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By Michael Campbell

SCTPA President Michael Campbell and board members BoBo Seckinger and Bob Lussier attended the 2025 ALC conference September 17-19 in Lafayette, LA. It was a very informative meeting and a chance to meet with counterparts from across the country and discuss business.

Wednesday evening started with a welcome reception that featured cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and live music from a Zydeco band. It was a great chance to connect with old colleagues and meet new people in the industry.

Thursday, we started by visiting a logging job that Walsh industries welcomed us to visit. We followed the site visit with a welcome speech by Roy O Martin III and a safety meeting for the mill tour. The RoyOMartin crew provided us with a jambalaya lunch they cooked for all the guests. After lunch we toured the RoyOMartin OSB mill in Oakdale Louisiana, and it was an impressive facility. After the tour we visited a USFS logging



site in the Kisatchie national forest. It was a site that contained large slash pine being select cut to reduce the stand to around 50 basal area.

Thursday evening was the president's welcome reception and dinner followed by the log a load for kids live auction that raised \$61,905 for children's miracle network hospitals.

Friday morning was the ALC board of directors meeting followed by the full membership meeting and a luncheon and awards banquet. Toni McAllister, executive director, Louisiana loggers Association was awarded the 2025 national activist of the year. VanDusen Timber

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Corp of Hartsville, TX was recognized as the 2025 Logging business of the year and Ericson logging of Minong, WI was recognized as the 2025 Log-a-load volunteer of the year.

Friday evening, we attended the presidents farewell reception and banquet dinner. During the dinner outgoing president Mike Albrecht and his wife Vicki were recognized for their two years of service and the gavel was passed to Dave Cupp the new president of the ALC.

***Don't miss next years ALC annual meeting in
Colonial Williamsburg, VA
September 28 – October 1, 2026!***





SCTPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I had hoped to write only about new mill openings but again we received the news from International Paper on the closings of the Savannah and Riceboro, Ga mills. We did have the recent announcement of a new mill opening in Horry County, any good news is welcomed be it large or small. Any opportunities that have a growth impact for our industry are a start. The positive industry news has been from privately held companies like Hampton Lumber, Homanit and Gallivant's Ferry sawmill. Maybe those announcements will open the eyes to our state leaders that a focus on economic development and investment from privately held companies has better potential for long-term success. Our industry has good partners that are publicly traded companies but far too many of the publicly traded companies are focused on executive compensation and stockholder return and have forgotten about the employees and communities that made them successful. It becomes more evident when you see the closings of so many publicly traded paper mills while privately held paper mills, like Georgia Pacific, are investing \$800 million in a paper mill a couple of states away. We have seen a publicly traded company close a sawmill in an area recently days after a privately held company announced building a new sawmill in the same area. It appears our growth potential and sustainability may rely on more investment from privately held companies that focus on employees and communities.

A fellow board member and I had the opportunity to participate in a news interview with WPDE in Conway about the state of our industry. The interview was well received and reached many viewers in the coastal area and was broadcast and shared on many social media outlets. The more publicity we can get for our market situation the better opportunities we will have to potentially impact a positive change through exposure. We are working to build our social media presence so please make sure to follow us, share and ask others to follow.

We have spent a considerable amount of time working with other state Associations over the last couple of months identifying some concerns related to potential changes in the fines related to weight penalties, specifically those that could impact the load restricted bridges in our state. The Associations involved have met with the department of transportation and state transport police and there is more work to be done in the coming months.

The temporary bridge program was released in the last quarter, and there have been many applications to go through and process. The first two rounds were approved with \$1.1 million in funding, and it looks like there was enough interest to use all those funds. We will continue to apply and search for more opportunities like this to help all our members gain any funding and advantages we can find. We hope to have more approvals for funding in place for another program we have applied to before the year end to share with our members. The South Carolina Forestry Commission has been a great partner in this program and is working hard to make a difference for the timber harvesting professionals in South Carolina.

Some fellow board members and I attended the American Loggers Council in Louisiana in September, it was a great event to meet and discuss industry related topics with others. We toured the RoyOMartin OSB plant in Oakdale and it was an impressive facility. The president and CEO Roy O Martin III spoke to the group, and it was refreshing to hear that the privately owned family business is passionate about growth and their communities and continues to search for opportunities to expand. It would be nice to have a company like RoyOMartin in South Carolina! It was also great to hear that even though the industry has been down that the ALC has grown their membership base tremendously over the last few years. There is strength in numbers!

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In October we will participate in wood magic forest fair which travels to locations in the upstate, midlands and coast of South Carolina. This year we celebrate the 26th year of the program! More than 42,000 students (and over 6000 adult teachers and other adult chaperones) from every corner of the state have participated in the program since its inception. We are helping to educate the next generation about our forests, sustainable forest management, and careers in natural resource conservation. The Wood Magic Forest Fair is a free, fun, forestry-fact-filled field trip and festival for fourth graders. A day program of forestry-related educational experiences and demonstrations, the fair combines hands-on activities with visually engaging presentations to teach children about the importance of forest lands to wildlife, the economy and our daily quality of life.

We are planning the annual meeting in Myrtle Beach and this year's dates are February 20-22 at the Ellie Beach Resort, Tapestry by Hilton. We hope to have everything finalized soon and posted on the website and we will start to send out the packets to sign up and book your rooms.

Our industry has been a large contributor to this state financially for as long as South Carolina has been established yet it's been taken for granted because we have always been self-sufficient and asked for very little support. Now we need that support and we need our legislators and companies to step in and keep our industry successful. International Paper needs to give precedence to the biomass companies that want to develop the Georgetown site versus the developers. If International Paper wants to be remembered as a good steward to our state and industry, that is the path to be remembered in a positive way, anything else will not be seen as positive for our industry and the communities in and around Georgetown County. Remember our success depends on uniting the entire timber harvesting community behind our mission. I challenge each of you to help bring more people from our industry into our organization so we can elevate SCTPA to the next level. When we work together and support one another, we create the conditions we all need to thrive.

Let's work as a team to support each other's growth.

I look forward to continuing to serve you,

Michael J. Campbell

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July 25, 2025

Mr. Neely

I hope this message finds you well. I am the President/CEO of the South Carolina Timber producers Association. The Association respectfully requests that International Paper place a higher value on proposals that support South Carolina's timber supply chain as you evaluate future uses of the Georgetown Paper Mill site.

I reside in Georgetown County and the old International Paper mill, and its future, is very important to our community. We are still a manufacturing community at heart and would like to remain so, instead of turning it into something Georgetown is not, Charleston or Myrtle Beach. International Paper can support the employees that lost their jobs by endorsing another wood products facility that could give many of those employees another career and the ability to stay in the town they call home. Developing the site in any other capacity will not provide the same level of jobs that our community needs and has grown accustomed to. International paper can change the perception of the employees that have lost those jobs by supporting the industry and endorsing another wood products facility to take over the Georgetown location.

The closure of several paper mills and chip facilities in South Carolina has created a situation that will lead to detrimental impacts on the health of our forests which would negatively impact the wood supply chain that International paper still relies on for other facilities.

Thank you for your consideration and your past and future support for the industry and the health of our forests.

Sincerely,

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NEW SAWMILL COMING TO GALIVANTS FERRY AREA

By Casey Jones

Sep 23, 2025

The region's lumber industry is down, but not out, as evidenced by the announcement last week that a new sawmill will open in the Galivants Ferry area.

According to a news release from the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation, a family owned business is stepping up to help fill a void created by the recent closing of a paper mill in Georgetown and a sawmill in Darlington that helped fuel the region's timber industry.



A new sawmill will be built in the Galivants Ferry area, employing about 18 people and helping to sustain the regional timber industry, which has been impacted by the recent closure of mills in Georgetown and Darlington. This log truck was photographed in Conway on Monday, Sept. 22.

The Johnson family of Galivants Ferry, owners of SB Mulch, Johnson Land and Timber and Beach Mulch, has announced plans to build a new sawmill along McCracken Road in Galivants Ferry. The mill will produce railroad ties, shipping pallets and a variety of products for landscapers, businesses and wastewater treatment facilities.

The new mill is expected to create 18 jobs, and represents an investment of more than \$10 million in the local economy, according to the MBREDC news release. The new jobs will offset just a fraction of recent job losses in the industry.

The Georgetown mill operated by International Paper closed last year, resulting in the loss of 526 hourly and 148 salaried jobs. It had produced absorbent pulp for personal care products like toilet paper, and raw materials for the textile and construction industries.

The Canfor closings in Darlington and Estill in Hampton County resulted in the direct loss of about 290 South Carolina jobs.

The news release said the new Galivants Ferry mill will help support local loggers and truck drivers.

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2026 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING



SCTPA is excited about our 2025 Annual Meeting to be held **February 21 – 23, 2025 at The Ellie Beach Resort Myrtle Beach, Tapestry by Hilton, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC.**

2025 has been another challenging year for the timber harvesting and timber supply segments with more mill closures and reduced wood flows due to market conditions. As we move into 2026, our meeting theme will be ... **A fresh start...rebuilding our industry!**

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 some Karaoke. We'll have our LIVE AUCTION at the Friday Reception.

Saturday will be our General Session followed by our luncheon and there will be guest speakers we are finalizing now.

Saturday's association business session will feature the association's 2025 financials, Board of Directors elections, any bylaws changes, awards and presentations. Drawings will be held for a nice rifle and/or shotgun and free stay at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Resort Myrtle Beach Oceanfront. Saturday evening is free to enjoy Myrtle Beach.

Sunday we will continue with our Prayer Breakfast before we adjourn. Our Silent Auction will be available with a variety of nice items for bidding. The prize drawings, live and silent auctions help the association

financially and Log A Load for Kids. We encourage folks to contribute to the Silent Auction and Live Auction.

Exhibitors will be inside the conference center with their products and services. Outside exhibits of equipment, trucks, etc. will be in the parking lots. Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees. Dress is business casual. We ask for attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Registration, exhibitor and sponsorship packages will be mailed and available on the SCTPA website at the end of October through early November. Go ahead now and block the dates to join us February 20 – 22 for our 2026 Annual Membership Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at my first annual meeting leading the Association.

Michael J. Campbell

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President/CEO
South Carolina Timber Producers Association



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

SUPPORTING LOGGERS, PROTECTING STREAMS: SCTPA AND SCFC PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION

Monitoring studies show that knowledge of Best Management Practices (BMPs) has expanded over the last 30 years. Most forestry professionals in South Carolina are familiar with BMPs, with around 1,000 people trained annually through the Timber Operations Professional (TOP) program. Inadequate BMP compliance is usually the result of the cost of implementation, not negligence or lack of understanding. This is especially true with stream crossings. Installing and stabilizing a culvert or debris crossing that fully meets the BMP recommendations is expensive. Portable bridges are a proven alternative; they save time, effort and money while reducing the risk of water quality impacts. However, purchasing a set of bridges can also be cost-prohibitive. In 2021, the SC Forestry Commission (SCFC) established a bridge rental program to make portable bridges more accessible to logging crews across the state. The agency rents steel bridges to qualified contractors for \$50 per week. In 2022, the Commission started a state-funded cost-share program that helps cover the costs of purchasing portable bridges for about ten loggers per year. Then in 2023, the U.S. Forest Service significantly increased available funding by dedicating \$40 million of federal funds to help forestry operators across the country access portable bridges. Through a strong partnership with the SC Timber Producers Association (SCTPA), the SCFC has secured \$1.1 million of that funding to date and has applied for an additional \$500,000. These funds are being used to cover 75% of the cost of purchasing a set of portable

bridges; the remaining 25% is paid by the recipient. So far, we have allocated funding to 65 loggers and foresters, with 27 bridges already ordered and many more in the pipeline. On average, program participants have only had to pay \$4,500.00 for a 30-foot bridge set.

The SCTPA Board of Directors and CEOs have been invaluable partners in making this program a reality—it simply wouldn't be possible without the Association's support.

Looking ahead, our goal is to expand this program to support the purchase of steel wet-weather road mats and short-span bridges for crossing roadside ditches. We'll share more details once we know whether our latest funding request has been approved.

More information about the current Bridge Purchase Assistance Program can be found on the SCFC website:

www.scfc.gov/development/best-management-practices/bmp-cost-share-program.

If you'd like to be added to the waiting list for future funding opportunities, please complete the contact form at www.bit.ly/TBP25_2. Information about the bridge rental program can also be found on the SCFC website:

www.scfc.gov/development/best-management-practices/temporary-logging-bridge-rental-program.

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SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

2025 STATE OF THE STATE

AMERICAN LOGGERS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING



By Michael J. Campbell, President & CEO

South Carolina's timber harvesting and wood supply sectors continued to have operational and business challenges in 2025. Wet weather has presented challenges creating wet tracts coupled with continued mill slowdowns and shutdowns. Since last year's meeting we have had the closure of International Papers paper mill in Georgetown, SC and Canfor has announced closures of two sawmills in Estill and Darlington South Carolina. Since 2023 SC has lost over 8 million tons of markets for our wood products. Loggers, forest landowners and wood suppliers continue to be further impacted by the reduced wood markets. SC's loggers continue to endure wood quotas due to reduced wood needs. Now many of the quotas are daily instead of weekly further impacting the ability to work and retain a solid workforce. With the closings and changes, other markets have not been able to absorb the excess, particularly pulpwood, chips and residuals. Insurance, fuel prices and increased costs for goods and services continue to keep profits down. Labor in the woods and the need for truck drivers and contract haulers continues to be an issue for loggers.

There were a few small positive developments in 2025. Hampton lumber announced a new sawmill in Allendale County that will be operational beginning in 2027. The new mill will specialize in producing high-quality southern yellow pine framing lumber and will provide 125-140 new jobs once it's fully operational. This will be the company's first new sawmill on the East coast. Homanit announced a new wood paneling facility in Clarendon county that will be a \$250 million investment and employee approximately 300 people. When it begins operations in 2028, Homanit will make wood paneling for furniture, vehicles and doors. This will help offset a small portion of the pulpwood and chip production lost in recent years but much more is needed. The 2025 SC General Assembly passed tort reform legislation that could offer potential benefits for the timber harvesting and timber trucking community.

The SC Bulk Agriculture Annual Permit Program through SCDOT continues to provide the opportunity for hauling roundwood and wood chips at 90,000 Pounds GVW on "SC Shielded and Secondary Roads" only, not interstates. We need to have this expanded to include interstates and keep trucks from being forced to go through small communities and high traffic areas to be able to carry appropriate loads.

SCTPA continues to partner with the Forestry Association of SC and the SC Forestry Commission for issues related to the timber harvesting and timber transporting segments like the Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Logger Training Steering Committee, SFI State Implementation Committee, SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour Steering Committee, portable bridge assistance program and wood magic forest fair.

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



SOUTHERN STUMPIN'

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New SCTPA CEO

Back in February...somehow already almost five months ago...I went to Myrtle Beach to attend the annual meeting of the South Carolina Timber Producers Assn. and bid farewell to Crad Jaynes, who is retiring from his position as SCTPA's President/CEO after having served in the role for more than a quarter century. At the time, we knew this would be Crad's final annual meeting, but the SCTPA board of directors hadn't actually found his replacement yet, and no one knew what the timeline for that might be.

It took them a few more months, but they have officially found their new guy: Michael J. Campbell, who, by all indications, is well qualified for the job. Of course filling Crad's well-worn shoes is a tall order, but Campbell has already hit the ground running. When I caught up with him by phone in late June, he had spotty phone service because he had been in the woods all day with a group of teachers on a sustainable forestry tour, educating our educators about the industry.

Meet Michael Campbell

Campbell, 52, is a South Carolina native, born and raised. He grew up around the midlands but eventually made his way to the state's coast, where he's been living with his wife and daughter for the past 13 years. And he's spent his whole career in one way or another connected with the timber business, first as a procurement forester, then as a logging equipment guy.

"I guess the idea of being a forester and associated with forestry started when I had a 3rd grade project that asked us to write what we wanted to be when we grew up," Campbell recalls. "I wrote that I wanted to be a forester. My mother surprised me many years later having saved that paper for me. I'm sure the initial motivation for that as a career choice was rooted in childhood naivety that it meant I would get to hunt and fish every day!"

Not a lot of us manage to stick with a career plan mapped out in 3rd grade...I'm pretty sure I still wanted to be a superhero at that age...but Campbell did. He graduated from Clemson University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest management, including a minor in forest products. He then spent the first six years of his career as a procurement forester, buying wood and hiring contract loggers primarily in South Carolina. He spent half that time as a district forester with Stone Container Corp. and the other half buying wood for independent timber dealers.



Campbell

Equipment Experience

In 2001 Caterpillar reached out to him regarding a position with one of their divisions. The primary focus was working with their equipment dealer network, loggers and mills to further develop the Caterpillar product line. At first, Campbell wasn't really interested. "Initially I didn't respond to their email requests," he admits. Then one day Cat's HR representative called him directly and they had a good conversation. "I went to the initial interview with no intentions of taking the position; I was just interested in going to Kansas where the interview would take place."

After the interview, though, he'd changed his mind. "I was so intrigued by the idea of working with loggers every day to develop products for them." He accepted the position, which required moving away from South Carolina for a short time; after about a year Cat agreed to let him move back home and travel weekly. The job afforded him the opportunity to see the world on Cat's dime (much as I've been able to do on Hatton-Brown's dime for the last 20 years); Campbell visited loggers and mills all over North America, South America, Russia, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

Campbell spent 15 years with Caterpillar in various roles. His primary focus for most of that time was forestry and working with loggers and mills to improve their productivity, but he got to learn about other areas too. "My last position with Caterpillar had me working outside of forestry, and I gained a lot of knowledge about other industries, which has been helpful. But I always knew that working with loggers and mills every day was what I was meant to do."

After leaving Cat, he took some time off to be home more for a while. Later, he went back to work, this time taking a position with John Deere as the sales and product support manager for the Eastern U.S. for the Waratah product line. "During my time representing Waratah I got to spend a lot of time again with loggers, mills and forest industry representatives, working to expand the presence of processors and increase the productivity for loggers and mills," he says. "We grew the (Waratah) business tremendously in the Southern U.S. and grew the dealer network throughout the Eastern U.S." This position enabled him to work with dealers and customers across all equipment manufacturers, which he found made the work more enjoyable and educational for him.

SCTPAgenda

Campbell ended his time with Waratah/Deere just about a year ago, as of the end of July. He was actually in the process of buying a business of his own earlier this year, but it was dragging along more than he wanted, enough so that he was beginning to reconsider if this business was the right option. It so happens that Campbell is friends with a logger who is also one of the SCTPA board members. Back in April they got to talking about that business, and Campbell expressed his misgivings. The logger asked if he might be interested in considering the SCTPA job. In May Campbell met with the full board twice, and talked with all 11 members individually. By then they had their options narrowed down to three candidates, and ultimately they selected Campbell. He started on the job in June.

One of the first orders of business for Campbell is to spend some time getting to know some of the loggers in the state he doesn't already know and strengthening his relationships with the ones he does know. In the meantime, he's already hard at work on their behalf.

Campbell's goals and agenda for SCTPA going into the second half of this decade are clear: "We need to focus on industry creation at the government level to replace lost markets," he says. "Losing two major paper mills in the last year has been a big blow." There has been good news lately in the form of announcements of new sawmills being built, but at the same time, that will also add more chips and residuals when supply already outstrips demand. "The markets aren't there to take the material that's present now. We need outlets for pulpwood and chips." To that end of developing new markets, Campbell says the SCTPA board has charged him with cultivating relationships with state and local government officials as a primary focus.

"I have spent 30 years working with loggers around the world to help them become more successful," Campbell reflects. "In this new role, I'll bring that same commitment home, focusing specifically on the producers in South Carolina. My primary goal is to create an environment for success for current and future loggers. The age demographics of the loggers in South Carolina are increasing and we need to make sure there is an environment to encourage younger generations to become involved. We need to develop better relationships between the loggers and the mills to ensure future success. There are many issues we need to address like insurance costs, trucking and decreasing markets in our state. All these issues will require closely working with other associations and state representatives to build a better future."

Sure sounds like South Carolina's loggers have picked the right man for the job, and I wish him all the best and look forward to getting to know him at future events. Excelsior!

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AS WE SEE IT AUGUST 2025

If a Tree Falls in the Forest...

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound? Likewise, while the American Loggers Council is in D.C. influencing policy, driving the national dialogue, and engaging the Administration and Congress – but we don't share that story – did it really happen?

Washington is moving at a breakneck pace, and we are working with the most receptive Administration in years toward policies that strengthen forest management, fire mitigation, and domestic lumber production, and reduce forest products imports, putting America first. Our priorities are reflected in recent Executive Orders, policy changes, and open engagement.

In anticipation of the new Administration, the American Loggers Council preemptively prepared the Road Map to Recovery for the American Timber Industry to have a "Plan in Hand" for the new Administration. The ALC is now running full speed ahead on advancing the *Road Map to Recovery of the American Timber Industry* and many of the actions from the Administration reflect the plan laid out in *Road Map to Recovery*.

The ALC has prioritized its focus on D.C. by committing time, resources, and investment to aggressively advocate for the American timber industry. The American Loggers Council President, Mike Albrecht and his wife Vicki, along with the Executive Director, Scott Dane are spending 2-3 weeks per month in DC. This increased effort has been supported financially by the Associated California Loggers, and an apartment has been rented to reduce expenses. In order to leverage the opportunities, the ALC has also contracted with a lobbying firm, which has proven extremely effective in opening many doors and remaining abreast of evolving issues.

Just as a tree does not make a forest, organizations representing the timber and forest products industries cannot afford to stand alone. Otherwise, they will fail (fall) and not make a noise. Trees are stronger in a forest where they support each other.



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The second priority of the American Loggers Council 2025 Strategic Plan is Coalition Building. We have partnered with the American Biomass Energy Association, the Forest Landowners Association, and the Softwood Lumber Coalition. Additionally, the American Loggers Council has broadened its membership to include Associate Members that include all sectors of the timber industry supply chain and ancillary interests.

Why must the timber and forest products industry come together and collaborate? Because the timber and forest products industries are intrinsically linked by a critical supply chain from the forest to the mill and are only as strong as the weakest link. In order to maximize the strength of each link we need to evolve and work together... Because the opposition to our industries are comprised of environmental organizations (31,466) with combined budgets exceeding \$28 billion and with 138,000 employees.

Separately we are Out-Organized, Out-Funded, and Out-Influenced



There are so many timber and forest products industry organizations and associations representing different sectors, and in some cases the same sector. They often are competing amongst themselves for membership and credit, but this distracts from the mission, the big picture – the sustainability of the industry. Without an industry, associations are not relevant or necessary.

There has never been a more urgent time, necessary opportunity, and a better political environment for industry associations to **evolve**. Separately, we have been like lone trees



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falling in the woods. While mills close and multi-generational logging businesses close, nobody hears the trees falling.

Evolution, or the Theory of Evolution, is often considered as being based on natural selection – survival of the fittest.

While evolution is often understood as a process of competition and "survival of the fittest," collaboration or cooperation also plays a critical and often underappreciated role in shaping the diversity and complexity of life on Earth.

Here's how collaboration and cooperation contribute to evolution:

Cooperation: Groups of organisms working together for mutual benefit can increase their chances of survival and reproduction. This can involve within-species cooperation, like pack hunting in wolves, or between-species cooperation, like the relationship between cleaner fish and larger fish.

Collaboration and cooperation are essential forces in evolution that drive the emergence of new traits, shapes ecosystems, and contribute to the overall diversity of life. It's not just about "survival of the fittest" through competition, but also about the ability of organisms (organizations) to work together for mutual benefit.

It is this element of evolution (collaboration and cooperation) that the American Loggers Council added to the 2025 Strategic Plan – Coalition Building. We are interdependent on one another, we need to begin working together, just as the evolutionary examples of cooperation noted earlier; together we can achieve Improved defense against predators. As an industry, if we are going to evolve, if we are going to survive, it will require evolutionary cooperation between diverse interests with common self-preservation goals and objectives.

Just as a single tree in the woods is stronger as part of a forest, so is the timber industry. Otherwise, the tree will fall in the forest, and nobody will even hear it.

Join ALC in protecting the forest products industry from harvest to production – become a member today. Learn more at <https://americanloggerscouncil.com/membership/> or contact Scott Dane, Executive Director at 202-627-6961 and executivedirector@americanloggerscouncil.com.



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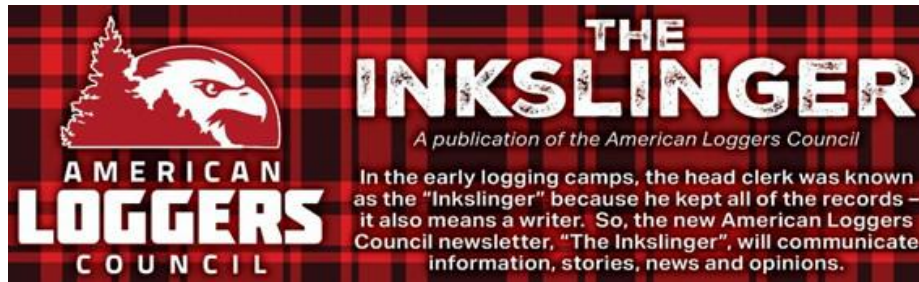
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Media Statement

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A Historic First for America's Timber Industry

"We congratulate Timber Professionals Cooperative Enterprises (TPCE) on completing the first-ever successful acquisition of a forest products facility by a logger-led cooperative in the United States. This is a truly historic milestone for our industry and a powerful example of what can be achieved when timber professionals come together to chart their own future.

For years, our members have faced shrinking markets, rising costs, and fewer places to take their products. By purchasing the chip mill in northeastern Wisconsin, TPCE has created a new model that provides stability and long-term opportunity for loggers and truckers, while also supporting healthy forests, strong communities, and Wisconsin's economy.

This accomplishment shows vision, courage, and leadership. It is not only a win for Wisconsin, but a national example of innovation in the forest products industry."

Henry Schienebeck

This has been an ongoing effort for several years. In true fashion of the definition of a Cooperative, it as taken time and many hands and ideas to bring this to life. What started out as a few men having breakfast and discussing how we needed to own the local mill that was closing. (Verso, In Wisconsin Rapids stated by our President Dennis Shoeneck), an idea was formed.

The process to raise funds and move to the actual purchase has been a long one. We need to thank all of the agencies that gave us a helping hand, Forest Service, USDA, UW, GLTPA and many others. Most importantly we would like to thank the Cooperative members, investors and the cooperative board of Directors who truly understand the cooperative spirit of working together for the benefit of all.

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sues a third party who then sues the employer), loss of consortium, and dual capacity claims (where the employee alleges both a workers' compensation claim and a separate lawsuit, such as for a defective product made by the employer).

Example: An injured employee sues the employer for unsafe working conditions, claiming gross negligence.

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If you have questions about this article, or about business insurance in general, contact Mitchell Goldstein (mgoldstein@setlifflaw.com) at (804) 377-1269 or Steve Setliff (ssetliff@setlifflaw.com) at (804) 377-1261.





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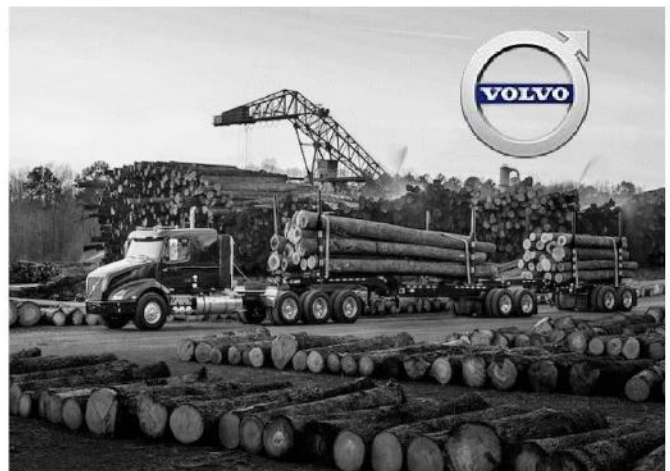


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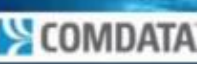
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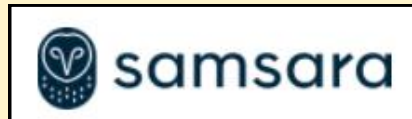
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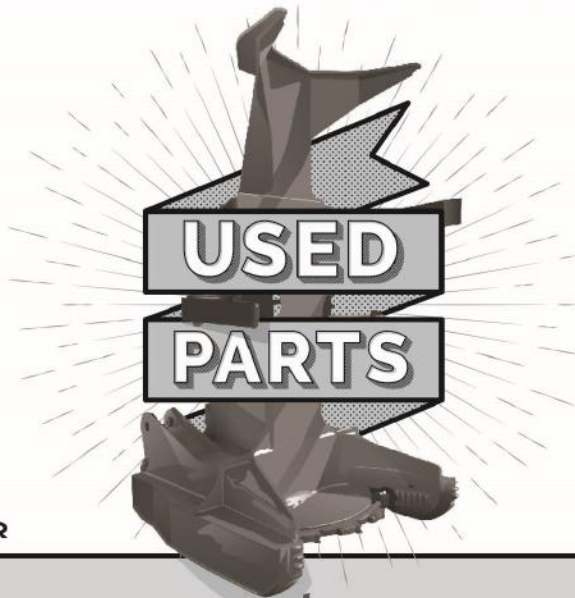
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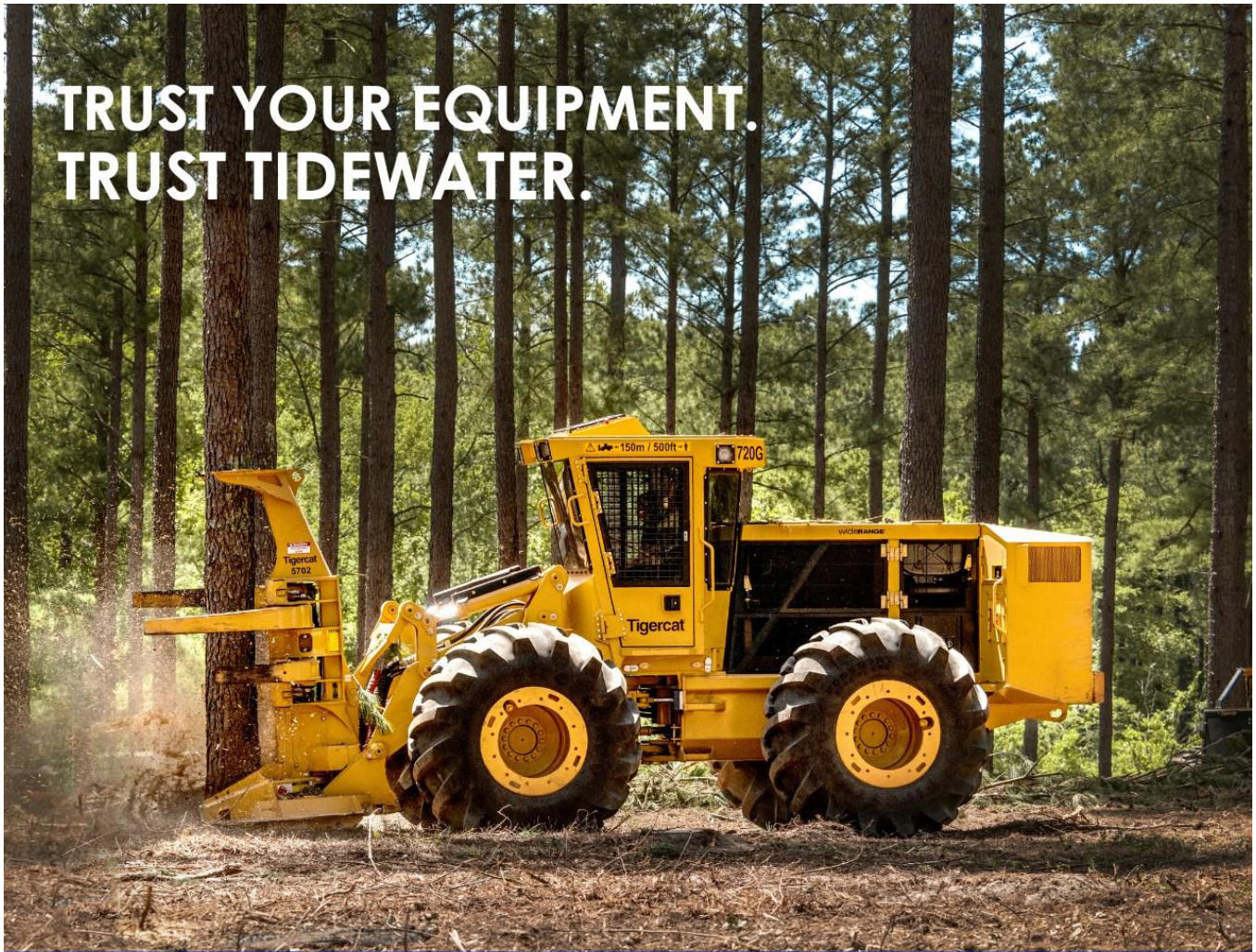
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Strengthening the Wood Supply Chain and Logger Workforce

by Jeff Jenkins | FRA Appalachian Region Consultant

I've spent four decades in forestry. My career began as a young procurement forester working with loggers to buy and harvest timber. Together, we addressed the difficult issues that come with every job, worked to solve challenges, and always tolerated the unpredictable weather that forever curtailed our "best laid plans." Forty years on, one thing remains clear: loggers are critical links in the wood supply chain. To ensure this critical profession remains viable, we must explore meaningful ways to inspire the next generation. Asking thoughtful questions and assessing what we've learned will help us determine what needs to be done.



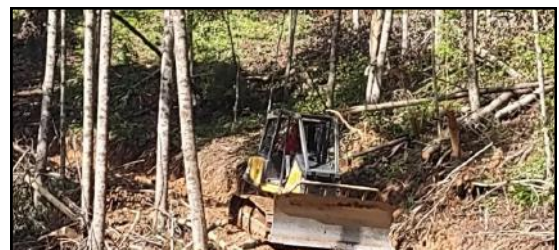
What Makes a Logger?

What are some character traits for successful loggers or logger prospects? They're independent, resourceful problem solvers who thrive on hard work and hands-on challenges. Their love for the outdoors is second only to their commitment to faith and family. Working in the woods is a challenge, but it is often

the innovation and self-sufficiency of the individual that make all the difference. Many excel at operating heavy equipment and approach their work with entrepreneurial spirit and pride. The list goes on and on, and I'm sure your list will be different than mine. However, we can agree that loggers are individuals who know how to get things done.

What Does It Pay?

I queried the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data to find out the average annual pay for various logging jobs. In 2024, average annual salaries were: timber feller, \$63,460; first-line supervisor/manager, \$72,870; logging equipment operator, \$53,650; and log truck drivers, \$52,750. By comparison, in 2024, the average annual salary of a US worker was \$62,000.



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I recall a logger once telling me during a contract negotiation, “Jeff, it’s all about the money.” I replied, “Jackie, it’s all about the job”. In the grand scheme of things, I think we were both right. While logging offers good-paying careers, there’s still ground to cover if we want to make the profession more competitive and attract the next generation.

Where Do We Find the Next Generation of Loggers?

Traditionally, the logging workforce is from rural America, with many loggers employing family members, close friends, and neighbors. Today, the industry faces the challenge of replacing loggers who are retiring. Research conducted in the Lake States and Southeast Regions shows that logging businesses are less likely to be passed on to their children, or their children have decided they do not want to become professional loggers.

Where will the future logging capacity come from? A recent FRA Woods to Mill, co-authored by Eric Kingsley, FRA Northeast Region Consultant, and Vanessa Connelly, FRA Communications Manager, [*We Need a Bigger Workforce Pipeline*](#) provides suggestions for new opportunities and options to meet future market demands. For example, some of these opportunities are described as “Reaching Beyond the Familiar.” Just another way of saying that we should begin engaging people from communities and cultures that may not have historically seen themselves reflected in forestry or logging.

Another opportunity to introduce the next generation of young people to logging and the logging industry includes new technology. Simulator technology has been available in a few high schools in select states. Students can gain hands-on experience, including the sights, sounds, and adrenaline rush of operating a skidder or dozer, without the travel time, equipment costs, or liability associated with being on a logging job.

Forestry Works (www.forestryworks.com) is a website developed through a collaborative effort by the Forest Workforce Training Institute and other partners to address workforce issues within the nation’s forest industry. They promote career opportunities in logging, ranging from heavy equipment operation to skilled truck driving. The website lists many of the available opportunities for logging, as well as job openings waiting to be filled.

Another FRA Woods to Mill blog titled Technological Innovations in Logging Operations: [*Technological Innovations in Logging Operations – Forest Resources Association*](#) was published recently and describes a futuristic approach to logging that utilizes autonomous trucks and logging equipment, operated remotely from an office miles away. Logging of the future may include a technician in front of a computer screen, operating the skidder and monitoring machine performance and fuel efficiency.



The future of logging demands more than tradition; it requires innovation, outreach, and a renewed commitment to workforce development. If we’re serious about strengthening the wood supply chain and keeping our forests productive, then cultivating a new generation of loggers must be a priority. That means investing in education, embracing technology, expanding our vision of who belongs in the woods, and valuing the role that loggers play in our economy and communities. After 40 years in forestry, I still believe in the grit, skill, and heart that loggers bring to the job—and I remain committed to advancing the logging profession.



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Let me explain. During 2002 and 2003 America suffered through over 11 million acres of wildfire resulting in the deaths of 22 firefighters and 25 civilians, with over 10,000 homes destroyed. Arizona, Colorado, and Oregon each recorded their largest wildfires in 100 years. California's Cedar Fire in San Diego County burned over 273,000 acres and claimed 15 lives, making it the largest and deadliest wildfire in California up until that time.

Americans, particularly those west of the Mississippi, were appalled by this and demanded something better for their forests and their communities. Congress listened, and on May 1, 2003, introduced the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). The legislation quickly worked its way through Congress with strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate, and on December 3, 2003, President George W. Bush signed HFRA into law.

The HFRA was designed to promote increased forest thinning followed by prescribed burning, with the goal of protecting forest ecosystems and communities. Success was achieved by streamlining the environmental review process while funding the USFS and BLM at levels that enabled clearing over 6 million acres of hazardous fuels during HFRA's first 3 years.

The HFRA's renewed emphasis on forest management through streamlined environmental review and increased forest thinning did not sit well with mainstream environmental organizations. The Sierra Club and National Resource Defense Council, joined by over 150 other groups, launched a relentless campaign deriding the HFRA as a "trojan horse for logging" that would "gut environmental protections." An avalanche of litigation followed that stymied progress. Meanwhile, from 2004 to 2008, another 190 lives were lost, with 41 million acres and 25,000 structures burned.

The election of the Obama/Biden Administration ushered in the reframing of forest management, pivoting away from the HFRA. Obama/Biden did not repeal the HFRA, but instead "shelved" its reforms, shifting to rigorous environmental review with an emphasis on "ecosystem restoration" and "climate adaptive strategies." The terms timber harvesting and hazardous fuels reduction gave way to ecological sustainability and biodiversity conservation.



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During the 8 years of Obama/Biden, wildfires scorched almost 56 million acres of America's forests and rangeland. Approximately 300 firefighters and civilians perished. An estimated 35,000 structures, including homes, businesses, and other buildings were destroyed. In 2009 and 2010 alone, 30 large sawmills in the western United States were shuttered.

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The Trump/Pence team took office in 2017 with plans to completely overhaul the Obama/Biden forest management policies. To underscore their resolve, President Trump signed Executive Order 13855 titled "Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and Other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk."

The timber industry described this pivot back to Bush-era initiatives as "a long-awaited shift toward revitalizing domestic timber production and reforming federal forest management." Lead environmental groups called EO13855 a "gift to the timber industry" and a "dangerous rollback" of conservation policy. All legal avenues to challenge timber projects were explored, with hundreds of lawsuits filed, some still pending 7 years later.

During the Trump/Pence Administration, wildfires consumed approximately 34 million acres, and an estimated 40,000 structures were lost. Over 350 firefighters and civilians died during that period. Over 50 major forest products facilities were closed or curtailed. Thousands of logging, trucking, and sawmill worker jobs were lost.

America remained the leading importer of lumber in the world.

In an effort to block a second Trump presidency, the League of Conservation Voters pledged \$100 million to defeat the Trump/Pence ticket and elect pro-environmental candidates. Other top-tier environmental groups spent an additional \$100 million toward the same objective. Garrett Rose, a senior attorney for the Natural Resource Defense Council said the Trump Executive Order was "feeding America's forests to the chainsaws." Enter the Biden/Harris team.

President Biden quickly went to work with a climate-focused forestry agenda that championed conserving old growth timber, restoring forest ecosystems, and enhancing climate resilience. The administration's goals were formalized in EO14072, signed on Earth Day 2022. The Executive Order was titled "Strengthening the Nation's Forests, Communities, and Local Economies." By the title, one would think this order supported the same values espoused by President Bush's Healthy Forest Restoration



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Act, but one peel from the onion was all it took to expose the real emphasis: protection of an additional 112 million acres of “maturing” and old growth forests.

Environmental groups lauded EO14072, while the timber industry forewarned that the new heavy-handed federal policies would lead to more catastrophic wildfires, degraded fish and wildlife habitat, and endanger jobs and infrastructure. The Biden Administration ordered an inventory of all maturing and old growth timber on the National Forests. This inventory revealed an “inconvenient truth.” Since 2000, over 890,000 acres of old growth forests had been lost on public lands. The culprits? 79% lost from wildfire, 20% lost to insect and disease, and a mere 1% lost from logging. The old growth “protection” initiative was quietly dropped.

During the Biden/Harris Administration, an additional 26 million acres burned in wildfires, with over 300 fatalities and 35,000 structures destroyed.

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Against this backdrop, enter the Trump/Vance team in 2025. Their vision for our National Forests: make them safer, healthier, and more productive while maintaining the multiple-use objectives they were created for.

"No national forest shall be established, except to improve and protect the forest within the boundaries, or for the purpose of securing favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens of the United States..." Organic Administration Act of 1897

How to do this . . . streamline environmental laws with policies leaning heavily toward common sense deregulation and resource extraction that still safeguards the resource. To achieve this, the Trump Administration issued multiple executive orders aimed at restoring sound forest management and reversing the dismantling of America’s timber industry.

There is certainly nothing new about the mainstream environmental groups’ reaction to President Trump’s agenda for our National Forests. Brett Hartl, governmental affairs director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said bluntly, “We’ll see them in court at some point. I think we’ll prevail on this.” Alex Craven, Forest Campaign Manager for the Sierra Club, sums up their viewpoint, “...wildlands across the country are on the chopping block. That means polluting our clean air and drinking water sources to pad the bottom line of timber and mining companies”. The environmental organizations are not simply protesting, they are mobilizing.



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Conversely, the timber industry is praising the Trump/Vance Administration's actions as long overdue correction to decades of mismanagement. The administration has been enthusiastic, strategic, and has framed their response around national security, economic revival, and catastrophic wildfire prevention. I share that enthusiasm, but "we've been here before."

Combining the wildfire statistics from 2002-2024: 168 million acres burned with the vast majority not replanted, 1,187 people died, and over 145,000 structures were destroyed. During that same time frame, hundreds of sawmills, paper mills, and biomass power plants were shut down. No tally is available on the innumerable flora and fauna lost.

Is there a way to stop this roller coaster forestry policy? Wouldn't it be best for America to establish a long-term bipartisan forest management policy that has the support of the majority of the legislature and the public? I think we will soon find out. After the carnage of the Southern California wildfires early this year, there is now bipartisan agreement that something is broken when it comes to our forest management policies.

Although the Los Angeles fires were predominantly brush fires fanned by 80 mph winds that turned them into an urban holocaust, they proved to be the catalyst that convinced a bipartisan group in the House to agree to a "fix" that came in the form of Congressman Bruce Westerman's "Fix Our Forests Act" (FOFA). The FOFA combines positive attributes of the previous four administrations' forest policy to: reduce wildfire threat; thin overcrowded forests; streamline environmental review; restore forest ecosystems; and reduce wildfire smoke that directly impacts health and releases unprecedented greenhouse gas emissions into our atmosphere.

The fate of the Fix Our Forests Act now lies in the hands of the Senate. A strong bipartisan duo, namely California Senator Alex Padilla (D) and Utah Senator John Curtis (R) are emerging as the leaders to get FOFA passed and onto President Trump's desk. Senator Curtis summarized their agreement on the FOFA well: "The bill works on how to prevent wildfires, how to deal with them while they happen, and how to deal with them after the fact." FOFA does promote just that, with increased forest thinning, direct attack on wildfire, salvaging burned timber, and replanting forests.

The Sierra Club, and over 100 other environmental groups, have launched their offensive against the FOFA. Sierra Club spokesperson, Anna Medema, warns, "What they [the Trump Administration officials] have shown is a consistent desire to hand over our national forests and public lands to billionaires and corporate polluters." This is the same dishonest fear mongering designed to push the public's hot buttons that has been used in the past.



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It's time to push back. We've been here before. If we lose our resolve to be good stewards of our National Forests, to make them healthy and vibrant, to return them to the very purpose they were created for, we'll be here again.

This article was written by Mike Albrecht, Past President (2023-2025) of the American Loggers Council.

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Mike served as president of the American Loggers Council from October 2023 to September 2025 and is a past president of Associated California Loggers and the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference.

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JOHNNIE JOSEPH "JOE" YOUNG

February 4, 1938 - September 12, 2025



SCTPA has lost one of its own. Joe Young was one of the founding members of our association and a huge advocate for our industry.

He was the President/Owner of Low Country Forest Products, Inc. and was passionate about the forest products industry he spent his life working. He was the Forestry Association's 1993 Board Chairman; our 1998 Outstanding Logger of the Year; and 2000 Distinguished Service Award recipient. He received the Jimmy Watkins Community Service Award from the SC Timber Producers Association in 2003 and the National Outstanding Forestry Activist Award from Forest Resources Association in 2016.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



POLICY ALERT



This week the [White House issued a proclamation adjusting timber import duties](#)—a direct response to the crisis facing private forest landowners.

This action came just two weeks after the Forest Landowners Association (FLA), the American Loggers Council, and the American Biomass Energy Association, led a **coalition of more than 400 forestry associations and organizations**—including yours—in calling on President Trump to act. Your signature made a difference, and we thank you for standing with us.

White House Proclamation Signals Support for U.S. Forest Landowners Amid Timber Crisis

September 30, 2025

FLA Continues to Lead the Charge on Federal Action to Stabilize the Forestry Sector

Washington, D.C. – The Forest Landowners Association (FLA) commends the Trump Administration for issuing a proclamation to adjust imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products. The proclamation recognizes the urgency of the national crisis facing private forest landowners across America. FLA is grateful for this important step, which signals alignment with the concerns raised by America’s forest products sector.

Two weeks ago, FLA spearheaded a coalition of over 400 organizations—including associations, forest product businesses, landowners, and rural stakeholders—that sent a letter to President Trump calling for bold federal action to stabilize the forestry sector. That letter highlighted mill closures, forest losses, supply chain disruptions, and threats to rural economies, while urging adoption of key policy measures such as the Disaster Reforestation Act, expanded biomass markets, and support for logging workforce stability.

The new proclamation aligns with that appeal, particularly by imposing additional duties on imported timber and derivative wood products and by mandating that Commerce and USTR periodically review and update the scope of goods subject to those tariffs. This action helps level the playing field for domestic producers and forest owners who manage America’s working forests.

“We deeply appreciate this Administration’s recognition of the mounting pressures on private forest landowners,” said **Scott Jones, CEO of the Forest Landowners Association**. “By stepping in to correct distortions in the timber import market, the Trump Administration is beginning to restore certainty and balance for those who invest in and care for our nation’s forests. We look forward to working more closely with the Administration and with Congress to advance policies that strengthen the domestic wood products sector and support the private landowners who steward our working forests.”

FLA looks forward to constructive dialogue with the President’s team and with Congress to turn this proclamation into lasting policy certainty for America’s forest landowners and wood products manufacturers.



SCTPA MEMBER BENEFIT & SERVICE



MICHELIN & B. F. GOODRICH TIRE SCTPA MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

SC Timber Producers Association is proud to offer this 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 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. Members are able to visit any local Michelin dealer. Program requires an application be completed and the use of a credit or debit card.

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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. Contact Michelin's Sharon Warner, 386-479-1169, email sharon.warner@michelin.com to receive an application. Sharon will ask questions regarding number of tires to be purchased, who pays and how.
5. Sharon Warner will verify active membership with SCTPA's Michael Campbell.
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.
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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 Tires. Should a member have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Warner or SCTPA.

9-8-23



Paper mill pumping \$800 million into expansion of Alabama plant

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Georgia-Pacific today announced an \$800 million expansion and modernization of its Alabama River Cellulose Mill in Perdue Hill.

By the expected end of the project in 2027, the Monroe County mill will be able to produce about a million tons of fluff and market pulps a year, which are used in everything from diapers to facial tissue, towels, plates and cups.

The expansion will make the mill the largest softwood pulp mill in the U.S., as well as one of the most technologically advanced.

The planned improvements are also aimed at reducing water usage, resulting in lower particulate emissions, and more efficient energy use.

Georgia-Pacific acquired the mill in 2010 and has invested more than \$700 million in it since.

Munir Abdallah, president of GP Cellulose, a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific, said the project means the company's cellulose business "will be well-positioned to meet the growing needs of emerging markets."

Georgia-Pacific employs close to 2,400 employees and operates six facilities in Alabama, providing \$238 million in direct wages and benefits.

Gov. Kay Ivey said the project "not only strengthens one of Monroe County's cornerstone employers, but it also ensures that Alabama will continue to play a leading role in supplying the materials that go into essential everyday products used around the world."



Georgia-Pacific is spending \$800 million to modernize and expand its Purdue Hill cellulose mill. Nicole Linton - Georgia-Pacific





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Mark Your Calendar

October 2025

- 16 Forest Recovery Task Force Meeting - SC Forestry Commission headquarters, Columbia, SC
- 21-23 Wood Magic Forest Fair - Harbison State Forest
- 23 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting

November 2025

- 11-14 Forestry Association of SC Annual Meeting - Greenville Hyatt Regency
- 18-21 Wood Magic Forest Fair - Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

December 2025

- 11 SCTPA Board of Directors Meeting

SCTPA is available to those needing to view the 2025 SFI Timber Operations Professional (TOP) Update Video to continue to be SC SFI Trained for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 period. Contact SCTPA, and a group live class or individual live class can be arranged.

District Meeting dates are subject to change. Meeting notices will be mailed, posted on SCTPA Facebook page and listed on the website www.scloggers.com prior to scheduled meeting. 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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