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AS WE SEE IT ... OCTOBER 2020

GREETINGS ALL!

2020...Who knew, this is where we would be as a Nation when the year started?? The American Loggers Council has had to adjust to the many distancing requirements, meeting rules and so forth. There are some big changes in the works at the ALC and COVID 19 is putting tank traps in our road but we will work around them.

As the incoming President of the American Loggers Council, the first thing I'd like to do is to thank Shannon Jarvis for a great job along with Danny Druator for steering the ALC through this mess and keeping things working without any face to face meetings in 2020. Thank you to Shannon and Danny.

I started working at Dabco Inc., the family's logging business, when I was 15 1/2 years old, you know, before the Fair Labor Standards Act said we couldn't do that (hint - help us get the Future Careers in Logging Act passed

in Congress).

During summers and school breaks I could be found sweeping the shop, greasing the log trucks, busting tires (fixing flats) and helping the mechanics work on equipment. In 1985 my Cousin Rick and I bought out our parents and logged until we down sized in 2018. Now I primarily focus on log hauling at a time when it is getting more difficult to find qualified drivers (hint - help us get the Safe Routes Act passed through Congress).



The ALC continues to work on timber and timber related issues in Washington D.C., including the Logger Relief bill which is at the top of the list at this moment to try and financially assist those loggers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (hint - help us get the Logger Relief Act passed in Congress). This being an election year who knows where this bill will end up and the challenges our industry will face in 2021. GO VOTE!!! stay tuned??

In 2021 the ALC will be looking at trying to replace Danny Druator as our long time Executive Director. The Ex-

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Executive Board has been working on the transition plan to make this transition as smooth as possible in the next year and I plan on continuing those efforts with the Committee to make the transition as seamless as possible. As members, if you have any input on this subject, do not keep it a secret, let the Executive Committee know. ... Danny and Doris are ready to go fishing!

Along with this transition, there have been a lot of other changes in my almost 50 years working in timber. Why just yesterday, I fixed a log truck tire, greased said log truck and other maintenance items. In this industry you never stop learning new stuff...and you don't forget the old stuff you learned 50 years ago!

I have thrown a few hints at you as to what our agenda will look like in 2021 and look forward to serving you as your 27 President. I am honored to be representing you through the American Loggers Council. Loggers working for loggers, that's who we are.

Tim Christopherson is the co-owner of Dabco, Inc. based out of Kamiah, Idaho and serves as the President of the American Loggers Council and President of the Associated Logging Contractors, Inc. in Idaho. For the past several years he has walked the halls of Congress in Washington, DC with members of the American Loggers Council advocating for issues that would benefit the logging and log trucking profession.



2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Three Board of Directors Seats will need to be elected at our February 20, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board terms for Seat 1 served by Rickey Chapman, Chapman Timber, Inc., Newberry, Seat 3 served by Robby Crowder, Land & Timber, LLC, Greenwood and Seat 8 served by Joseph "Bo Bo" Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc., Hampton will expire December 31, 2020.

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 20, 2020.

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, 2020, may be nominated for any of the upcoming seats regardless if current board member has indicated running for re-election. 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 18, 2021.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

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ALC HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING: *Virtual Meeting Draws 50 Participants from Around the Country*



Hemphill, Texas (September 29, 2020) –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its 26th Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2020 via a virtual teleconference in which 50 members and supporters of the Council attended.

This is the first time that the ALC has held a “virtual” annual membership meeting, but lingering concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic called for the ALC leadership to make the decision to go virtual rather than risk potential health issues for the attendees.

The three hour meeting included the election of officers and regional delegates to lead the organization during the 2020-2021 period, with a motion being passed to have those officers and delegates to serve a two year term as the ALC positions itself for the arrival of a new Executive Director in 2021, making for a seamless transition during the two year period.

The Board of Directors elected Tim Christopherson, co-owner of DABCO, Inc. from Kamiah, Idaho to serve as President for the next two years and Andy Irish, Owner of Irish Family Logging from Peru, Maine to serve as the 1st Vice-President.

Other officers elected include Mike Albrecht, 2nd Vice President with Sierra Resource Management out of Sonora, California and Secretary/Treasurer Josh McAllister with McManus Timber from Winnfield, Louisiana.

Regional delegates elected include David Cupp with Walsh Timber out of Zwolle, Louisiana; Chuck Ames with SDR Logging out of Sebec, Maine; and Bruce Zuber with Zuber & Sons Logging from Wetterburn, Oregon.

A lot of the attention during the meeting was focused on the strategic plan for the American Loggers Council and the transition that will take place in 2021 when Danny Dructor, long- time Executive Vice President of the ALC retires and his replacement works his/her way into the organization.

President Jarvis appointed committee members to serve on the Executive Director Search committee and the Bylaws Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

In other business, the Governmental Relations Committee reported on progress made on the logger relief funding that the ALC and all of its State and Regional member organizations have worked on since mid-May to try and assist those logging and log hauling businesses that have seen a drop in revenue in 2020 as compared to 2019 due to loss of markets that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Membership, Communications and Wood Energy committee reports were also discussed.

Incoming ALC President Tim Christopherson wrapped up the meeting by expressing his thanks to Shannon Jarvis for a job well done during his term and stated that he looked forward to leading the organization through the transition that will be taking place while continuing the ongoing work of the American Loggers Council.



As We See It ...

By: Kevin Smith
American Loggers Council Communications

Having grown-up around loggers and worked in several different industries, I can undoubtedly say that the logging community is like no other. The culture in which logging is rooted has remained the same even when everything else in the world has seemingly changed. It is a unpretentious culture of perseverance, hard-work, and community.

This year has been particularly challenging. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on logger's profitability across the country. In Louisiana, it is estimated that production has dropped more than 30% from the beginning of March. Most logging companies are small, family-owned, and operate with high operational costs and low margins. A few months of diminished production has serious effects on their solvency.

As if Covid-19 did not cause enough financial ruin, back to back hurricanes ripped through Louisiana. Hurricanes Laura and Delta brought violent winds that wreaked havoc like we have never seen before. The total economic loss to the Louisiana timber industry because of the hurricanes exceeds well over \$1 billion.

In Winnfield Louisiana, where handshakes still mean something and so does taking care of your community. You find folks like the McManus Logging family, out using their own equipment and resources to clear the roads and debris from houses, even before the utility-workers could respond. "The damage was immeasurable. Trees decimated our infrastructure. Loggers were working 15+ hour days in 100+ temperatures. The national guard and linemen did a tremendous job,

but when it came to major stuff, they left it to the skilled cutters. I am so proud to be from the logging community in times like these," said Toni McManus McAillister, McManus Logging.



Loggers will never get the same recognition as the utility-workers and that is fine by them. That is not why they did it. Nobody asked them to help, they just did what they do – because that is who they are.

Now as we watch the wildfires incinerate the west, we see the same response. Loggers using their own assets to fight fires in forests that they were not even allowed to help manage. This genuine eagerness to selflessly help others seems to be a common occurrence with loggers, no matter the geography. Loggers embody the fabric of what it means to be a community. To be an American. To just simply be a good human being.

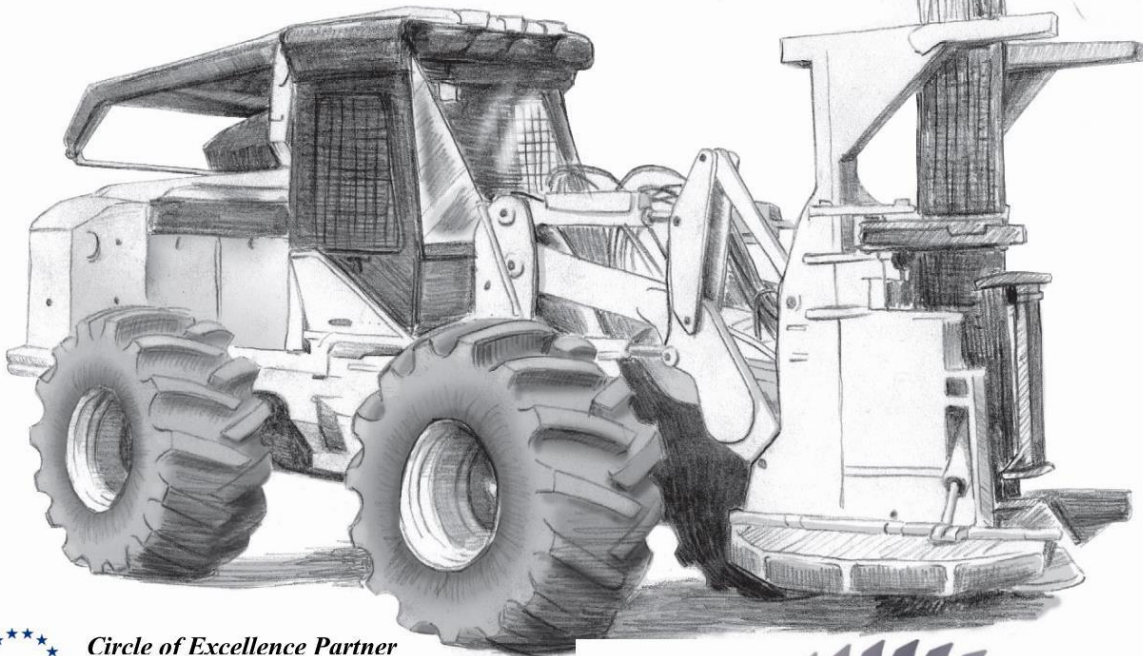
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 18, 2020

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

We are writing to request the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) assistance in helping to prevent American loggers and log haulers from falling through the gaps of the federal government's COVID-19 economic relief programs, which would threaten the livelihoods of countless hardworking forestry professionals. We believe that USDA is uniquely positioned to respond to the crisis facing so many loggers whose operations have been seriously harmed by the effects of the pandemic.

Loggers and log haulers are critical to America's forest products industry – which is a top-10 manufacturing industry in 45 U.S. states. Our nation's loggers and haulers harvest and transport the raw material that supports over \$283 billion in value-added wood and paper products – with a supply chain that includes nearly one million Americans earning over \$54 billion in combined payroll. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security deemed the forest products industry as part of the essential critical infrastructure workforce during the COVID-19 response. Given how vital this workforce is our economy, it is alarming that loggers in some regions have reported 40-50 percent losses this year due to COVID-19.

The negative impacts of the pandemic on the forest products industry began in late March and have steadily worsened. Initially, COVID-19 crashed lumber markets as housing starts ground to a halt. In the months since, paper mills across the country have shut down or drastically cut output. A recent analysis generated for the American Loggers Council shows that this year's decrease in raw wood material consumption has led to a \$1.83 billion reduction (or 13 percent loss) in the value of logger/trucker-delivered wood. The report found that consumption of raw wood material between January and July 2020 was down 6.7 percent (or 21.4 million tons) compared to the same period in 2019.

In Maine, mill closures and curtailments caused by the pandemic's ripple effects will lead to a 30 percent reduction in harvesting capacity and the layoff of nearly 1,000 people in harvesting and hauling. Over 11,000 truckloads of wood will not be delivered to a Maine mill in 2020. For an industry that is responsible for over \$620 million of direct economic impact in Maine each year, these disruptions will result in a direct loss of over \$186 million of economic activity. In North Carolina, the effects of COVID-19 have equally decimated the logging and hauling industry, resulting in multiple mill closures and causing a \$60-70 million loss to North Carolina's economy since the start of the pandemic. The industry has also suffered setbacks in Minnesota, with the Verso plants in Duluth now shut down and cutbacks occurring at other mills as well. Similar impacts to loggers and haulers are being seen in Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Texas.

Unfortunately, the federal programs that have been administered to help businesses cope with pandemic's impact do not work well for loggers and log haulers. Loggers and log haulers, for example, are not included in USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides price support for a limited list of

commodities. Notably, producers of maple syrup, wool, cut flowers, aloe leaves, and upland cotton have all been granted CFAP eligibility. To ensure that loggers and log haulers were afforded assistance similar to their counterparts in other natural resource-based industries such as farming and fishing, we are cosponsoring the *Loggers Relief Act* (S.4233). This bicameral, bipartisan bill would authorize USDA to provide direct support to loggers and log haulers who experienced at least a 10 percent loss in the first seven months of 2020 (as compared to 2019).

In light of the dire situation facing loggers and log haulers, we urge the Department to use its broad authority and funds already provided by Congress to immediately make financial assistance available to loggers and log haulers impacted by the pandemic. The *CARES Act* appropriated \$9.5 billion to USDA – which was leveraged with additional Commodity Credit Corporation funds for a total of \$16 billion – to “respond to coronavirus by providing support for agricultural producers impacted by coronavirus.”

According to current USDA interpretation, however, loggers and log haulers are ineligible to receive any of this relief – despite the fact that there is sufficient USDA precedent for including these individuals in the definition of “agricultural producer.” For example, USDA’s Value-Added Producer Grants define “agricultural producer” as “an individual or entity that produces as Agricultural Commodity [including timber and forestry products] through participation in the day-to-day labor, management, and field operations; or has the legal right to harvest an Agricultural Commodity.” This precedent could be applied to CFAP, similar to what the Department has done for other fiber producers, to ensure these businesses that are the backbone of the forest products industry can emerge from this crisis. We also implore you to identify any and all USDA funding sources, programs, and authorities that could be used to help stabilize these sectors.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to working with you to provide targeted relief to loggers and log haulers impacted by COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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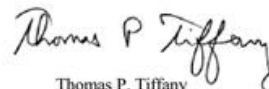

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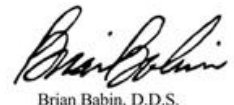

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CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY – 2020

The American Transportation Research Institute
October 2020



The year 2020 can unequivocally be described as the most chaotic and unpredictable time period in many decades. In the course of several months, the U.S. economy –the largest in the world –spiraled from new records in consumer sales growth, low unemployment, industry-favorable trade agreements, and a dramatically improved regulatory landscape... to a COVID-related economic slide paralleling the Great Depression, and all that comes with it.

Driven by “shelter-in-place” orders in all 50 states, this same year saw industry business models instantly recalibrated from onsite consumer sales to unparalleled e-commerce growth; huge food product shifts from restaurants to grocery stores; the newly created concept of “consumer hoarding,” and a temporary decline or elimination of several top industry issues from ATRI’s 2019 list. In a number of states, fatal crash rates skyrocketed, while fatality crash numbers plummeted –due to limited automobile usage, a dearth of traffic congestion and long, unfettered stretches of roadway. That same operating environment however, allowed trucks to move essential goods to stores, hospitals and fulfillment centers in record time. In many instances, the trucking industry benefited from both temporary COVID-related regulatory exemptions as well as permanent changes to rules such as the hours-of-service.

To add to the complexity, many underlying issues continued to press forward in 2020, including highly automated vehicles, vehicle electrification, under-funded infrastructure, and perennial international trade issues.

Finally, 2020 experienced many political and societal upheavals whose impacts will be felt for many years.

Through it all, the trucking industry survived, and in limited instances thrived, as a foundational component of both the macro U.S. economy and consumer demand on a micro level. As a leading indicator, recent trends in truck activity suggest that the U.S. has turned the corner on the COVID recession, but it is still not clear what and when a “return to normalcy” will occur –if ever.

Perhaps now more than ever, it is imperative that industry stakeholders understand the interplay of diverse issues in the trucking industry. For the past 16 years, the trucking industry has relied on the American Transportation Research Institute’s (ATRI) annual survey to quantify the trucking industry’s most critical issues as well as to identify preferred strategies for addressing each issue. Organizations such as the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and its Federation partners in the State Trucking Associations (STA) have leveraged ATRI’s Top Industry Issues report to develop proactive industry-centric strategies and programs.

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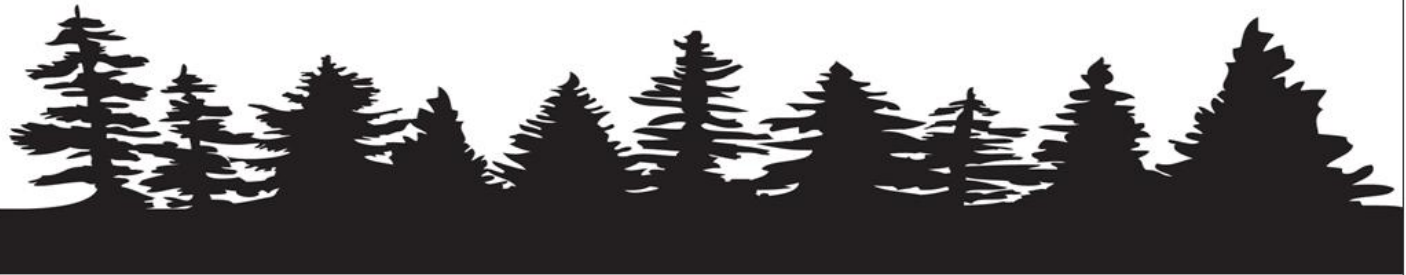


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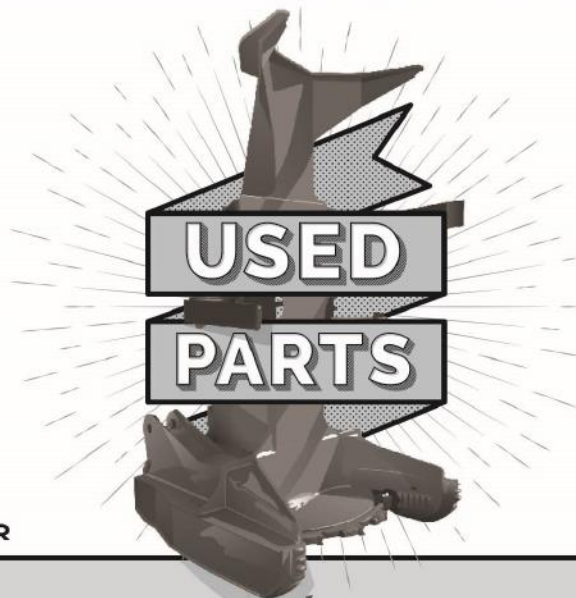
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Chris Dorsey, Contributor to Forbes,

October 22, 2020

One Conservation Organization Warns Aging Forests Could Spell Doom For Many Species

With forest fires raging across the West, there's been a renewed call to reexamine our nation's forest management policies. Nearly 46,000 wildfires have burned more than eight million acres thus far this year. Many of those fires have been in zones where millions of acres of dead trees stand in the aftermath of the great mountain pine beetle die-off of the last decade. This historic scourge has claimed more than 40 million acres of forests across Western North America, creating a tinderbox that is likely to lead to many record fire seasons to come.

Long before America was settled, however, lightning and the subsequent fire it caused was a natural part of forest ecology. Many plant and animal species evolved to depend on the fires to activate seeds and spur new growth that provided both food and shelter for birds and mammals. Two such birds are the ruffed grouse and the American woodcock, forest dwellers that depend on young, thick cover to sustain them.

"As our forests mature in the absence of natural disturbances like fire," says Dr. Ben Jones, President and CEO of the 60-year old Ruffed Grouse Society, "it's becoming more difficult for these birds and many other species—including several that are endangered—to make a living. These birds are keystone species telling us that the forests are changing...and not

for the better."

What this 15,000-member organization, comprised mostly of devout bird hunters, is up against is the common perception that cutting trees is bad for the environment.

"Humans have eliminated many natural factors that rejuvenate forests; beavers seen as a nuisance, fires snuffed out, storms more likely to impact human developments than initiate new forest growth and the like. To keep our forests healthy, we now have to emulate natural disturbances through forest management. People often equate the destruction of the Amazon rainforest or logging of old growth redwoods with all forests," says Jones, "but when it comes to many of the timberlands of North America, cutting trees is not only good for forest renewal, it's beneficial to many species of wildlife from deer, turkeys and grouse to myri-

ad neo-tropical birds, butterflies, and other animals. This is to say nothing of mitigating the impacts of invasive pests, disease and forest fires."

The mixed hardwood forests of the upper Midwest, Appalachians and New Eng-

land are prime habitat for both ruffed grouse and woodcock and these species, along with many others, benefit from regular timber harvests that create forest patches of various ages—some young and thick with many new stems and others more mature with larger trees and less underbrush. Trees in various stages are needed for grouse and woodcock to flourish in these regions.

"The timber cutting effectively replaces what fires once did," says Jones. "These birds and other wildlife need stands of mixed aged trees in close proximity to one another to thrive."

With changes in forest product markets

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caused by paper recycling, trade policies and other factors, however, there has been less timber cut and the result has been wildlife declines across the range of grouse and woodcock. In 18 of the states where grouse and woodcock are found, the birds are now listed as species of concern because their numbers continue to decline as a result of the loss of the new-growth habitat they need to survive.

For Jones and the Ruffed Grouse Society (and its sister organization the American Woodcock Society), changing times have called for a new approach to helping these woodland bird species. By working with legislators, community leaders and the forest products industry to help open up new markets for pulp, particle board and other wood products, the organization sees opportunity across many rural communities for improved forest health, economic development, fire mitigation and sustainable habitat for their beloved birds and other species.

"We have to look at how we can have the greatest impact for these species in the shortest amount of time at the least cost," says Jones. "Essentially, we need to work with many other

private and public groups to be a catalyst that can make a real difference for the future of grouse and woodcock...and all those who win when these birds have a bright future."

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WARNING - SCDOT LOAD RATING BRIDGES



The SC Department of Transportation is underway with an aggressive bridge load rating program for all SC bridges. This bridge load rating effort is due to a federally mandated directive for all states to load rate bridges.

SCTPA has been in discussions with David Cook, SCDOT Director of State Maintenance, about the effort. Many bridges across the state will most likely have the reduced load rates due to the condition, age and location of many bridges. David mentioned this load rating reduction could impact over a thousand bridges across the state.

David indicated SCDOT have been aggressively working to improve and rebuild many bridges already. He said the bridge improvement efforts were moving along well. Before the federal mandate, SCDOT already had prioritized bridges for improvements and/or rebuilds.

Two issues creating this load rating effort are the age and structural condition of our state's bridges. Bridges are classified as to where the bridge is located, i.e. major highway, secondary road, rural road, etc. and according to the size and construction of the bridge.

In SC, many bridges have been load rate downgraded already due to age and structural integrity. One bridge class that will be hit hard for weight reduction is the H-10 class bridge. H-10 bridges are the ones mainly located on secondary (farm to market) roads built with sectional concrete slab tops and timber pilings. Most of these H-10 bridges in use now were built back in the early 1960's. Many are short distance bridges crossing streams, gullies and other water bodies.



The H-10 class is probably the most crossed bridges for the unmanufactured forest products trucking segment traveling from timber harvesting operations to markets. SCTPA has discussed the load rating effort with SCDOT and how this will impact our trucking segment. Not only will the reduced load rating impact the trucking of timber to markets, but also impact the movement of logging equipment from tract to tract.

SCDOT's David Cook indicated to SCTPA that the he would be meeting with various trucking segments to present and discuss the load rating efforts. He indicated how he understood what the impact would be to the timber trucking and logging segments. SCDOT and SCTPA will discuss ways to approach situations like, "a tract is to be logged, but is bridge locked."

SCDOT's bridge load rating effort will create a logistical and problematic challenge for our timber trucking and forestry industry as well as other trucking segments. SCTPA will continue discussions with SCDOT regarding the bridge load rating.



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RE: SCOTT DANE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL

President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate and Appoint Individuals to Key Administration Posts

Scott Dane, Executive Director, Associated Contract Loggers & Truckers of Minnesota has been selected for an appointment to the President's Export Council. The President's Export Council serves as the principle national advisory committee on international trade. The Council advises the President of government policies and programs that affect U.S. trade performance; promotes export expansion; and provides a forum for discussing and resolving trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agriculture, labor and government sectors. This unique opportunity will bring the American timber and forest products industry's voice to the table when trade policies are discussed, considered and implemented.

"It is a distinct honor and privilege to have been selected for an appointment to the President's Export Council. I do not pretend to bring a CEO perspective to the Council, but the boots on the ground perspective of the loggers, truckers and forest products workers. These individuals / jobs have been impacted by prior trade policy and agreements, often with negative consequences to the U.S. timber industry. This is another example of President Trump recognizing the forgotten, unheard American worker and giving them a seat at the table. I look forward to supporting and promoting President Trump's America First economic agenda and ensuring that America's timber and forest products industry is part of it." said Scott Dane.

The American timber and forest products industry represents a \$200 billion economic impact to the U.S. economy and employs approximately one million workers, making this sector one of the most significant employers in U.S. manufacturing. Additionally, sustainable forest management ensures America's forests remain healthy, creates rural jobs, reduces wildfire hazards, provides essential products and contributes to the energy independence of the U.S.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/president-donald-j-trump-announces-intent-nominate-appoint-individuals-key-administration-posts-092820/>



THANKS FROM SC TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

By Crad Jaynes, SCTPA President

Year 2020... WOW! What a year everyone has endured with the COVID-19 pandemic, elections, economic challenges, social distancing, virtual everything and on and on and on. As we wind down the year after enduring so much, let's hope and pray next year will bring back some sense of normalcy to our daily lives.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their SCTPA member dues in 2020. Your support has made it possible for the association to continue to operate. It's been economically challenging for everyone in the timber harvesting business this year. So thanks to all who renewed. If you haven't renewed your dues in 2020, you are encouraged to do so. Plus, if you know of someone who is not a member, please recommend they join. We still have member programs available such as the Baldwin Filter member discount program, Verizon Fleet Connect program for GPS and on-board cameras. Thanks for everyone's support.

As for SCTPA's work, efforts have continued in many issue areas here in state and in Washington, DC. We continued and are still continuing to work to promote and support the American Loggers Council Logger and Log Hauler Relief effort in Washington, DC for the next COVID-19 Stimulus package. The next Stimulus Package is still in a stalemate between the U.S. Senate and U.S. House. Will the next package be presented, anyone's guess is as good as mine. But until a time when there is no Logger Relief going to happen, we'll continue to stay in touch with our SC U.S.

House and Senate contacts

Just recently, I got a call from a board member about an issue in Bishopville with road signage. One of their drivers reported signage that read "Through Trucks Prohibited" to pass through downtown Bishopville on Hwy 34 and Hwy 341. SCTPA contacted SCDOT's David Cook, Director of State Maintenance, to see if new signs had been placed. According to David after he checked, no signs had been placed. According to a local source the town council had been

looking at an ordinance for no through truck traffic, but had not enacted any such ordinance.

So SCTPA traveled to Bishopville to see firsthand what the problem was. Come to find out, for two roads that turn off of 341, both of those roads are closed to through truck traffic. The two signs at

each road did make it appear that through trucks were prohibited into town. The signs positioning was not good. So SCDOT's David Cook was re-contacted and he indicated SCDOT would change the signs to have arrows pointing down the two roads along with the no through trucks wording and reposition the signs to not give the appearance of meaning highway 341 and 34 through town. Issue was been resolved and thanks to SCDOT for their assistance.

Prior to the elections, I attended a luncheon for SC Congressman Jeff Duncan hosted by Log Creek Timber Company in Edgefield. Jeff spoke about the upcoming elections and issues in DC. I was able to speak to the Congressman regarding the Logger Relief efforts and he said he would support it.

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I have been meeting with Cam Crawford and Guy Sabin at the Forestry Association of SC to keep us informed on issues impacting forestry, timber harvesting and timber trucking. I and Cam are still waiting to hear from SCDOT regarding the implementation of the 90,000 pound GVW pilot permit program for trucking unmanufactured forest products from logging sites to receiving markets on state roads only. However, as long as SC Governor McMaster continues to issue Executive Orders that allows continuation of the 90,000 pound GVW under the Executive Orders, then there might not be any movement on the pilot program as long as emergency orders are in place.

Our 2021 Annual Meeting will be held February 19 – 21 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach. Registration, sponsor and exhibitor packages have been sent. Already responses have

been received for registrations and sponsorships. Our speakers will be SC Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, SC State Forester Scott Phillips and Cam Crawford, Forestry Association of SC. We have our Friday evening Welcome Reception with a DJ and Karaoke and yes... there'll be a dance floor... with social distancing in place. Our Sunday Prayer Breakfast will be headlined by Port City Quartet singing their gospel music. The Timber Operations Professional 2021 Update for SFI Trained status will be presented on Saturday afternoon. Safety measures and safety protocols will be in place. So mark the dates and come join us for our 2021 Annual Meeting.

SCTPA will continue its work for our timber harvesting businesses.



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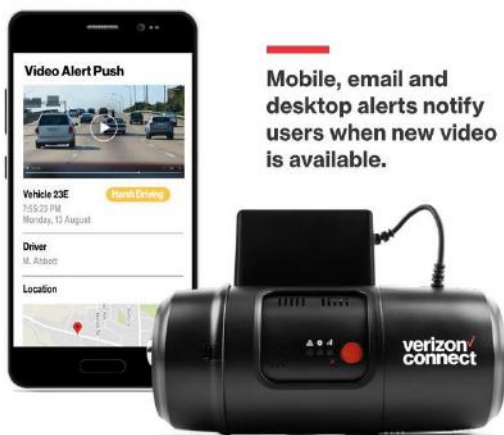
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HOW A 'HILLBILLY BRIGADE' SAVED AN OREGON TOWN FROM RAGING WILDFIRES

By Brad Brooks

MOLALLA, Ore. (Reuters) - Nicole West steered her bulldozer through the smoldering forest, pushing logs into the underbrush and away from the wild-fires ripping through Oregon's Cascade Mountains. Her border collie, Oink, rode shotgun as West and a volunteer crew raced to clear a fire line.

Behind West, on the front lines of the 136,000-acre (55,000-hectare) Riverside fire, two young men pulled a water tank behind their pickup truck, struggling to douse the flames.

These are the men and women of the "Hillbilly Brigade" - about 1,200 in all who came together this past week to fight the state's biggest fire in a century. They are credited with saving the mountain hamlet of Molalla, an hour's drive south of Portland, after its 9,000 residents were forced to evacuate.

In a year when ferocious wildfires have killed at least 34 people and burned millions of acres in Oregon, Washington and California, the brigade has pulled off a miracle in the thick forests around Molalla in recent days, residents and fire officials say.

They organized and deployed themselves with little or no help from a small and overwhelmed local fire department - which focused on protecting the town center - or from state and federal agencies that were deployed elsewhere.

"We were left on our own to stop this," said West, a 36-year-old ranch hand, as she briefly paused her dozer late Wednesday afternoon. "There wasn't anybody coming from the state to save us. So we had to save ourselves."

Mike Penunuri, fire marshal for the Molalla fire district, which has just 13 firefighters and 33 volunteers, called the massive ad-hoc effort "amazing." Penunuri's crews spent the past week hosing down flames that lapped at the town's edge and battling back fires around farm houses.

The Hillbilly Brigade "improvised and turned their pickups into fire engines on the fly," he said. "They put stock tanks in the beds and used pumps to put out hot spots. These are just regular guys from the area. They are not trained."



Nicole West, part of the Hillbilly Brigade of some 1,200 men and women who spontaneously came together to fight fires, works on a bulldozer during the aftermath of the Riverside Fire near Molalla, Oregon, September 16. Picture taken September 16, 2020. REUTERS / Shannon Stapleton

'I'M JUST THAT GUY'

Residents of Molalla went to sleep on Labor Day thinking it was safe from the wildfires, but unusual wind gusts stunned forecasters and officials and pushed the fire north at a rapid clip. In the early morning hours of Sept. 8, it looked like Molalla would be engulfed in flames, just as towns in southern Oregon had been.

The brigade formed quickly, amassing people who knew one another well and knew the difficult terrain all around them better than any outsider. They were lumberjacks and dairy farmers, friends and neighbors, cobbling together rudimentary equipment.

On Sept. 8, Terry Price heard a neighbor banging at his door at 1 a.m., warning of fast-approaching fires about 4 miles (6 km) south of Molalla on the Missouri Ridge. The Riverside fire was barreling down a valley toward his place as the Beachie Creek fire approached from the southwest.

In that moment, the 59-year-old Price, a salty and assertive man, became the de facto Hillbilly Brigade leader in this section of the county, neighbors said.

"I dole things out for the boys to do," Price said. "I'm just that guy. It's what I've always done."

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The brigade filled a vacuum left by the absence of any government help, he said. The fires raging across Oregon have depleted the state's resources to battle the unprecedented blazes.

"I was in horrible disbelief that nobody showed up," he said.

The Oregon Department of Forestry said it was overwhelmed trying to fight fires across the state. Its district near Molalla has just 26 firefighters and not near enough equipment to respond to the massive fires in the region, said spokeswoman Joy Krawczyk.

"We cannot be everywhere at once, as painful as that is," she said. "As first responders, it's heart-breaking to us that people on the ground felt abandoned."

Governor Kate Brown saluted the ad-hoc brigades of Molalla at a news conference on Thursday, saying fire commanders had acknowledged the "real heroes" as being the "local community members, the majority of them volunteers, who worked tirelessly to save their community."

'THEM AND A SHOVEL'

Price and other landowners quickly realized they needed to save themselves and started calling one another. Within a couple of hours, Price's driveway became the headquarters for his area.

"It seemed like about everybody dropped everything and showed up by dawn," Price said. "Even if it was just them and a shovel. They came to help."

Dairy farmers brought water trucks that they normally use for their cattle. Loggers had smaller water tankers.

Price said the crew on Missouri Ridge had no access to water. So he set about ripping 20-foot-wide (6.1 m) fire lines in the forest with a bulldozer, which itself caught on fire at times as the trees blazed around him.

Price's 30-year-old son, Breck, guided him around massive tree trunks as he pushed forward. For two straight days, he cut through the earth - and kept the fire at bay about 100 yards (91 m) from his house.

The sky was black and purple. The wind drove the firestorm directly toward his house. Price had never seen anything like it. "It's beyond scary," he said.

EASY COMMUNICATION

On Wednesday, Matt Meyers, a 41-year-old power company employee, emerged from the fire's haze on a mountainous patch called Elk Prairie. He had a

chainsaw on his shoulder and a week's worth of grime caked to his face.

Meyers and his crew were on their ninth straight day of battling blazes for more than 20 hours a day. He explained that he was acting as a type of scout, pushing ahead into the forest ahead of the dozers. He cut down "snags" - dead trees that could quickly fall onto the machinery and drivers - and blazed the initial trails into the forest.

The operation thrived on close and long-standing relationships, he said.

"I'm up here fighting these fires with people I've known my whole life," Meyers said. "Communication was easy: We could just stand at the tailgate of a truck and say: 'Steve, do you remember where Brian killed his first buck? You take your crew there.'"

The result was a victory - for now - over what had seemed like an overwhelming threat. The Beachie Creek and Riverside fires are not yet contained, leaving residents on edge. But many are optimistic that the miles of fire lines the brigade cut through the forest will provide a buffer if the winds blow the flames back their way.

"I think we saved the damn town, to put it bluntly," Meyers said. "I'm a humble man, but I feel comfortable saying that."

Asked what it meant to him to see his community come together to save itself, Meyers said: "If I had not sweated out all my water, I think I would cry just thinking about that."

Reporting by Brad Brooks; Additional reporting by Shannon Stapleton; Editing by Bill Tarrant and Brian Thevenot



Matt Meyers, part of the Hillbilly Brigade of some 1,200 men and women who spontaneously came together to fight fires, walks through a forest with his chainsaw during the aftermath of the Riverside Fire near Molalla, Oregon, Sept. 16. Picture taken September 16, 2020. REUTERS / Shannon Stapleton

Don't Overlook America's Loggers

By Danny Dructor, American Loggers Council
October 21, 2020



The backdrop for President Trump's visit to Duluth, Minnesota, last week featured two powerful American symbols. Air Force One, a symbol of American leadership and strength, and three loaded logging trucks, personifying one of the nation's most important agricultural products and the many hard-working small-business owners that make up the logging industry.

The forest products and logging sector was deemed critical during the COVID pandemic as the nation continued to rely on sustainably harvested timber to produce everything from home building materials to toilet paper. Logging has a rich American history going back to building the original settlements, ship building, and the expansion of railroads. Today it is no less important, with countless commodities produced from forest products used in every home and office.

Unfortunately, for many logging companies, the COVID pandemic has taken a heavy toll. Lumber and paper mills across the country have reduced or ceased production in response to drops in demand. The closure of major paper mills in Wisconsin Rapids and Duluth, Minnesota, are among the most devastating regional examples. Nationwide production curtailments have led to lower prices for log delivery to mills. Logging companies are generally small, family-owned businesses that have high operating costs and are more susceptible to prolonged periods of economic decline. Many are in danger of permanent closure. That means when the economy recovers, there simply will not be as many loggers to do the work and respond to demand. Consequently, consumer costs will rise dramatically across the nation.

Virtually all raw material delivered to mills by loggers and truckers have experienced price drops greater than 5 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. A 6.7 percent (21.4 million tons) reduction in nation-wide wood consumption has reduced wood prices and generated a \$1.83 billion (-13.0 percent) loss in revenue.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was intended to provide much-needed relief to businesses struggling to survive during this economic shutdown, and for most industries the stimulus was very helpful. However, CARES Act programs like the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) are limited to a percentage of actual payroll and don't take into consideration fixed

costs, such as monthly payments on expensive equipment that many in the logging industry are faced with. These fixed costs are like a mortgage — they must be paid whether a person is working or not. Loggers in some regions are experiencing 40 percent losses, making it impossible to keep up with overhead costs.

Logging is categorized as an agriculture product by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), but when it comes to providing assistance it is not given the same consideration as other products by the agency. Congress authorized \$9.5 billion to support agricultural producers affected by COVID. In May, USDA launched the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program in the CARES Act for a limited number of commodities. In July, it expanded the program for additional commodities. Timber and logs were not included. This Fall USDA created CFAP-2 which allocates additional funds to agricultural producers impacted in the second two quarters of 2020. This now includes Christmas trees that have yet to be harvested this year, ornamental fish and tobacco -- but not commercial timber harvest.

Six U.S. Senators -- including Susan Collins (R-ME), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Tina Smith (D-MN) -- have urged the USDA to provide financial assistance to American loggers and log haulers who have experienced serious financial strain due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue, the senators stated that, "Loggers and log haulers are critical to America's forest products industry -- which is a top-10 manufacturing industry in 45 U.S. states. Our nation's loggers and haulers harvest and transport the raw material that supports over \$283 billion in value-added wood and paper products -- with a supply chain that includes nearly one million Americans earning over \$54 billion in combined payroll. In light of the dire situation facing loggers and log haulers, we urge the Department to use its broad authority and funds already provided by Congress to immediately make financial assistance available to loggers and log haulers impacted by the pandemic."

These U.S. Senators are right: the logging and forest products industry needs a lifeline like other similarly situated agricultural producers. President Trump has been an ally of hardworking blue-collar workers in our forests, mines, and factories. He understands how critical these jobs are. He also knows the important role logging plays in manufacturing, trade, and wildfire mitigation. Hopefully USDA will be able to find a way to include logging in CARES funds that have already been allocated so logging can continue to remain an American symbol of greatness.

This Opinion-Editorial appeared on the Townhall internet site <https://townhall.com>.

New FMCSA South Carolina Division State Program Specialist

By David M. West, Division Administrator U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Southern Service Center, South Carolina Division, Columbia, SC

Please join me and the FMCSA South Carolina Division of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in welcoming Mr. Leroy Taylor, who has accepted the position of State Program Specialist. Colonel Leroy Taylor has retired from the State of South Carolina with more than 32 years of service to the law enforcement profession. Retired Colonel Leroy Taylor is formerly Deputy Director to the South Carolina Department of Public (SCDPS). In his role as Colonel, he was tasked with commanding the state's commercial motor vehicle enforcement unit, a division designated by the Governor to be the state's lead Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) agency.

In his role as Deputy Director, he shared responsibility of ensuring continuity between the state's largest uniformed law enforcement agency. Prior to his appointment to Colonel in February 2012, he served the South Carolina Highway Patrol for more than 24 years and rose to the rank of Major, commanding field enforcement operations.

Retired Colonel Taylor has been in an executive leadership role for more than 14 years in various capacities. He is classified as a Certified Public Manager. He is a graduate of the North Carolina State University Administrative Officer's Management Program. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary.

In 2012, Taylor implemented the first State Transport Police Community Relations Officer (CRO) program. In 2013, he successfully started the concept of a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Fair. He also started the concept of Industry Days, a quarterly partnership/ outreach initiative held at the state's Weigh/Inspection sites. He is founder of the DRIVE

To Zero Program, an outreach program designed to change bad driving behavior, and bring awareness to the dangers of driving distracted or impaired around large truck and buses. In May of 2018, he successfully started the first S.C State Transport Police Junior Academy.

He served as member and chair on numbers committees and working groups. To name a few, he served on the State's Grievance's Committee for six years (2009-2015). He was nominated by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator Scott Darling and appointed by US Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Fox in March 2016, to serve on the National Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Formula (MCSAP) Working Group.

In 2019, he was nominated and selected by US Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to serve a two-year term on the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC). Until his retirement, he served as chair on the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) Policy and Regulatory Affairs Committee. He served as chair for the S.C Operation Life Saver Board of Directors. He represented the Governor's Office on the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). He served on the State Human Resource Training Advisory Committee.

In 2016 he was awarded the Chief LaMunyon Leadership Award by the South Carolina division of Special Olympics, Law Enforcement Torch Run. During his tenure as Colonel, under his leadership the State Transport Police raised more than \$525,000 for the Special Olympics of South Carolina.

Retired Colonel Taylor and his wife Melinda, have three sons Kendall, Tyson, Aidan and a daughter Jiya. They reside in the midlands area of South Carolina.

We welcome Leroy to the South Carolina Division and he will assume his new role effective September 27, 2020 with a report date of September 28.

As the State Program Specialist, Mr. Taylor will be your primary point of contact at leroy.taylor@dot.gov for state and industry matters.



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**SC Coalition for Lawsuit Reform
Announces Change in Leadership**

Otis Rawl to Take Over as Executive Director



COLUMBIA, SC – The South Carolina Coalition for Lawsuit Reform today announced that Otis Rawl, one of the original founders of the Coalition and former President and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will take over for Earl Hunter as its new executive director. Most recently, Rawl was the President and CEO of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and retired in August.

Earl Hunter has served as the Coalition's Execu-

tive Director since 2012 and has taken a position with the consulting firm, The Southern Group.

"South Carolina has long been known as a great place for business, but changes are needed to address the growing number of court cases that target job creation and put small businesses in jeopardy," said Otis Rawl. "The Coalition will continue to lead the effort to improve South Carolina's ranking on our legal climate through research, advocacy and helping elect legislators who understand the importance of the issue."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my work leading the Coalition over the last eight years," said Earl Hunter. "The work is very important for our state and our business climate. I have no doubt Otis will do a great job."

The South Carolina Coalition for Lawsuit Reform serves as the united voice for the business community on tort and workers' compensation issues; coordinating lobbying, legal, grassroots and public relations activities. For more information, visit www.sclawsuitreform.org.

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.

WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 20, 2021

**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 2021 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 19 – 21, 2021 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 2021 Annual Meeting.



State Top Industry Issues Report 2020

South Carolina

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1. Driver Shortage

- Advocate for Congress and federal agencies to develop a national apprenticeship program to attract, train and retain safe 18-20 year old interstate drivers to the industry.
- Identify unique requirements and issues associated with expanded driver recruitment of women and minorities.
- Quantify the impact of state Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) delays on new driver credentialing for both Commercial Learner's Permits (CLP) and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) testing.

2. Tort Reform

- Advocate for elimination of "phantom" damages.
- Advocate for reasonable limits on non-economic damages.
- Research conceptual verdict reductions if negligence and financial liability were equitable in tort law.

3. Driver Distraction

- Encourage harsher penalties and more aggressive enforcement of distracted driving violations for drivers of all vehicle types.
- Recognizing the growing role of automated technologies, identify solutions that support safe technology usage in the truck cab.
- Advocate for national standards for distracted driving laws for all motorists.

4. CSA

- Encourage FMCSA to regularly review and evaluate the list of crash types available for reclassification as non-preventable.
- Work with FMCSA to update its carrier prioritization methodology, improve its accuracy, and enhance transparency, as it moves to fully implement an Item Response Theory methodology into the current SMS.

5. Driver Retention

- Evaluate the impact of truck driver benefits, including health insurance and retirement benefits, on driver retention.
- Research and prioritize retention strategies, based on driver feedback and driver tenure data.

6. Insurance Cost / Availability

- Examine the feasibility of an industry-wide insurance surcharge passed onto shippers.
- Conduct cost-benefit analysis on raising minimum insurance levels.
- Quantify the impact of rising insurance costs on industry operations, safety investments, and driver training.

7. Economy

- Continue to advocate for trade and economic policies that will further stimulate the economy.
- Promote reforming/repealing ineffective and burdensome regulations that add to industry costs without providing benefits.
- Advocate for a repeal of the Federal Excise Tax (FET) on new truck purchases to stimulate modernization of the nation's truck fleet.

8. Transportation Infrastructure / Congestion / Funding

- Continue to advocate for long-term highway funding through an increase in the fuel tax or other direct user fees, and prevent additional diversion of revenue to non-highway projects.
- Create a new funding program to focus federal resources on truck bottlenecks on major freight corridors.
- Increase funding for federal-aid highway programs that focus on funding highways with significant freight volumes.

9. Driver Compensation

- Research and prioritize the effectiveness of carrier retention programs that financially incentivize drivers for performance in the areas of safety, fuel economy, and trip productivity.
- Analyze truck driver compensation in relation to other competing employment sectors (e.g. construction).
- Quantify the relationship between truck driver compensation models and driver satisfaction / productivity.

10. Diesel Technician Shortage

- Encourage collaboration between motor carriers and local community colleges/tech schools to promote technician training and placement.
- Work with the U.S. Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service to encourage interest among veterans in technician training.

Issues and strategies are listed in order as ranked by South Carolina-based respondents.

September 18, 2020

COLLINS LEADS BIPARTISAN GROUP IN URGING USDA TO PROVIDE COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR LOGGERS, TIMBER HAULERS



Washington, D.C. — In a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue, U.S. Senator Susan Collins led a bipartisan group of Senators in urging the USDA to provide financial assistance to American log-

gers and log haulers who have been experiencing serious financial strain due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The letter was also signed by Senators Tina Smith (D-MN), Angus King (I-ME), Thom Tillis (R-NC), John Cornyn (R-TX), Roger Wicker (R-MS), and Bill Cassidy (R-LA).

"Loggers and log haulers are critical to America's forest products industry — which is a top-10 manufacturing industry in 45 U.S. states. Our nation's loggers and haulers harvest and transport the raw material that supports over \$283 billion in value-added wood and paper products — with a supply chain that includes nearly one million Americans earning over \$54 billion in combined payroll," the Senators wrote. "In light of the dire situation facing loggers and log haulers, we urge the Department to use its broad authority and funds already provided by Congress to immediately make financial assistance available to loggers and log haulers impacted by the pandemic."

"Maine loggers are not seeking a handout, they are seeking a lifeline, and without it many will not be in business much longer," said Dana Doran, Executive Director of the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. "Farmers and fishermen have been given that lifeline already, and all we are asking for is the same help for the hard-working loggers and log hauling businesses of Maine. We are very thankful to Senator Collins and the Maine delegation for their recognition of loggers as equals to farmers and fisherman and we hope that USDA will do the same. Loggers are farmers of the forest and should be treated that way."

Unfortunately, the federal programs that have been administered to help businesses cope with the pandemic's impact, such as the USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), do not include loggers and log haulers. To ensure that timber harvesting and hauling businesses are afforded financial assistance similar to other agriculture sectors, Senator Collins, along with Representative Jared Golden (D-ME), led a bicameral, bipartisan group in introducing the Loggers Relief Act earlier this year. This legislation would authorize USDA to provide direct support to loggers and log haulers who experienced at least a 10 percent loss in the first seven months of 2020 (as compared to 2019).

The Professional Logging Contractors of Maine project that mill closures and curtailments in Maine caused by the pandemic's ripple effects will lead to a 30 percent reduction in harvesting capacity and the layoff of nearly 1,000 people in harvesting and hauling. Over 11,000 truckloads of wood will not be delivered to a Maine mill in 2020. For an industry that is responsible for over \$620 million of direct economic impact in Maine each year, these disruptions will result in a direct loss of over \$186 million of economic activity.

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Our Mission | To revolutionize what EMPLOYER GROUPS expect from their Agency.

A Revolutionary New Experience

We feel that groups in today's complex and constantly changing environment need more than simply proposals and service. We understand that you are expected to sometimes be a lawyer, accountant and human resources department all at once, and we've expanded our portfolio of services to include things to help you wear all those hats.

Here are some of the cool things we are doing very, very well.

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Enroll and manage your entire employee benefits package online — no more paper forms!

ERISA WRAP Documents

That's right, we will complete the ERISA WRAP Documents, and have the full Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs) including mandated ERISA language ready for your group to distribute to employees.

Customized Benefit Booklets

We create a customized professional benefit booklets for you. They run the full gamut of all the benefits that your group offers their employees.

Full Online HR Library

Easily share our HR Library with your employer groups and can assist them with such areas as OSHA, ERISA, COBRA, Immigration, Taxation and more.

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RateFactory

employee
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Quoting Tool

Send us a small group census and we'll send you quotes back from every fully insured carrier available in your market in one concise, easy to read spreadsheet.

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We take the burden off the HR administrators by providing all forms ready to distribute to the employees of your insured groups, as well as signature ready employer tax forms. All your customers have to do is distribute them to their employees, sign the corporate form and mail to Uncle Sam.

ACA Compliance

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Team Safe Trucking Driver Safety Training Programs

South Carolina Timber Producers Association is providing your company with **Team Safe Trucking Driver Refresher Training Program**. TST training courses are the most convenient and user-friendly truck driver safety training courses available. They focus specifically on transportation of forest products. Trainees can access TST training courses at any time using a smart device or computer with internet access. A detailed record of completed courses, the training material used for training, the date and time the training was completed, and a training certificate is available for each course completed through the online training management platform. This information can be made available to business owners, insurance companies and logger associations. The convenience of “on-demand” driver safety training will save time and money, allowing more time for productivity while complying with governmental and insurance carrier mandates. These courses can be accessed free of charge. This unique training platform is designed with input from forest products truck drivers, owners, and other experts across the nation.

Team Safe Trucking Driver Safety Training Modules Outline (additional modules available covering various subjects)



The South Carolina Timber Producers Association Educational Sponsor Website

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Group Key: SCTP Association

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Mill Safety Challenges (MILLSAFETY)
Multi-contractor & Liability (Multi contractors)
Wood Roads (Wood Roads)

Before You Drive

Accountability (accountability)
Alcohol & Drugs Part 1 (ALCDP1)
Alcohol & Drugs Part 2 (Alcohol & Drugs 2)
Alcohol and Drugs Part 3 (Alcohol & Drugs 3)
Driver Selection (Driver Selection)
Driver Training (DRVTRAIN)
Fatigue (Fatigue)
Fleet Safety Programs (FLTPEOIR)
HOW TO SURVIVE A D.O.T. AUDIT (Maintenance)
Medical Clearance (MEDCLER)

On the Road

Backing (backing)
Breakdowns (BREAK)
Coupling & Uncoupling (Coupling)
DOT Inspections (DOT Inspection)
Following Distance (Following Distance)
Passing & Being Passed (Passing)
Railroad Crossings (Railroad Crossings)
Right of Way (RWAYS)
Stopping & Parking (Stopping & Parking)
Turns & Curves (turns)
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2021 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING

SCTPA is excited about our 2021 Annual Meeting to be held February 19 – 21, 2021 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Our theme will be ... *South Carolina's Agriculture & Forestry Industries: Leading Our State*. The timber harvesting, wood supply and forestry segments are agricultural based. The importance of these segments to the Palmetto State's overall agricultural industry will be explored.

2020 has been an unprecedented year with the COVID-19 virus creating many disruptions in our business and everyday lives. But the timber harvesting, forestry and agricultural industries have persevered through it all continuing to produce timber and agricultural crops and products.

Our 2021 annual meeting will certainly have all the safety protocols in place as required by the resort, state and local governments. We will social distance and wear face shields while attending the meeting.

Friday's schedule will be a board of directors meeting, afternoon registration and evening welcome reception with food and entertainment. There'll be a DJ and even some Karaoke.

Saturday general session speakers will be: SC State Forester Scott Phillips, SC Forestry Commission and Forestry Association of SC President Cam Crawford. They will discuss SC's Forestry and Wood Supply sectors of SC's economy.

Saturday's luncheon will feature SC Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, SC Department of Agriculture to speak about the agriculture industry in SC. A panel Hugh Weathers, Cam Crawford, Scott Phillips and Crad Jaynes, SCTPA, will be conducted to answer questions and discuss our industries.

Saturday's association business session will feature the association's 2020 financials, Board of Directors elections, any bylaws changes, awards and presentations. We'll also have our prize drawings for the Honda ATV and Honda Generator (both tentative now) and free stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Saturday evening is free to enjoy Myrtle Beach. Carolina Opry discounted tickets are available through SCTPA for the Saturday, February 20th evening show.

We'll have the gospel group Port City Quartet for our Sunday Prayer Breakfast to bless us with their 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 nice rifle or shotgun at Saturday's luncheon.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 20th will be available for \$ 36 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. *That's a \$ 17.00 per ticket savings versus regular price.*

Contact the Hilton World Wide Reservations directly to make your room reservations. **SCTPA's Group Code is... TMP.** Call Hilton World Wide Reservations at 1-855-778-1190. Be sure to specify DoubleTree Resort By Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront when making reservations. Book online at...

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SCTPA room block **cut off is January 18, 2021**. After January 18, 2021, standard room rates apply.

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.

Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, state, local and resort safety protocols and requirements will be in place and social distancing will be followed. By attending the 2021 annual meeting, you are attending of your own

free will and agree to follow required safety protocols while at the meeting. You and your attending parties agree to hold harmless and indemnify SC Timber Producers Association, its board of directors, employees and agents harmless of any actions, results and liabilities whatsoever associated with attending the meeting regarding the COVID-19 virus.

Go ahead now and block the dates to join us **February 19 – 21 for our 2021 Annual Membership Meeting**. Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Best regards,

Crad

Crad Jaynes

President

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

2021 SCTPA Annual Meeting

SCTPA 2021 Annual Meeting will be February 19 – 21, 2021 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, 3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Reservations are to be made directly with **Hilton World Wide Reservations** by calling **1-855-778-1190**. The SCTPA Annual Meeting Reference Group Code is...**TMP**.

Provide **Group Code TMP** when making room reservations. Be sure to specify *DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront* when making room reservations.

Reservations can be made online by using this booking link. Be sure to use the entire URL for it to work properly.

Booking link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htminputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=MYRDTDT&groupCode=CDTTMP&arrival=20210219&departure=20210221&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Hotel: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

Group Name: South Carolina Timber Producers Association

SCTPA room block rates cut off is January 18, 2021. After January 18, 2021, regular room rates will apply. SCTPA has no flexibility with this cut off. Hilton reservation cancellation policy applies.

There is no reservation form for your use. Make room reservations direct with Hilton.

2021 SCTPA Annual Meeting DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront

Room Type	Single Rate	Double Rate
Deluxe Room - King or Double Queen	\$ 103	\$ 103
King Suites	\$ 173	\$ 173

Please Note: All rooms are subject to applicable state and local taxes and resort fee plus any other applicable fees charged by the DoubleTree Resort per guest room per night. Hilton policies and fees apply for room reservations as well as room cancellations. SCTPA has no control on these charged fees.

2021 SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

Conference Center

Osprey Room Live Oaks Bldg.
2nd Floor
3rd Floor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 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
Chairman's Remarks
8:15 a.m. Speaker: Travis Wheeler, Attorney, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, Columbia
Anti-Trust - Do You Understand the Law & Seriousness of the Law
8:30 a.m. Speaker: Scott Phillips, SC State Forester, SC Forestry Commission
8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
9:35 a.m. Speaker: Cam Crawford, President, Forestry Association of SC
11:15 a.m. Morning Break to Visit Exhibitors & Silent Auction
11:50 a.m. Move to Membership Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon & Business Meeting
12:45 p.m. Chairman's Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
Speakers: SC Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers, SC Department of Agriculture
Panel - Hugh Weathers, Scott Phillips, Cam Crawford, Crad Jaynes
Rick Quagliaroli, Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast
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
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 SFI Trained Status
5:00 p.m. Adjourn
Saturday Evening On Your Own. Enjoy Your Evening!
DISCOUNTED CAROLINA OPRY TICKETS VOUCHERS Available At Registration Desk.

Conference Center

3rd Floor
2nd Floor
2nd Floor

3rd Floor

3rd Floor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Port City Quartet - 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.

EXHIBITOR HOURS - CONFERENCE CENTER

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING!

2021 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 2020 Annual Membership Meeting, February 7—9, 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 bcipaw@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. **

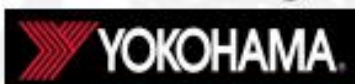
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...BREAKING NEWS...

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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2021 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

February 19 - 21, 2021

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW.

Name _____ Badge Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact #: Work _____ Home _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Badge Name _____

Please list any additional badge names on the back. Credit Card Payment Form on the back. Thanks!

	Early Registration #	\$	After January 20, 2021 #	\$
Member *	_____ @	\$ 235 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 245 = _____.
Member Spouse *	_____ @	\$ 125 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 155 = _____.
Active Member Employee **	_____ @	\$ 125 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 135 = _____.
Active Member Employee Spouse	_____ @	\$ 100 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 115 = _____.
SATURDAY, FEB. 8 ONLY	_____ @	\$ 185 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 215 = _____.
Non-Member	_____ @	\$ 245 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 255 = _____.
Non-Member Spouse	_____ @	\$ 125 = _____.	_____ @	\$ 135 = _____.
Children - Per Child – Age 6 – 18	_____ @	\$ 35 = _____.		
<small>Children Under 6 – No Charge</small>				
Discounted Carolina Opry Tickets	_____ @ \$ 36 Per Person = \$ _____.			
<small>Saturday Evening Show, FEB. 20,, 7 p.m.</small>				
<small>Tickets Are Non-Refundable</small>				
<small>Save \$ 17.00 Per Ticket</small>				
TOTAL \$ DUE & PAID \$				_____.

* Please Refer to Member & Active Member Employee Descriptions Below *

Return Completed Registration & Check Payable To: SC Timber Producers Association (SCTPA)

Members * = Active Members, Allied Supplier Members & Allied Supporting Members with Paid Dues.

Active Member Employee ** = Active Logger, Wood Dealer or Trucker Member Sponsored Employees Only not an owner, partner or corporate officer of active member's business. Supervisors & employees are encouraged to attend.

All other Non-logger, dealer or trucker active members use member registration rates per person attending.

Call SCTPA if questions.

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SCTPA ROOM BLOCK RATES ABSOLUTE CUT-OFF IS JANUARY 28, 2021.

Regular Hotel Room Rates Will Apply After January 10, 2018. Hilton Room Cancellation Policy Applies.

SCTPA Annual Meeting Cancellation Policy: Full refund if written cancellation received by January 1, 2020.
50% refund if written cancellation request received by January 10, 2021. NO REFUND after January 10, 2021.

Additional Names for Annual Meeting Registration & Name Badges:

2021 Annual Meeting Registration Credit Card Payment

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

Total Carolina Opry Fees (If Applicable) \$ _____

Credit Card Fee \$ **5.00**

Total Amount Charged \$ _____

Credit Card Used: **VISA** **MASTERCARD** **DISCOVER**
(Circle Card Used)

Card Holder Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Card Verification Number on Back of Card: _____
(Three or Four Digit Number on Back of Card)

Card Expiration Date: _____

Card Billing Address Zip Code: _____

I agree to pay according to the Terms & Conditions of the Card Used.

Signature

Print Name

NEW SCTPA MEMBER BENEFIT & SERVICE



**Contact Steve Wilt (843) 566-5463
or Jalisa Byas (803) 381-2198 to Get
Your Savings.**

NEW Michelin & B. F. Goodrich Tire Discount Program

SC Timber Producers Association is proud to announce a New Member Benefit Program. SCTPA has partnered with Michelin and B. F. Goodrich (BFG) to offer ACTIVE dues paid members the opportunity to save money on tires through this program.

SCTPA President Crad Jaynes said, "SCTPA is pleased and proud to partner with Michelin North America to offer this valuable and cost saving opportunity for our members. Our members are always our first priority and when our association can provide a cost saving program like this, it is a "win" for everyone. I appreciate Michelin partnering with us in this program."

This program is available to ALL active dues paid members in all SCTPA member categories. Program is effective as June 1, 2019. Members are able to visit any local Michelin dealer. Program requires an application be completed and the use of a credit or debit card.

Member Process for SCTPA Michelin & BFG Tire Program

- 1) Contact SCTPA to receive active member number, membership period and member status (logger, wood dealer, etc.).
- 2) Must be an Active Dues Paid SCTPA Member.
- 3) Interested SCTPA members should reach out to your local Michelin Tire Dealer.
- 4) Complete the application and forward it to Jalisa Byas (Jalisa.byas@michelin.com) or Steve Wilt (Steve.wilt@michelin.com) Jalisa is the SC Representative and Steve is the Territory Manager. Application available from SCTPA. Write your SCTPA member number and member period on the application at the top left under Michelin logo. *Example: SCTPA ##### / 01-01-19/20*. Sign and send both the Application and Conditions of Sale pages.
- 5) Either Jalisa and/or Steve will verify active membership with SCTPA's Crad Jaynes.
- 6) Once application is verified, it will be sent to Michelin for approval.
- 7) Michelin will provide the customer with a Bill To and Ship To Number. At that time, the member will have to Register their account at **Michelinb2b.com** and upload the member's Credit or Debit Card.
- 8) Program available to ALL members registered as active dues paid SCTPA members.
- 9) Program available for Michelin and B.F. Goodrich tires. Tires available are Truck, Light Truck, Passenger Car & Agricultural, Industrial & Off Road Tires & Retreads.
- 10) Once a member is registered on **Michelinb2b.com**, member will have access to all their purchase reports and tire pricing.
- 11) Members can go to any Michelin dealer to purchase tires.
- 12) Tires cannot be ordered online or shipped to the customer. Must go through a Michelin dealer.

SCTPA is pleased to offer our members this tire discount program on the high quality tire products offered by Michelin Tire and B. F. Goodrich Tire. Should a member have any questions, feel free to contact SCTPA.



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Mark Your Calendar

November 2020

No scheduled meetings due to COVID-19
26 Happy Thanksgiving... Eat Mo Turkey!!

December 2020

- 8 SFI State Implementation Committee Meeting, Columbia
- 10 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m., Forestry Association of South Carolina Office, Columbia.
- 25 Merry Christmas to All!

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
there are no meetings being held to show on the calendar.**

District Meeting dates are subject to change. Meeting notices will be mailed prior to scheduled meeting. Meeting dates will be posted on SCTPA website ... www.scloggers.com & SCTPA Facebook Page

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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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.