed management practices, showing how important this is to good forest stewardship.

Second, Congress must continue to allow landowners to treat timber income as a capital gain. Most landowners harvest only once in a generation, yet they have annual expenses. What's more, they take on substantial risk to see the growth of trees through to the end, such as wildfire, hurricanes, storms and insect infestations. Because of this, Congress should continue to treat timber income as the long-term investment it is.

Third, Congress should simplify the code by clarifying that forest owners who are managing their land long-term, even if they don't receive regular income, can be treated as businesses and therefore eligible for business tax deductions. Caring for forestland requires investments much like farming or agribusiness. Landowners need a forest management plan, a forester and other professionals to assist in caring for the land. While they might not receive income annually, they are contributing to the economy like other small businesses.

Fourth, especially given the immense impact of Hurricane Harvey and others, Congress should allow landowners to deduct more of the losses they suffer when natural disasters strike. AFF's survey found that more than 62 percent of landowners who dealt with disasters were not able to deduct their losses.

Finally, it's important that landowners can pass on their land to future generations. To do this, Congress should continue to allow landowners to adjust the value of their estate when an heir inherits the land (i.e., stepped-up basis), as well as work to eliminate the estate tax burden on all forest owners.

If our elected officials are serious about supporting rural Americans, then it is vital landowners are supported in the tax code overhaul. With the right tax policy in place, they can continue in their role helping protect our environment and supporting rural economies.

Tom Martin is President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation.





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Several accidents have occurred recently that have resulted in fatalities.



Scenario One:

Two loaded log trucks from the same logging company were loaded with pulpwood that had overhanging logs. The two drivers were taking their load to the same mill, so they traveled together. The weather was clear and sunny. This was their first load of the day.

The two trucks traveled for 20 plus miles from the jobsite and entered a small town. They had to slow down and shift lanes due to road construction. The first driver had downshifted and slowed to the 35 MPH speed limit. He then stopped for a red traffic light. However, the second driver failed to slow down and ran into the rear end of the first truck.

Several long logs from the first truck entered the engine compartment of the second tractor. One of the logs deflected toward the driver's side and entered the cab through the firewall. It penetrated the driver and continued out back window. He died instantly.

Investigation into this fatality revealed the second driver impacted the logs at approximately 45 MPH.

Scenario Two:

Same situation, another day. Two truck drivers each driving a loaded log truck with pulpwood that had a large amount of overhang. They traveled together to deliver their loads to the same mill.

The weather was overcast clouds but visibility was good. It appears that the weather did not contribute to this accident.

As the traveled, the y kept in contact with each other by CB radio. The first driver would relay traffic information to the driver behind so they could avoid trouble/issues. They had traveled on a four-lane highway and as they approached the town, the lanes transitioned to a two-lane road. The first driver reported that as he slowed down because of a school bus, , he felt a sudden jolt to his truck followed by a loud crashing noise. He exited the cab quickly and went to the rear of the truck.

He saw the second truck had hit his truck. The driver was dead. He was, struck by logs that entered the cab. Too make matters even worst, this was his father that drove the second truck. He does not know why his dad failed to slow down.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Avoid following too close.**
- **Keep safe distances to avoid this type of accidents.**
- **Distractions remove precious seconds needed to react.**
- **Reduce speed as you enter construction zones or towns.**

Protecting the Truck Driver's Safety and Insurability

By Rick Meyer | FRA Appalachian & Southwide Regions Manager

There has been plenty of talk in our industry about the need to improve the safety performance and insurability of the drivers and the companies who haul forest products from the woods and woodyards. But what about improving the safety behavior of “the other driver”? Most studies show the other driver is at fault in two-thirds of crashes involving large trucks.

For relatively young/new drivers of passenger vehicles, FRA offers a 10-minute video that introduces defensive driving techniques for passenger-car drivers sharing the highway with heavy trucks. In the Company of Trucks – Be Seen, Be Alive (12-A-5) is a great resource for presenting a safe driving orientation for students in driver education programs or other groups of non-professional drivers.

The video opens with an advisory about the dangers of distracted driving and then, using excellent video footage, demonstrates to the driving public the importance of behaviors such as maintaining a safe following distance and being aware of a truck driver's blind spots when passing or approaching a heavy truck.

This video was developed by the Carolina Loggers Association, North Carolina Forestry Association, and the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety (THATS) Foundation in 2012 and is still relevant today. (Buy several copies and donate them to your local driver's education programs!)

In the Company of Trucks comes in DVD format and includes a one-page Discussion Leader's Guide. It is available to the public at \$10 apiece or \$5 each for orders of 10 copies or more. FRA membership is not required to obtain this price. Visit the following link to order:

<https://forestresources.org/resources/member-videos-cds/item/976-in-the-company-of-trucks-12-a->

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What about protecting the record of truck drivers who are being safe, but nevertheless find themselves caught up in a wreck that was the fault of the other driver?

Increasingly, log trucking businesses are installing dash cameras in commercial trucks. This involves attaching a small windshield camera (with a screen and SD card) to record the driver's view of the road during the truck's operation. Because the camera is an unbiased witness to what happens on the road, it

can be presented as evidence to prove to an insurance carrier that a driver was obeying the law and may not be at fault when the other party makes an insurance claim. This can also be helpful when addressing the issue of the driver who was not at fault being unfairly ticketed. Additionally, the

dash camera can motivate the driver to improve his attention to safety while on the road.

Although some drivers initially feel that the owner is spying on them, just one incident where the video overturns a driver's ticket and an expensive insurance claim usually brings them around. Dash cameras can save the insurance company from paying a false claim, keep trucking insurance costs down, and protect the driver's record—not to mention making the driver more safety-conscious. (See FRA Technical Release 15-R-1, Dash Cameras Can Improve Safety and Reduce Liability, for additional details on dash cameras.)

The In the Company of Trucks video and dash cameras are just two ideas to help improve the safety and insurance record in forest products industry trucking. What other ideas are out there?



Regular Meetings Help Harness The Power Of Clear Communication



September 11, 2017

From 'People Power' column in *Timber Harvesting* magazine

Written By: Wendy Farrand, Owner of WFarrand Consulting

"What's the big deal? You come to work, you get the wood out, and you go home."

Those were the exact words of an old-time logger I worked with who was totally perplexed about the need for regular meetings in the woods. Smaller crews may be able to skirt the regular meeting recommendation, but if you are a leader, and you are not holding regular structured meetings, your crew isn't as effective, productive or as safe as they could be, no matter what size it is.

I believe that with all my heart. Things may be flowing smoothly, but without the opportunity to regularly share, set expectations and hold people accountable, you will feel the impact somewhere down the road.

Strong, clear communication is key, and not just for communication's sake, but for the sake of a lot of other things as well, including safety, accountability, raising the bar, setting goals, motivation, team building, squelching negativity, and education.

As a leader, contractor or supervisor, it is your responsibility to bring your crews together on a regular basis to build a strong structure in which the wood can flow. Ideally, this is a structure of respect created by the professionalism that you demand from the professionals that work for you.

This isn't a day on the beach, and heading into the woods with extremely expensive equipment, in some of the most dangerous situations, is one of the most important jobs on the planet. I have heard the job of a logger compared to that of a brain surgeon where life and death decisions are made in just a second's notice. So, I ask, do you think a brain

surgeon heads into surgery without a formal meeting with his team to discuss the task they are about to tackle? You know the answer, then why should you?

Communication can open a lot of eyes, give different perspectives and head off problems before they turn into emergencies. I know this is true, for there isn't one logging contractor that I have worked with who hasn't seen the positive impact from holding regular crew meetings. If leaders don't hold themselves to the systems of accountability, how can you truly expect your employees to?

A Simple Agenda

Time is money, and so I suggest that regular meetings happen before the noise ordinances are lifted, or the sun rises. I am a big proponent of keeping the crew meeting agenda very simple while sticking to a strict meeting time. The simpler, the better, but with lots of room to share. I recommend this agenda to the loggers I work with:

- Last week
- This week
- Opportunities for improvement
- Employee forum

Just the fact that you are always looking to improve will create a structure for innovation or process refinement. You will find that once you start to honor the knowledge your crew has from working in the thick of it, they will offer ways to improve your overall operation—ways that you may not see from your vantage point.

I also suggest that if your harvest is third-party certified, that you add an educational piece to your agenda on a monthly basis, maybe opposite of your safety meeting. Educating your crew members on the standards that your company is held to while harvesting gives them additional ammunition when educating the public about the things they do in the forest to help improve the environment, and the world we all live in. Knowledge is power, and we all



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need to be educating the public regarding timber harvesting and the positive impact it has on our environment and economy. Everyone, not just the owners, but the crew members as well need to be sharing the truths that are happening in the woods. We are all responsible for promoting the good things we do in the woods and to help create a more positive image for our industry.

People like structure, even though they may not even know how much they do like it, but once you make meetings a regular occurrence, you will see an uptick in professionalism and a sense of caring about the company in general. When someone is task-oriented as opposed to results-oriented, there can be a lack of emotional attachment to the job and the company. Discussing the results of the week can create engagement by emphasizing the logger's involvement in the big picture of our industry. No, it isn't just about "getting the wood out" you are a link in a very important chain that feeds the world forest products. We can never forget to remind our loggers that they sacrifice daily to insure the people of the world get the forest products that they cannot live without.

Make sure that meetings are productive and positive, honoring your time, your crew members' time and the time of the company. The one thing that is worse than not holding a regular meeting is holding a regular meeting that everyone dreads. Dreading a meeting means the person in charge may have not put as much thought into it as he or she should have.

Create the agenda, look it over the night before, and try to keep the information interesting and engaging. Sprinkle in a bit of praise for those who are going above and beyond for the company. Share an anecdotal story that emphasizes a point. Make it interesting and the crew members will look forward to the meeting and sharing information. One warning: an employee forum can sometimes turn into a b!^%#fest, so nip it in the bud; stop it and redirect the crew from complaining to coming up with solutions to make things better.

Don't Give Up

If you have never held regular meetings before, you will find many loggers complaining as my coworker did when we first instituted regular

meetings. He was the biggest hater of meetings, thought I was absolutely out of my mind, and complained every time we held them.

One day, after he complained quite vocally in front of everyone, I followed him back to his chipper. "I would never begin to tell you what to do with your chipper," I huffed. "I would never try to tell you how to maintain or fix your chipper. No one on the planet knows as much about your chipper as you do, and I respect that. I respect the things that you know, that I do not, and I am asking you for that same respect."

From that day on, until I left the company, he respected my initiatives to improve communication and engagement, so much so, that after a couple of years when I was moving on to another position, he came up to me and said, "I owe you an apology." I looked like a deer in the headlights because I couldn't think of anything he needed to apologize for. "You were right about all that communication stuff," he said. I was so surprised and it warmed my heart that he said that. I think there was a little tear in each of our eyes. We hugged and I thanked him for acknowledging that.

When you know something is right, you owe it to your business to take advantage of that knowledge. It isn't easy, but every single initiative improves the professionalism of your company, of your employees and of your industry.

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Litigation Funders Are Awash in Cash

The Wall Street Journal

By Sara Randazzo

September 18, 2017



PROMISE OF SHARING IN LEGAL SETTLEMENTS LURES MORE INVESTORS; NEW \$500 MILLION FUND

Investors apparently can't get enough of financing U.S. litigation. Litigation funder Longford Capital Management LP was expected to announce Monday it closed a \$500 million fund that will be used to back corporate lawsuits in exchange for a cut of any eventual settlement or judgment.

Competing litigation-finance firms have raised and deployed hundreds of millions of dollars more in recent months. The industry has accelerated as investors, including pension funds, family offices and wealthy individuals, are increasingly drawn to a new asset that isn't tied to the broader markets.

The investments traditionally have funded plaintiffs in the corporate litigation, though funders have begun looking for more creative ways to support defense-side work as the industry has matured.

Longford said it attracted enough interest from investors to raise \$1 billion for the recently closed fund, its second, but decided to cap it at half that. The firm's first fund raised \$56.5 million.

Since its founding in late 2011, Longford has put \$137 million into 102 lawsuits. So far, 43 of those have settled or otherwise resolved and been "very successful for investors," said William Strong, Longford's chairman and managing director. He declined to discuss the exact rate of return.

Buford Capital, the biggest player in the industry, made \$488 million in new investments in the first half of 2017, the publicly traded firm said in July, up from \$200 million in the same period last year. Six-month profits-after-taxes were up 170%, to \$142.7 million, Buford said.

Lawsuits are idiosyncratic, often taking years to resolve, and the terms of litigation funding call for investors to lose everything if a case is unsuccessful. To help mitigate the risk, funders are increasingly packaging lawsuits into portfolios, which has also helped them deploy money faster. Longford said the size of its new fund would allow it to work with law firms to support portfolios of existing cases they are handling. Longford said it hoped to start backing litigation pursued by universities and government agencies, in addition to the corporate litigation it already is funding.

Its investors include Jeffrey Vinik, owner of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning and former manager of the \$50 billion Fidelity Magellan Fund, and Edward Liddy, former CEO of Allstate Corp.

LexShares, a three-year old funder that invests primarily in small to midsize commercial cases, recently announced it is raising \$25 million for its first fund focused on portfolio investments. The firm, which uses an online platform to pair cases with investors, said it has invested \$16.3 million in 40 cases so far. Of those, eight have ended favorably, and one case was lost – returning a median of 1.7 times the money put in – and the rest are pending, LexShares said.

To help it fund potential investments, LexShares has developed software that mines around 1,000 newly filed federal and state cases a day. The algorithm flags cases based on the law firm that filed the case, type of claims and creditworthiness of the defendant.

Litigation finance has largely moved past the initial skepticism it faced when it came onto the U.S. scene around a decade ago. Critics, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, say the influx of money is driving unnecessary lawsuits and that funders have too much influence over litigation outcomes. The funders contest both points.

While most deals continue to remain confidential, some law firms are becoming open to attaching their name to the practice. Woodsford Litigation Funding said in August it entered into a \$20 million

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financing arrangement with litigation firm Lewis Baach Kaufmann Middlemiss to fund future contingency-fee matters. Woodsford, founded in 2010 in the U.K., opened its first U.S. office in Philadelphia in July.

"The economics of litigation have changed a lot," said Eric Lewis, senior partner at Lewis Baach. Interest in financing litigation shows no sign of slowing.

"The amount of growth to take place is extraordinary," said Longford's Mr. Strong, who previously worked as a senior executive at Morgan Stanley. "It reminds of what private equity felt like in the late 1970's."

SCTPA Comments: Quite frankly the free enterprise system is at work based on this article. But quite frankly, this just is mind boggling as to how investors can ethically and morally invest in plaintiffs' attorneys lawsuit cases that proliferate the judicial landscape across this country. This type investment does nothing but to keep the plaintiffs' bar in business better than they were before. Just look at the television, look at the billboards and just hear the jargon being spouted by attorneys that if you have an accident... call me... I'll get you money whether it's your fault or not. The entire system is broken and needs correcting. Question is... how can it be corrected? More tort reform would help. But the judicial system of electing and appointing judges needs to be corrected as well. All in all, this article is a part of why commercial auto liability insurance premiums are escalating at the levels they have been and are continuing to escalate because the plaintiffs' bar is making the good guys look like bad guys when the good guys are not at fault.

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Master Logger Certification Committee Update

American Loggers Council
2017 Annual Meeting
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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.

No reports or comments from MLC approved states regarding any changes or updates and no new templates have been submitted since the summer board meeting in Alabama. States without an approved template are encouraged to submit one to the MLC Committee for review.

During the recently held Summer Board of Directors Meeting in Opelika, Alabama on July 29, members of the American Loggers Council voted to move forward with a proposal submitted by the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine and the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forests that would help to revitalize and promote the American Loggers Council Master Logger Certification© program.

The ALC's national Master Logger Certification© program template provides guidance for the seven areas of

responsibility that meet the performance standards of the program, but allows each state participant to tailor their program based on existing state regulations and forest practices acts.

The ALC Master Logger Certification© program is a true third-party certification system that verifies on the ground harvesting and business practices that can meet chain of custody requirements found in many of today's forest certification systems. Oversight of the program is through the ALC Master Logger Certification committee with individual states and regions implementing the program tailored to their needs.

Participation in the program remains voluntary, and states will be required to determine just how they implement the program, and what costs (if any) might be incurred.

Logger certification continues to gain importance within sustainable forest 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

September 7, 2017



Emergency quarantine imposed on invasive insect, ash wood and firewood

CLEMSON -- State officials have declared a statewide emergency quarantine for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive insect pest that inhabits and destroys native ash trees.

Under the quarantine, the Department of Plant Industry (DPI) at Clemson University will regulate the interstate movement of wood and wood products that serve as hosts to the small, metallic green, wood-boring beetle. South Carolina will be added to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's federal quarantine restricting the interstate shipment of all ash wood and wood products and all hardwood firewood.

The action follows a Friday, Sept. 29 public hearing in which land owners, timber industry professionals and state and federal officials gathered to discuss methods for dealing with the pest.

USDA detection traps revealed the insect in Spartanburg, Greenville and Oconee counties in August, marking the first discovery of EAB in South Carolina. The beetle, native to Asia, has now been detected in 31 states as well as Canada.

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EAB was first discovered in North America in Michigan in 2002. It was detected in neighboring North Carolina and Georgia in 2013.

"EAB has been gradually progressing across the Eastern United States for 15 years," said Steve Cole, director of Regulatory & Public Service Programs at Clemson. "At this point, the ecosystem is the greatest consideration. Quarantine will help us slow the spread of the insect to uninfected areas."

The emergency quarantine will be in place statewide until the legislature can address the issue, Cole said. It covers transportation out of state of the EAB itself as well as nursery stock, green lumber, and other material -- such as uncomposted chips -- of ash trees, the genus *Fraxinus*. It also applies to firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species.

Regulated articles may be moved into South Carolina without state or federally-issued certificates or compliance agreements provided that no other state or federal provisions prevent it.

"We knew it was going to get here eventually. We've had a few close calls in North Carolina a mile or two from the border, so we had developed a preliminary plan for dealing with it," said Steven Long, assistant director of Clemson's Department of Plant Industry. "Eradication is not possible, but some level of control is. We are pursuing potential methods of biocontrol. There are parasitic wasps that target EAB. There are systemic pesticides you can use on high-value trees. But the reason this pest spreads so fast is that it has no natural predators here."

The insect can fly up to 15 miles a year, an impressive feat for such a small bug, but it has spread so far largely with human help, said Tim Drake, state entomologist and a manager in Clemson's Department of Pesticide Regulation.

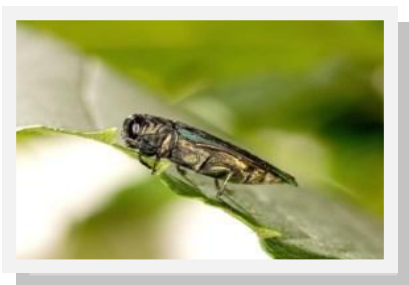
"They are good flyers. They can spread easily, especially through the transport of infected wood," Drake said. "I think it's our responsibility to help prevent the spread to the uninfected areas other states."

"EAB is moving fast -- a lot faster than the 15 miles a year that the insect can fly," David Jenkins, forest health program coordinator for the South Carolina Forestry Commission, said at the Sept. 29 public

hearing. "We have benefitted by seeing what it has done in other states. The quarantine will help protect the economic interests of people who have not yet been affected."

Emerald Ash Borer is a member of the Buprestid family of insects, sometimes called jewel beetles for their iridescent metallic green color. EAB larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, blocking the trees' ability to carry water and nutrients throughout their trunks and branches. They are responsible for the death or decline of hundreds of millions of ash trees since they arrived in North America.

Ash trees are important not only for their use as lumber and wood products, but also as an ornamental tree. EAB damage frequently takes several years to be readily apparent, Drake said, so it is likely that infestation already has occurred beyond the three South Carolina counties in



Emerald Ash Borer
Image Credit: USDA

which the EAB has appeared in traps.

White ash, the variety found in Upstate South Carolina, is known for its strength. It historically has been prized for making tools and tool handles. About half the nation's famous Louisville Slugger baseball bats are made from white ash.

Carolina Ash, green ash and pumpkin ash, which also thrive in parts of the Palmetto State, are targeted by EAB as well, said Don Hagan, a Clemson assistant professor of forestry and environmental conservation. Research shows the white fringetree, a popular ornamental tree in the same family as the ash tree, is also at risk, he said.

"We are not giving up on fighting EAB in South Carolina," Long said. "We have an ongoing survey to continue to document the pest's movement through the state, and agents of the Clemson Extension service will be able to provide treatment strategies."

More than 750 purple monitoring traps, which use chemicals to attract the adult EABs, hang in trees across the state.

Official information regarding the quarantine will be maintained and made publicly available soon on Clemson's invasive species Web site, clemson.edu/invasives.

Steven H. Long
Assistant Director
Plant Industry | State Plant Regulatory Official



Causes and Costs of Unused Logging Capacity Old Lessons Still True?

Excess, or unused, logging capacity still appears to be a source of cost and concern to the wood supply value chain in many regions of the United States. Since 2002, WSRI has done a number of studies that shed light on the factors that drive this inefficiency in the system. A review of the findings from WSRI's first research project on this subject suggests that there are actionable steps that progressive members of the wood supply value chain can take to improve what appears to be a pervasive source of frustration and lost economic opportunity.

Finding

- WSRI research documented that the wood supply system in the southern USA and Maine in 2002 did not utilize approximately 35% of its capacity. The cost of this unused capacity was estimated to be \$1.66 per ton equating to \$430 million per year in the southern USA alone. Conservative estimates of the amount that could be saved through targeted action ranged from \$130 to \$300 million.

Lessons Learned

- That kind of money should encourage ongoing attention to this source of system waste. Evidence that the situation is regionally as bad, if not worse, today is supported by assessments of both suppliers and consumers.

Take Action

- Stay focused on the fact that idle capacity in the logging business costs a lot of money and weakens the health of the system.

Finding

- "Market factors", primarily "wood order constraints" was the most common cause of unused capacity documented. Mill purchase

patterns, the stability of wood purchases by mills in each market area, and wood procurement practices and approach were referenced as being of special importance.

Lessons Learned

- Demand constraints are not necessarily the same as mill consumption. They can be driven by inventory management, the sophistication of the planning system, communications, and the degree of cooperation between supplier and consumer including whoever controls the stumpage. Applying statistical process control (SPC) techniques to inventory management is a well-documented strategy for establishing quotas that can be communicated, are reasonably dependable, and optimize supply system capacity.

Take Action

- Buffer the supply stream from shocks with sophisticated short, medium, and long-term supply plans. Use SPC to proactively manage inventory levels. Avoid knee jerk, short notice changes.

PHOTO OF BIG STACK OF WOOD

Finding

- Measures of mill usage consistency (UCR) and material purchase consistency (PCR) were developed and explained in the 2002 report. Mills where the ratio of PCR to UCR is high create a more predictable market for their wood than mills where the ratio is low.

Lessons Learned

- UCR and PCR are easy to calculate. Applied at the local level, they can be used to compare mills and set performance targets. They might also be used to evaluate the impact of usage and purchase patterns on supplier productivity.

Take Action

- Set targets specifically designed to improve capacity utilization and measure the performance of your system against them.

Finding

- "Preferred" supplier crews delivered more loads per week, missed less production, worked fewer days, delivered to more markets, and moved for

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undesirable reasons less often than non-preferred crews. They also reported the lowest and least variable costs per ton.

Lessons Learned

- Close relationships, good communications, good target-setting and good planning can positively impact capacity utilization. Supplier and logger are not always the same thing. The positive elements of a preferred supplier system have to make it to the logger level for capacity utilization to be enhanced.

Take Action

- Identify “preferred” suppliers based on performance metrics. Negotiate targets for production and consistency. Collaboratively measure, monitor, and review progress relative to the targets.

PHOTO OF EMPTY TRUCK / TRAILER

Finding

- Loggers who did not use contract hauling reported median costs that were 11% lower (although more variable) than those using contracting for some or all of their trucking. They also reported missing less production than their counterparts using contract trucking. However, an econometric analysis designed to examine production inefficiency that was part of the study found that contract hauling can bring some efficiency to the process.

Lessons Learned

- Crews that control their trucking tend to have more control over their business opportunities. The risk of missing production opportunities in a piece-rate business with uncertain weekly, and even daily demand is high pushing many operators to work with fixed fleets. The efficiency opportunities that may exist when trucking capacity is more flexible will require better cooperation and communications across the wood supply value chain.

Take Action

- Pay attention to anything that constrains trucking (mill turn-times, trucking/logging imbalances due to timber or mileage, etc.) and do what you can to minimize them. Find a local initiative addressing one of the many issues facing the trucking industry and participate.

The above findings all support a major conclusion of this and other WSRI capacity studies. It is that positive action to address wood supply value chain inefficiencies often requires collaboration between the parts of the chain. In fact, it is often the case that the lost opportunity being faced by one part of the chain is primarily under the control of another part. Individuals looking for value from WSRI reports need to start by asking themselves, “do I, or does the part of the chain I represent, have options when it comes to addressing the opportunity, regardless of where that opportunity lies?” Considering the findings of this logging capacity study, appropriate questions might be:

- Do I focus on logging capacity utilization? Do I accept that poor utilization of capacity is a cost to the system?
- Do I, or does the organization I represent, take action to minimize market constraints? What analytical, planning, and communications tools do we use to track capacity and dampen volatility? Do we use performance measures like UCR, PCR or other process control techniques that could help?
- Are we part of, or do we manage, a preferred supplier system? Do we negotiate sensible, economically sustainable production expectations, track what we negotiate, and make adjustments to meet the targets in smooth and reasonable ways?
- Do we work to facilitate hauling efficiency from the woods to the mill? Do we have reasonable turn-time targets and a plan to meet them? Are we engaged and active when it comes to addressing issues associated with trucking? Do our actions support or hinder trucking efficiency, safety and quality?

Where the honest answer to these questions is “no” or “not so much”, WSRI research shows that there is significant value being lost in your wood supply chain.

Go to WSRI.org for more information on factors that affect the wood supply value chain. Visit the Forest Resources Association website for information about Supplier-Consumer Workshops.

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SC Forestry Commission selects next State Forester

New agency head to assume office upon Gene Kodama's departure in January

COLUMBIA—Scott Phillips was named the next State Forester today at a special meeting of the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

Phillips, the Rural Forestry Programs Manager with the Commission, will take office when current State Forester Gene Kodama, who has the third-longest tenure of his predecessors, steps down Jan. 2, 2018.

"We had an excellent and far-reaching pool of candidates, internal and external," said Commission Chair Walt McPhail. "Scott is a top-notch forester who has both the technical knowledge and people skills to work with the diverse coalition of stakeholders we serve, the landowners growing our forests, the General Assembly, our natural resource partners and of course our statewide Forestry Commission team."

In his current role, Phillips oversees the agency's cost-share and technical assistance programs offered for private landowners. He received a bachelor's degree in forest resources from the University of Georgia, where he dual-majored in forestry and wildlife management. He earned a master's degree in forest resources from Clemson University, where he specialized in forest business. Phillips has served as the forest renewal program manager for the Commission since 2008.

The announcement concludes the recruitment and selection process that began in late June when Kodama announced his plans to depart the agency. A six-person selection subcommittee composed of four sitting commissioners, Kodama and former commissioner Ed Muckenfuss, updated the Commission on the selection process during today's meeting. The commissioners completed the process during the open portion of the meeting by voting for their candidate of choice.

Kodama said, "I'm confident that he will do a fine job as State Forester, and I look forward to helping him transition into the position."

Phillips assumes leadership of the Forestry Commission at an exciting time. In addition to celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, the agency recently unveiled the results of a widely publicized study that showed forestry contributes \$21 billion to the state's economy and continues to be one of the largest industries in the state.



Newly selected State Forester
Scott Phillips

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The mission of the South Carolina Forestry Commission is to protect, promote, enhance and nurture the forest lands of South Carolina in a manner consistent with achieving the greatest good for its citizens.



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FOR RELEASE - Immediately

The Resilient Federal Forests Act Passes U.S. House of Representatives with Bipartisan Support

November 3, 2017, Hemphill, TX—On November 1, 2017, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Resilient Federal Forests Act, H.R. 2396 with a bipartisan vote of 232-188 that included 10 Democrats joining the Republicans that favor federal forest management reforms and opportunities to assist rural communities with economic growth following a devastating 2017 fire season.

Congressman Bruce Westerman (R-AR), the only member of the House with a degree in Forestry, introduced the bill on June 20, 2017, and it has been working its way through the House until its final passage on the floor this past Wednesday. Members of the American Loggers Council (ALC) applaud the work that Congressman Westerman did to submit common sense measures that could assist the U.S. Forest Service in forest restoration projects that could lessen the severity of wildfires which have plagued the west this year as well as make them more resistant to insect and disease infestations.

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor stated, "There are many organizations that worked hard to gain the support needed to pass this important legislation over the past several years, and my hat's off to all of them for their time and commitment to make this a reality. However, our work is not done just yet, and the challenge will remain to see if we can get the Senate to act on this critical piece of legislation that would provide economic relief to rural communities directly impacted by catastrophic wildfires and insect and disease infestations by years of neglect stemming from current forest management policies."

The bill also included language which ALC board members Steve Sherich (Idaho) and Tim Christopherson (Idaho) first brought to the attention of the members of Congress in 2014. They first approached Congress-

man Raul Labrador (R-ID) with the belief that the sixteen and seventeen year-old sons and daughters of logging business owners should be allowed to legally work on their parents job sites under parental supervision, much as those in agricultural businesses are allowed to do. Later on, Idaho logger Mark Mahon appeared before members of Congress explaining how his own son had been denied the opportunity to assist on a project that he had been working on for the U.S. Forest Service because of his age.

Maine Logger Andy Irish serving on the ALC Board, and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine Executive Director Dana Doran were also able to secure a similar bill with Congressman Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) in late 2014, and both Poliquin and Labrador reintroduced the language in the spring of 2017, with bipartisan support. There is already bipartisan support for the measure over in the Senate with Senator Risch (R-ID) and Senator King (I-ME) cosponsoring a Senate version of the Bill, S. 694.

Members of the American Loggers Council thank the hard work of Congressmen Westerman, Labrador, Poliquin and their staff for not only supporting legislation that provides tools for expediting the restoration of our nation's forests, but also recognizing that there needs to be a next generation of forest workers if the work is going to be accomplished.

The American Loggers Council is the only national organization solely dedicated to representing the independent contract logger on the national level. We have the combined forces of independent contractors and state and regional logging associations, as well as our many sponsors around the country to impact our industry positively and proactively by sharing the benefits of education and training opportunities, networking, research, promotion and legislative coordination. The Council is committed to enhancing the logging profession, establishing a more level playing field for professional loggers and providing accurate information about the logging profession to the forest products companies, landowners and the public. It serves as a national network and communication center, linking local, state and regional organizations around the country.



19th SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA is excited about our 19th Annual Meeting to be held February 9 – 11, 2018 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard,

Myrtle Beach, SC.

Our 2017 meeting had a large attendance of over 400 people. We are excited to be returning to the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront for our 2018 venue.

Our meeting focus will look at issues in the Trucking and Wood Hauling. Our theme will be... *Trucking Is THE Challenge Now!*

Friday's schedule will be a board of directors meeting, afternoon registration and evening welcome reception with food and entertainment. Friday's Welcome Reception entertainment will feature the No Holds Barred Band-DJ-KJ Mix.

Saturday general session speakers will be Jimmie Locklear of *Team Safe Trucking* to update the committee's progress addressing driver training and trucking issues. Dustin Meierhofer, Director Transportation, of the British Columbia Forest Safety Council will address trucking issues and what needs to be done to sustain the log trucking segment and the successes he has seen in Canada. Attorney Rob Moseley of Smith Moore Leatherwood will present the Do's and Don'ts of what to do after a trucking accident.

We'll also hear at our Saturday luncheon from D. K. Knight, Editor and publisher of Hatton-Brown Publishers about the status of the timber harvesting and log trucking industries.

Saturday's association business session will feature the association's 2017 financials, Board of Directors elections, any bylaws changes, awards and presentations. We'll also have our prize drawings for the Honda Pioneer or ATV, Honda Generator and free stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Saturday evening is free to enjoy Myrtle Beach.

We'll have the gospel group His Way Mine for our Sunday Prayer Breakfast to bless us with Southern Gospel music and faithful testimony.

Our Silent Auction will be available with a variety of nice items for bidding. Please donate an item. The prize drawings and silent auction help the association financially.

Exhibitors will be inside the conference center with their products and services. Outside exhibits of equipment, trucks, etc. will be in the parking lots. And of course there will be plenty of door prizes. We'll draw a winner for a Very Special American Legacy Firearms Loggers Edition Henry Big Boy .44 MAG Brass Rifle engraved with logging scenes.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 10th are available for \$32 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. *That's a \$20 per ticket savings versus regular price.*

Contact the Hilton World Wide Reservations directly to make your room reservations. **SCTPA's room reservation code is... TIM.** Call Hilton World Wide Reservations at 1-800-770-6895. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort Myrtle Beach* when making reservations. Book online at <http://group.doubletree.com/SCTimberProducersAssociation>. SCTPA room block cut off is January 17, 2018. After January 17, 2018, standard room rates apply. SCTPA has no flexibility on this cut off date.

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees. Dress is business casual. We ask attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Go ahead now and block the dates to join us February 9 – 11 for our 19th Annual Membership Meeting. Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,

Crad

Crad Jaynes

Please Note: Sponsor / Exhibitor Packages will be mailed separately to Allied Supplier & Allied Supporters.



2018 SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA 2018 Annual Meeting will be February 9 – 11, 2018 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC.

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SCTPA room block rates cut off is January 17, 2018. After January 17, 2018, regular room rates will apply. SCTPA has no flexibility with this cut off. Hilton reservation cancellation policy applies.

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19TH SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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*!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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
 8:15 a.m. Speaker: Jimmie Locklear, Team Safe Trucking
 9:15 a.m. Speaker: Dustin Meierhofer, British Columbia Forest Safety Council
 10:25 a.m. Morning Break
 11:00 a.m. Speaker: Rob Moseley, Smith, Moore Leatherwood
 8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
 11:50 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: D.K. Knight, Hatton-Brown Publishers ... *"State of the Logging
 & Log Trucking Industries"*
 Business Session: President's Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections,
 Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
 2:50 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 11

8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *His Way Mine - Gospel Music Group*
 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

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

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING!

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February 9 - 11, 2018

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2017 LOGGER ACTIVIST AWARD NOMINATION

Nominations for SCTPA's **2017 Gene Collins Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2018 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 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, 2018. Thank you for your nomination and association support.

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2017 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominee Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ SC Zip _____

Contact Office _____ Home _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Nominated By _____ Date _____

Contact: Office _____ Cell _____

Describe nominee's activities: _____

Use Additional Pages If Needed

2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.
WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 10, 2018
WHERE: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront
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 2018 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 9 – 11, 2018 at Myrtle Beach's DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront 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 2018 Annual Meeting.

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

One Board of Directors Seat will need to be elected at our February 10, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board term for Seat 2 served by Billy McKinney, Highland Timber Co., LLC, Union, will expire December 31, 2017. Billy has retired from the logging business and is not eligible to run for re-election.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

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 association 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 at the end of February or early March.

Any member solely and directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2017, may be nominated for the upcoming seat. 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, 2018.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

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2018 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 2018 Annual Membership Meeting, February 9 - 11, at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 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.

Silent Auction Item

Donated Item Description _____

Item Value \$ _____.

Donated By _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____ Telephone (____)- _____

Silent Auction Financial Donation

** Financial Donation Toward Purchase of Silent Auction Item: \$ _____. **

** SCTPA will purchase Silent Auction items. Financial contributor will be designated for the item. **

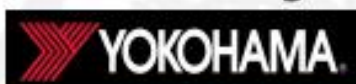
Please Mail or Fax To: SC Timber Producers Assoc. P.O. Box 811 Lexington, SC 29071

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...BREAKING NEWS...

After months of hard work, we have launched our new website. Members will now have access to their SLC invoices 24/7 with a member login! Amongst the new features are the "find the nearest station" to my location feature, an approved national tires and parts dealers with location info, fill out an application on-line and other features that will assist in the improved communication with our members. The SLC's founding "Cost-Cutting Mission" continues!



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Mark Your Calendar

November 2017

- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday. Eat Mo Turkey!!!
28 Newberry District Meeting, Farm Bureau Office, 7 p.m., Newberry

December 2017

- 14 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., SC Forestry Commission
Headquarters, Columbia
24 Christmas Eve... Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!!
25 Merry Christmas To All!!
31 New Year's Eve... Let's Watch The Ball Drop!!

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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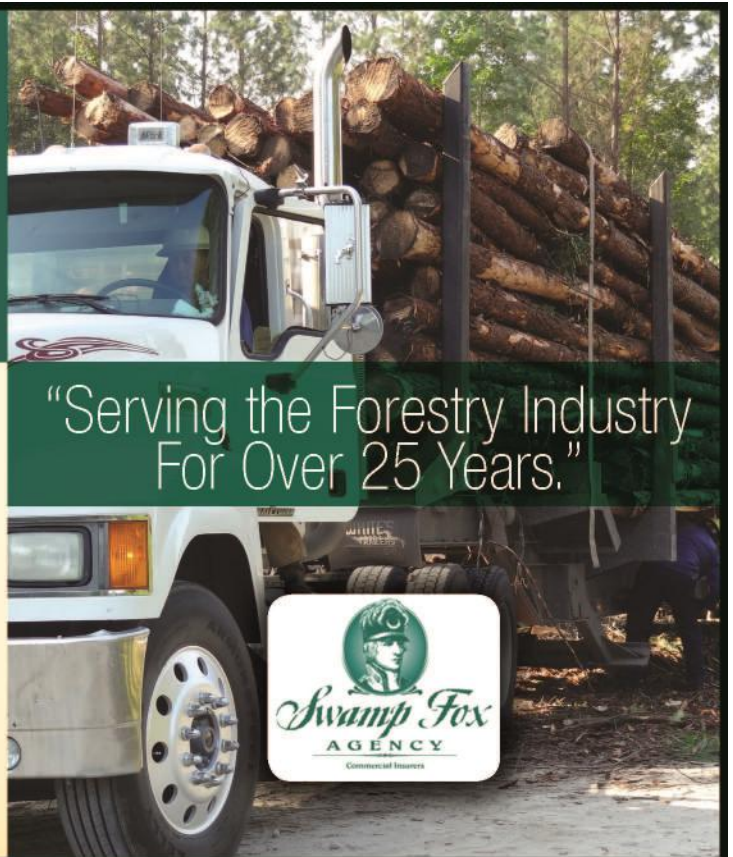
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Our Mission

The **Mission** of the *South Carolina Timber Producers Association* is to serve as the voice for timber harvesting and allied timber businesses to advance the ability of its members to professionally, ethically, efficiently, safely, environmentally and profitably harvest, produce and transport timber to meet the timber supply demands of our state by providing continuing educational and training opportunities, distributing timber harvesting, hauling, manufacturing and selling information, representing our members in national and statewide legislative activities, and aggressively promoting, supporting and conducting programs of state, regional and national advocacy.