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ALC Holds Annual Meeting

Over 200 attend Annual Membership Meeting in Escanaba, Michigan

Hemphill, Texas (September 30, 2014) –The American Loggers Council (ALC) recently held its 20th Annual Meeting in Harris, Michigan., on Sept. 25 – 27 and had well over 200 attendees including loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council over the past twelve months and twenty years.

“I am proud that we were able to return to Michigan on our 20th anniversary and celebrate not only the past twenty years of the organization, but the direction that we will head well into the future” said ALC President Brian Nelson. “We’re excited about the progress that has been made and look forward to extending those efforts as we head into 2015. We are confident that we are headed in the right direction with our goal of being the national hub for logger information exchange, linking local, state and regional organizations around the country.”

The three day conference included a logging tour, technical sessions, business meetings and awards presentations where Associated Oregon Loggers Executive Director Jim Geisinger and Montana Logging Association Director Keith Olson received the President’s award for their efforts and accomplishments over the past several years and Ohio logger and businessman Corbett Caudill with

Caudill Chipping, Inc. received the prestigious Timber Harvesting “Logging Business of the Year Award.”

A new award presented by the ALC this year as the National Logger Activist Award that recognizes a logger who has demonstrated unselfish time and efforts to promote the timber harvesting profession. The first-ever recipient of this award went to Mike Albrecht with Sierra Resource Management located in Jamestown, California.

ALC Legislative Committee Chair, Jim Geisinger commented during his report that “over the past twenty years, the progress that the organization has made is amazing in the fact that where once there was once no unified voice loggers in Washington, DC, and now, 20 years later, they are calling us. Just this year, members of the American Loggers Council have been called several times to testify, either written or orally, on the issues and legislation that have the potential to impact their operations, as well as have two of our issues, the Endangered Species Act and Truck Weights introduced as bills in both the House and Senate.” Geisinger went on the state that



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“having this many state Representatives and Senators, as well as U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek attend the meeting is a testament to the progress that we are making.”

Technical sessions on Friday included presentations on running a successful business and identifying both issues and opportunities effecting timber harvesting businesses, Tier 4 and natural gas applications in trucking, TEAM efforts in reducing equipment fire incidents through the use of on-board fire detection and suppression systems, and logging equipment telematics applications now being made available through OEM’s to increase efficiencies and help reduce down-time.

Ladies events included a cruise on Lake Superior along the Picture Rocks National Lakeshore as well as a visit to historical downtown Escanaba.

During the closing President’s dinner on Saturday night, several Past Presidents of the American Loggers Council were on-hand on Saturday evening to be presented with special awards and recognition for the work that they had done to keep the organization moving ahead. Earl St. John, the first President of the American Loggers Council from Spaulding, Michigan gave the keynote address following dinner.

Myles Anderson from Fort Bragg, California was introduced as the new President of the American Loggers Council, with Florida logger Richard Schwab, Mississippi logger Ken Martin, and Oregon Logger Mark Turner filling the Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer positions on the Executive Committee. Mr.



Myles Anderson
ALC President

Anderson stated in his remarks that “I plan on keeping the momentum that we have built up over the past twenty years moving forward,” and “that there is still much work needed at the federal level on the issues that will help those that we represent participate in the economic recovery being seen around the country.”

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor wrapped it up in a brief statement by thanking Brian Nelson for his past twelve months of leadership and

looks forward to working with Myles Anderson to ensure that the American Loggers Council will continue to be “the national voice for professional timber harvesters.”

About American Loggers Council

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 30 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at www.americanloggers.org.



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SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

American Loggers Council Annual Meeting

Harris, Michigan



By Crad Jaynes, President & CEO

SCTPA entered its 15th year with our “Log On” Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, February 2014. Despite the still recovering industry and economy the attendance was outstanding with nearly 300 attending.

SCTPA proudly welcomed several outstanding speakers. American Loggers Council President Brian Nelson provided insights into ALC national activities and provided information on his company’s timber harvesting operations in Michigan. Consultant forester Mike Wetzel, Richardson, Bell, McLeod & Wetzel, Inc. presented a lawsuit case he served as an expert witness for involving a logger, a wood dealer and forester. The case regarded an injury to a third party caused by a flying object propelled from the feller buncher cutting head. The presentation stimulated a great deal of discussion and provided valuable information to assist attendees in their businesses. Don Taylor, Sustainable Resource Systems, presented his WSRI project regarding What Will It Take to Recover Logging Capacity. This presentation also brought much discussion regarding the project’s findings. Attorney Rob Moseley of Smith Moore & Leatherwood discussed the Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) federal trucking program and the issues involved with the usage of subcontract trucking and the associated liabilities. The Saturday luncheon speaker was Jim Hourdequin, CEO of The Lyme Timber Company discussing how his company relates to their logging contractors. Saturday afternoon the SFI Trained DVD Module was shown for obtaining the SC SFI Trained status. After the training session Glen Chrusciel, Program Manager, Retrofit, John Deere Power Systems presented an informative presentation on the new Tier 4 Engines and the issues involved with the new engines.

At our annual meeting, our 2013 Logger Activist of the Year Award was presented to Josh Key and Beech Island Timber & Construction, Inc., Jackson, SC for their outstanding timber harvesting business, their sincere commitment to community involvement, sustainable forestry education and support of SCTPA and their profession. Billy McKinney, Highland Timber Company, Union, SC was re-elected to the board of directors. SCTPA President’s Award was presented to Don Rhodes, retired SC State Transport Police, for his outstanding sup-

port and cooperative work to assist SC’s timber trucking segment.

The winter was tough, at least for SC, wet and coupled with ice storms really damaging a great deal of standing timber across 15 middle counties. SCTPA served on the Ice Damage Recovery Committee and worked with SC Forestry Association to co-sign letters to the Governor requesting an initial Disaster Relief Order and extensions to allow the trucking of 90,000 pounds of timber and chips from salvage harvesting operations. Summer has been a mixed wet and dry time with our usual hot, humid temperatures. But as the saying goes... Log On!

Pulpwood production to pulp/paper mills and other smaller wood products markets have remained steady while solid wood products markets have increased production due to the economic recovery and demand for solid wood products. With some economic recovery and continued economic challenges such as fuel costs, logger attrition has slowed, at least it appears. There continues to be new logger startups across the state as market demand has increased. Several mills have undergone expansions which has increased demand for timber.

South Carolina’s legislative session was fairly active for forestry issues, but nothing impacting logging. Several key issues were; Stopping the Discrimination Against SC Certified Wood, Infrastructure Funding for Bridges and Roads, Truck Weight Increase on State Roads, SC Forestry Commission Budget, and Enhanced Liability Protection for Forest Landowners. SCTPA testified to legislative committees on behalf of the SC Forestry Commission’s budget requests. The truck weight issue to allow 90,000 pounds of unmanufactured forest products (UFP) on state roads has changed now to involving all agricultural sectors to haul the higher weight. SCTPA serves on the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council committee studying this issue. Revised legislation will be re-entered in January 2015. There are concerns SCDOT will post more bridges thus further impacting UFP trucking haul distances, delivery rates being subject to revisions and the additional impact on our already stressed road system.

SCTPA continues to partner with the SC Forestry

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Commission and SC Forestry Association to make good things happen for South Carolina forestry.

SCTPA continued its activities with the SC Biomass Council, Statewide Trucking Task Force, SFI State Implementation Committee, Timber Operations Professional Training Program, Timber Equipment Applications Management (TEAM) Committee and organizations such as the SC Forestry and SC Trucking Associations and State Transport Police. SCTPA continued representing timber harvesting in coalitions to promote forestry, agricultural, wildlife, natural resources and AgriBusiness to promote these segment's importance to the SC General Assembly and state agencies for economic development.

SCTPA and Southern Loggers Cooperative (SLC) along with the U.S. Endowment for Forest & Rural Communities and Natural Capital Investment Fund have partnered in a pilot program to locate Southern Loggers Coop fuel depots around SC. One privately owned existing fuel depot in Allendale, SC is in the process of being acquired by SLC. Other locations being worked are Newberry, Chester, Florence and Darlington. The Georgetown depot is in operation. SCTPA is acting as the on-the-ground representative for the pilot program. Thus far, positive results have occurred in locating sites.

SCTPA participated in the 15th SC Sustainable Forestry Teachers Tour, a weeklong sustainable forestry education program. This year's June tour was tremendous with thirty-five teachers. SCTPA arranged the timber harvesting stop at the jobsite of Bay Area Forest Products, LLC, Georgetown, SC. Thanks to Bay Area's Greg Thompkins and Joe Young, Low Country Forest Products, Inc., Georgetown, for an outstanding tour stop to educate the teachers on professional timber harvesting. SCTPA, Bay Area and Low Country sponsored the stop. Other tour stops included the Francis Marion National Forest, International Paper's Georgetown mill, Norfolk Southern's Brosnan Forest, EDF's woody biomass energy plant, Kap-Stone sawmill, Georgia Pacific's OSB mill, private tree farmer and Old Santee Canal Park. The association continued presenting its sustainable forestry management and professional timber harvesting education program in schools.

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

SCTPA continued supporting the Wood Supply Re-

search Institute for wood supply chain research projects. SCTPA president serves as Technical Team chairman and remains a WSRI board member. SCTPA's president attended the WSRI annual meeting in Virginia Beach, VA.

Statewide district meetings were conducted in the Fall and Spring to keep attendees updated with national and state legislation, ALC activities, regulations and local issues. Presentations were conducted for Workers Compensation and Auto Liability by Swamp Fox Agency, SCTPA's endorsed agency. SCTPA continues its endorsement of Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

Emphasis for producing energy from woody biomass has continued with an increased interest in developing wood pellet facilities in state. The feeling is there will be increased activity in these alternative markets in the near future. There has been an announcement of an Enviva pellet mill locating in the Piedmont region along with other wood using projects in the works. Loggers, wood suppliers and landowners will welcome these alternative markets.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Crad Jaynes
President & CEO





American Loggers Council

Quarterly Report to the States

June 28, 2014 – October 2, 2014

The ALC Board of Directors has requested that a quarterly report be generated from the ALC office, highlighting the events and activities of the American Loggers Council. Our hopes are that you will use these reports to inform your members on how the American Loggers Council is working on their behalf to benefit the timber harvesting industry.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met three times during the quarter, two face-to-face meetings with the Board of Directors in Pella, Iowa and Harris, Michigan, and again on August 28 to discuss the proposed 2015 budget and review the position of Executive Vice President and proposed 2014/2015 service agreement for association management services.

Activities

The summer ALC Board of Directors meeting was held on July 25-26 in Pella, Iowa hosted by Vermeer. All committee reports were presented as well as updates on the work that was being done to secure cosponsors on the "Future Logging Careers Act," H.R. 4590/S. 2335 and the "Right to Haul Act of 2014," H.R.5201 introduced by Congressman Steve Southerland (R-FL) on July 24, 2014. The ALC was instrumental in getting both of these pieces of legislation introduced in the House and Senate.

The Forest Service published a proposal to amend its Watershed and Air Management directives to establish direction for management of groundwater resources on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The changes are described by the agency as "providing direction on the consideration of groundwater resources in agency activities, approvals, and authorizations; encouraging source water protection and water conservation; establish procedures for reviewing new proposals for groundwater withdrawals on NFS lands; require the evaluation of potential impacts from groundwater withdrawals on NFS resources; and providing for measurement and reporting for some larger groundwater withdrawals." A link to the manual provisions can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/geology/>

[groundwater.html](#). ALC has worked with allied associations and members to provide comments to the groundwater directives.

The ALC was invited to send a Pennsylvania logging business owner as a witness before the full House Natural Resources Committee field hearing held on September 15, 2014 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on the proposed listing of the Northern Long Eared Bat and the potential impacts to the industry should the proposed listing be granted. Martin Melville, long time ALC participant testified, representing himself and the position of the American Loggers Council on the impacts of the proposed listing the NLEB to the timber harvesting industry.

The "logging careers" website is complete and can be accessed at www.americanloggers.org/careers. A downloadable brochure is located on the web site and hard copies of the brochure are available through the Forest Resources Association and soon all State and Regional logging associations. This project has been a joint effort between the ALC and the Forest Resources Association with Husqvarna sponsoring some of the costs associated with design and printing.

President Nelson has written three excellent "As We See It" editorials for the quarter which have been distributed to members and press as well as posted to the web site.

The Fall Board of Directors meeting and 20th Annual Membership Meeting were held September 25-27, 2014 in Harris, Michigan. Over 225 loggers, log truckers, sponsors and invited guests were in attendance at the meeting which included 4 technical sessions qualifying for continuing education credits for Michigan and Wisconsin loggers. An in-woods demo/logging tour was also a part of the program allowing all ALC sponsors the opportunity to showcase their equipment.

Membership

Plans are underway to visit West Virginia in October to

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meet with the West Virginia Forestry Association and some of their logger members and Board members to discuss bringing the state of West Virginia in to the American Loggers Council. Early discussions are also underway to try and set up the same type of meeting in Pennsylvania.

Travel

Travel in the 3rd quarter of 2014 included the July trip to Pella, Iowa for the Summer Board of Directors meeting and the trip to Harris, Michigan for the 20th Annual membership meeting.

Danny also traveled to Shreveport, Louisiana to attend the Louisiana Forestry Association/Louisiana Logging Council Annual meeting on August 27th.

With limited activity in Washington, DC due to August recess and now the mid-term election cycle upon us, there were no scheduled trips to Washington during this quarter. We are expecting activity to resume again following the November elections.



American Loggers Council – 2013/2014 State of the Association Report

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We are proud to report that there have been many exciting developments over the course of the past twelve months with the Council.

The dedication and work of the members of the ALC Communications committee has allowed the ALC web site to become even more functional in 2014, including the addition of a "Careers Page" where visitors can find contact information when searching for information on how to begin a career in the logging industry. The ALC working with the Forest Resources Association (FRA) and in-kind services provided by Husqvarna have created a downloadable brochure that visitors can access and print that gives them an idea of what a logging career might look like. Logger news, issue updates and position papers also continue to be updated and posted to the site.

President Nelson has contributed greatly to the success of the "As We See It" column by authoring timely editorials that have relevance to many of the issues that our industry is facing and what the ALC is doing to support those issues.

The ALC Membership committee has been very busy in 2014 as well. They set a goal of obtaining \$125,000 in sponsorships for 2014, and have exceeded that goal by 27%. The Individual Logger Membership recruitment program has exceeded its goals in 2014 and there has been an increase of over 100% of the Individual loggers now supporting the ALC. Many thanks go out to DK Knight with Hatton-Brown Publishers for making the ALC Individual Logger Membership advertisement available in his publications. There are several sponsors who are using the ALC logo in their advertising, and as a result, the American Loggers Council is becoming more visible to those we represent.

While we have not been able to recruit any new states into the organization so far in 2014, there is a face-to-face meeting scheduled in October with the West Virginia Forestry Association and some of their logger members to

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try and meet the goal of recruiting at least one new logging association into the ALC during 2014.

On the legislative side of things, the result of the legislative committee work was a spring meeting that was well coordinated and involved over 60 participants making well over 100 visits to the Hill and federal agencies. Position papers were distributed during all of those visits and the message was clear and consistent on all issues that were discussed, resulting in a request for written testimony on ESA hearings in the House, but introduction of two bills that offered up ALC specific language requesting that youth be allowed the same exemptions from the Fair Labor Standards Act that would allow the 16 and seventeen year-old children of logging business owners the ability to participate and work with their parents in their logging businesses and allow state legal weight tolerances on the Federal Interstate Highway System. Congressman Labrador (R-ID) and Senators Risch (R-ID) and Crapo (R-ID) were instrumental in getting the "Youth" bill introduced in both the House and the Senate, while Congressman Southerland (R-FL) was responsible for introducing the truck weight legislation.

The ALC continues to participate in Federal Forest Resource Committee and Federal Timber Sale Coalition activities to help persuade members of Congress to make changes to the regulations that continue to hinder the federal timber sale program.

The Transportation Committee continues to monitor activity dealing with reauthorization of the Transportation Bill, CSA issues and truck weight legislation. The highway reauthorization bill, like so many other pieces of legislation, continues to be bogged down in mid-term election year politics and a nine-month extension has been passed to continue to fund necessary transportation infrastructure projects.

The ALC Biomass Committee submitted comments to the EPA on the proposed biogenic carbon accounting methodology that could have a huge impact on the future of the utilization of woody biomass in a renewable energy future. Both co-committee chairs Richard Schwab and Larry Cumming helped to develop those comments.

The ALC continues its work on the SFI Resources Committee with Bob Luoto serving as Immediate Past Chair

of the Sustainable Forestry Board and Danny Dructor working with the SFI Resource Committee. The ALC has submitted proposals addressing the amount of fiber being delivered from untrained loggers to the SFI participating mills as well as joined in on the discussions around having qualified logging professionals on job sites.

ALC member State Associations are now receiving quarterly reports on ALC activities as well as monthly ALC Washington, DC reports to share with their respective memberships and to keep them informed on the work that the ALC is doing on their behalf.

ALC Board members were treated to an exciting and informative tour of Vermeer Corporation's manufacturing facilities in Pella, Iowa at the Summer Board of Directors meeting, and a heartfelt thanks goes out to Vermeer for opening up their doors and making our members feel welcome.

All of these accomplishments would not exist without the hard work and dedication of all members, sponsors and supporters of the American Loggers Council and we congratulate them for a job well done in 2014. We look forward to that same commitment and working relationship in 2015, and years into the future, making the American Loggers Council *"The Voice for Professional Timber Harvesters."*

Respectfully submitted on this 27^h day of September, 2014 by:



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ACTING HOUSE SPEAKER LUCAS APPOINTS ROADS PANEL



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The new leader of the S.C. House of Representatives moved quickly Friday to address the billions of dollars of shortfall in transportation funding, naming an ad hoc committee to study options to fix the state's roads.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Jay Lucas, currently acting House speaker, joined Chairman Brian White of the House Ways and Means Committee to appoint the special committee.

Lucas is leading the House because of House Speaker Bobby Harrell's suspension last week following his indictment on nine charges alleging misconduct in office.

The Infrastructure and Management Committee will work to identify funding sources that can be dedicated to improving roadways and will focus on reforms that may be possible at the S.C. Department of Transportation to ensure the funds are being managed to meet current and future infrastructure needs, Lucas said in a statement issued by the speaker's office.

"It's not all a lack of dollars, it's not all mismanagement, but the two go hand in hand, and somewhere in this equation, something's not adding up right," said Lucas. "It's time we get to the bottom of all this, because all South Carolinians are far too familiar with the end results this has produced so far — less than satisfactory roads."

Ways and Means Committee Chairman White echoed the sentiment, adding, "This is the No. 1 issue facing our state. Our roads impact everyone. It's a diverse problem, affecting all areas of the state, and we need a broad approach and perspective to examine all aspects of the issue."

"We've heard a large outcry from citizens regarding the condition of our roads, and the House is poised to thoroughly examine this growing concern," White said. "We continue to hear that inadequate funding is the issue, but there are systematic problems which must be addressed prior to simply increasing funding."

Rep. Gary Simrill, appointed to head the bipartisan 13-member Infrastructure and Management Committee, said the committee plans to begin working right away and has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, at 1 p.m., in Room 110 of the Blatt Building.

"Ask any lawmaker, from any corner of our state, they're all hearing the same thing from folks back home — what are you going to do about our roads?" Simrill said. "This is a statewide concern, a statewide problem, and it's going to require a statewide solution. Adequate funding is just as important as the responsible management of those funds. This committee has a big task ahead of it, and it's our goal to find solutions that will work better and improve both sides of this equation."

Appointees to the S.C. House Infrastructure and Management Ad Hoc Committee are:

- Rep. J. Gary Simrill, chairman, District 46, York.
- Rep. Merita A. "Rita" Allison, District 36, Spartanburg.
- Rep. Heather Ammons Crawford, District 68, Horry.
- Rep. Chandra E. Dillard, District 23, Greenville.
- Rep. J. Wayne George, District 57, Marion.
- Rep. Phyllis Henderson, District 21, Greenville.
- Rep. William G. "Bill" Herbkersman, District 118, Beaufort.
- Rep. William M. "Bill" Hixon, District 83, Aiken.
- Rep. Lonnie Hosey, District 91, Allendale, Barnwell and Orangeburg.
- Rep. Harry B. "Chip" Limehouse, III, District 110, Charleston.
- Rep. Joseph H. "Joe" Neal, District 70, Richland.
- Rep. Russell L. Ott, District 93, Calhoun.
- Rep. R. Shannon Riley, District 13, Greenwood.

HOUSE HIGHWAY PANEL BEGINS DELIBERATIONS

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South Carolina's current transportation policy and rate of funding is only "managing the decay" of the state roads, said Acting House Speaker Jay Lucas said Tuesday, as he gave marching orders to a special committee set up to study and propose action to address the \$42 billion shortfall in highway funding.

"Where there are many needs in the state, none is bigger than state's roads and infrastructure," said Lucas, a Hartsville Republican, citing the \$42 billion shortfall in money needed to bring the state's roads and bridges up to a "good" standard by 2040.

The ad hoc committee that Lucas appointed jointly with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Brian White met for the first time and heard a presentation from Department of Transportation Director Janet Oakley, who has been on the job for four months.

Oakley and her deputies led the panel through an outline of the current status of South Carolina's highways, the fourth-largest state-supported system in the nation.

Oakley noted that just 29% of the traffic on state-maintained roads is over pavement that is considered to be in good condition. Some 36% of state road pavement is in fair condition, and 35% is in poor condition, according to DOT data.

"We must preserve the infrastructure that we have," she told the committee.

In response, Rep. Lonnie Hosey told Oakley that he had counted more than 30 potholes on his drive from Barnwell to Blackville. And he added: "Help is on the way. This committee is here to help."

Rep. Chip Limehouse of Charleston pressed the DOT chief about the high fatality rate and the poor engineering on the stretch of Interstate 26 between I-95 and Summerville, where many people have been killed when their cars run off the roadway and into a swamp.

"We filled swamps to build that highway, and it

was a very poor engineering job," Limehouse said. "I'm going to keep bringing this up until it is fixed."

White, the chairman of the budget-writing committee, also spoke to the panel, and urged them to look for reforms of the DOT and the vast highway system. Asserting that many of the roads do not need to be part of the state-maintained system, he added, "I don't want to continue to fund the system as it is now. The system must change before we add more money to it."

Rep. Gary Simrill, the York County Republican who chairs the special committee, cautioned that the gasoline tax, the traditional source of most of the

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DOT's revenue, will no longer be adequate to the task, as vehicles become more fuel efficient. He said the panel will look at a variety of options to pay for road improvements.

But Simrill asserted that voters and taxpayers will support the necessary measures to ensure a safe and efficient road system.

Noting that York County has had the fastest growth rate in the state for more than a decade, he said local taxpayers have voted three times to tax themselves to improve the county's transportation system.

"When people see their tax dollars at work, they want to continue," Simrill said.

The committee will be meeting periodically until the General Assembly re-convenes in January to craft a highway improvement plan to lawmakers in the new session.



Truck Weight Reform: Rail Under the Gun



There were indications this summer that the federal Department of Transportation would shortly release a preliminary “technical” report of its Congressionally mandated investigation into the impacts of various configurations of productive trucks. Since there are several indications that this report will be favorable to the terms in the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (HR 612), FRA and others had hoped to have it available to build support for SETA during the final weeks of the 113th Congress. At this point, we have no new estimate for a release date, although it could be any day.

Meanwhile, the main antagonist of truck weight reform—the rail interest—has been under heavy criticism from both shippers and legislators for poor service and high prices, apart from news accounts of several disastrous train wrecks. According to the September 15 Transport Topics, “Statistics show that during 2014, freight rail hasn’t worked well. Nationwide, freight trains ran 11% slower year-over-year during a three-week period in mid-August, continuing a pattern that began in the winter”—according to information delivered to the American Association of Railroads. The general decline in efficient freight handling seems to be common to all of the major (Class One) carriers, and shippers are vocal that this decline is affecting their profitability. At a mid-September Senate Commerce Committee hearing, both Committee Chair Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia) and ranking member John Thune (R-South Dakota) criticized rail industry witnesses for the deteriorating situation.

At FRA’s recent Board meeting, several members observed that, in the meantime, rail’s shipping rates have increased dramatically, with a doubling of rates over a year’s period not uncommon and with per-ton rates approaching freight rates for trucking in some markets.

Anyone up for increasing trucking productivity?

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Leadership

The success of any organization or business is directly related to the quality of its leadership. No matter how good of a product you produce, service you provide, or vision you have, you still need the leadership of quality individuals to pull it all together.

Looking back at the leadership that the American Loggers Council (ALC) has enjoyed over the years and the strides that have been made-I can't help but feel proud to have been a part of the vision that our founders had for the ALC. That vision being a "National Voice for Professional Loggers" in this country. The ALC has accomplished many things over the past twenty years through the hard work and dedication of some of the finest loggers (and individuals) this country has to offer.

I've always believed it was far more productive to build upon successes as opposed to trying to "reinvent the wheel" and that has been a constant through the years with the ALC leadership-building upon what those before them had started. Few things, especially in the legislative arena, can be resolved in the short span of one's term as ALC President making it all the more important to build upon those successes.

It's hard to believe that my term as ALC President is nearly over but as that time nears I look back at what we all accomplished and question if we could have done more for our nation's loggers. We all strive to do more, unfortunately that is not always possible for one reason or another.

We have had a very productive year nonetheless, primarily on the legislative front. After seventeen years we were finally successful in getting our truck weight language of "state legal tolerances on interstate highways" introduced into legislation, while it may not go anywhere this Legislative session, we do have a bill now and will continue to work on this issue. Also we were able to get a bill drafted and introduced in both the U.S. House and the Senate to allow children of logging company owners to begin careers in the industry at the age of 16. Neither of these issues are "done deals" and both are going to take a concerted effort by all in the industry to get signed into law but I'm *confident* we can get it done. These are just a couple of the many issues that the ALC has been working on this past year.

The ALC has been fortunate to have had the leadership they have had over the years and I count myself lucky to have been able to work with many of them. I am proud to have been a small part in what ALC has been able to accomplish over the years and am completely confident in its future because of the leadership we have coming up in the next few years.



As I am writing this month's article plans are well underway for this year's ALC Annual meeting to be held at the Island Resort and Casino in Harris, Michigan. This will be a special homecoming- since the very first ALC Annual meeting in 1994, we will be returning to Michigan for our twentieth anniversary. My wife, Maureen and I are excited to showcase the beauty of the Great Lakes and the fall colors of the U.P. and look forward to seeing you all in our neck of the woods.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent Michigan and all the professional loggers of this country as the ALC president.

Thanks to all for the support and encouragement this past year, it was and is truly appreciated.

Until next time,

LOG SAFE

Brian Nelson

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20 Years and Counting



Twenty Years ago cell phones were sold as bags and could only make calls, the U.S. Forest Service harvested almost 5 Billion Board Feet and the American Loggers Council was formed by 40 upset Loggers in St. Louis, Missouri. While much has changed over the years, the willingness of many Loggers to represent the thousands across the Country has not waived and continues to build the American Loggers Council into a great organization.

The twentieth annual meeting of the American Loggers Council held in Escanaba Michigan has come and gone. A special presentation was made to all of the former Presidents and it allowed for each to say their piece about the formation and the path of the ALC. Mike Crouse from Loggers World spoke very descriptively of the first meeting, and the trials and tribulations that went into forming the ALC. There was much to reflect on with the 20 year history and clearly some of the issues that brought Loggers together then are still bringing them together today. The ALC has grown in its 20 years and I hope that we can continue that growth moving forward, building strength and increasing our umbrella as "the National Voice for Professional Loggers."

We must all continue working to make the Timber Harvesting portion of our industry a profession. There are many in our industry that are happy to sit by and let others do this work for them, but I believe through the growth and understanding of ALC that this will change. I hope that as more Timber Harvesting Professionals come to understand what the ALC is about their participation will increase. Our strength is in a common message supported by large numbers, and we must continue to build alliances with other National Organizations. The ability to be active at the National level is in each of our own hands as Professional Loggers in this Country. The American Loggers Council has, through great leadership, become a strong organization with many doors opening to it; however, it needs the support of all the fiber producing States to be as strong as possible.

There was a panel at this year's meeting that put 3 loggers at the table, one from Florida, one from Michigan and one from California. The questions revolved around what the loggers thought were opportunities and what were threats to their ability to successfully operate a logging business. The threats occupied much of the discussion and were focused on regulation, workforce and markets. While the geographic location of the loggers was much different, the

threats were very similar. While we all have regional issues there are many issues facing Loggers on a National level. This National stage is where the ALC can help so long as we are united.

Moving forward the ALC has many issues that are being worked on and many more that we hope to be working on soon. The ALC continues to be requested for testimony by various committees in Washington DC as issues arise that will impact fiber production in this country.

The ALC is knee deep in legislation, meetings, conference calls and everything else as we fight off the constant barrage of issues coming out of Washington DC. This work is vitally important to our industry, but cannot be done without the financial assistance of the ALC's great Sponsors. Please go to our Web Site, www.americanloggers.org, to see a list of the Sponsors that contribute to the ALC which in turn allows us to represent Loggers in Washington, DC. If you do business with any of these Sponsors please thank them, as it is their support that allows for our activism.

If you are a Logger in a State with a Logging Association, I ask that you join it. If you are already a member of your State or Regional Logging Association, thank you. If your state does not have an association then join the American Loggers Council as an Individual Logger Member and stand with us. I look forward to working with all the great leaders in this industry that are currently involved with the ALC and hopefully some new ones in the coming year as we continue to build our strength as Professional Timber Harvesters. Please stand with us and be heard, if our industry is to prosper we must increase our activism.

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Duffy Leads Effort to Save Bat from Endangered Species Distinction



Washington D.C. – U.S. Representative Sean Duffy (WI-07) is leading an effort to keep the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) off the endangered species list.

Rep. Duffy led a letter along with seven of his House colleagues and Senator Ron Johnson to the U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, and Director of the U.S. National Fish & Wildlife Services (FWS), emphasizing the negative economic impact of adding this species to the list:

The Members stated, “While we support efforts to address the spread of White-Nose Syndrome [WNS], we believe that an endangered species listing based on incomplete science will not only fail to address the root issues affecting northern long-eared bat populations, but will significantly burden upper-Midwest businesses in the process. We urge you to reconsider this proposed rule and refrain from listing the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species.”

This effort has received support from several interested parties including the Ruffed Grouse Society. Dan Dessecker, the Director of Conservation Policy offered, “WNS has the potential to be the most devastating wildlife disease in North America in modern history. We urge the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to work with its federal and state agency partners to address this root cause of the declines of the northern long-eared bat and other bat species, without imposing unnecessary restrictions on wildlife habitat management practices essential to other wildlife.”

Share Brandt, speaking on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association members, added, “[We] greatly appreciate Representative Duffy’s action to support our concerns about the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service listing of the northern long-eared bat as endangered, which would thwart our power line maintenance efforts to ensure reliability.”

SCTPA Comments: *The proposal to list the Northern Long-Eared Bat as an Endangered Species contains language that would prohibit timber harvesting from September to April in the bat’s habitat range. It’s not habitat that’s hurting the bat population, it’s the White-Nose Syndrome disease.*



Wood Supply Research Institute: Improving wood supply operations through research WSRI Upgrades Communications Tools

Wood Supply Research Institute

Washington, DC – “As a direct result of Wood Supply Research Institute Board and Executive Committee action, WSRI has upgraded and expanded its Communications Tool Kit,” noted WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig.

Elements in the new Communications Tool Kit include: The establishment of a WSRI Facebook page, the establishment of WSRI quarterly E-Newsletter, the development of a WSRI “Tag Line,” and WSRI “Media Briefings” with the executives of forestry and logging association executives and the editors of forestry and logging industry publications.

Danny Norman, WSRI Chairman noted, “These new Communications Tools are a welcome addition to WSRI because they will help us explain to foresters and loggers who we are, what we do, and how WSRI research findings can impact their bottom line wood production or wood consumption costs. I encourage all foresters and loggers to check out the WSRI Facebook page and click on the “like” and “follow” buttons so they can keep abreast of the latest wood supply research developments.” Foresters and loggers who want to receive the soon to be published WSRI quarterly e-newsletter should contact WSRI Executive Director at fendig@bellsouth.net

The Wood Supply Research Institute is a joint project of professional loggers, forest landowners, wood consuming mills, educators, and manufacturers that facilitates and funds research to promote and improve efficiency in the wood supply system.



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The Honorable Daniel M. Ashe
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Dear Secretary Jewell and Director Ashe:

We write to express our concerns with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposal to list the Northern Long-Eared bat as an endangered species. This listing would have a significant impact on industries throughout the upper-Midwest while doing little to address the cause of the Northern Long-Eared bats' supposed population decline. For this reason, we ask that you refrain from listing the Northern Long-Eared Bat as an endangered species.

FWS contends that the primary threat to the Northern Long-Eared bat's population is the fungal disease known as White Nose Syndrome (WNS). We share these concerns and support proactive measures to combat its spread throughout the upper-Midwest. The FWS should continue to focus on improving existing efforts to combat WNS, including use of the Federal Caves Resources Protection Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Plan for Managing White-Nose Syndrome in Bats, and separate programs in 21 states. Additional information on how WNS is transmitted or spread is needed before implementing regulations that will do nothing to control this disease.

Furthermore, the Endangered Species Act requires that an endangered species listing decision be based on the best available science. Yet many concerns remain about the science and methodology used in the proposed listing. Among these concerns are USFWS's reliance on winter survey data that tend to be unreliable and inaccurate; failure to include summer survey data that shows Northern Long-Eared bat populations increasing in many areas; and use of data from only a small fraction of caves where Northern Long-Eared bats exist.

The FWS itself recognizes that human activities and land management have not had an appreciable effect on the Northern Long-Eared bat. Yet an endangered species listing would likely focus on curtailing all conceivable human-induced impacts. Specifically, the USFWS's interim draft guidance would put a large amount of upper-Midwest timber off-limits to harvesting from April to October of each year. The guidance also restricts other land management tools, including prescribed burning

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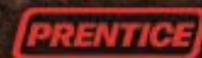


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and herbicide use, that are used protect habitats for rare species. In fact, a listing on the Endangered Species List would place significant burdens on the forest products industry, electric transmission maintenance, agriculture, manufacturing, and land and energy development.

While we support efforts to address the spread of WNS, we believe that an endangered species listing based on incomplete science will not only fail to address the root issues affecting Northern Long-Eared bat populations, but will significantly burden upper-Midwest businesses in the process. We urge you to reconsider this proposed rule and refrain from listing the Northern Long-Eared bat as an endangered species. Finally, should you feel compelled to list the Northern Long-Eared bat as threatened, we urge you to refrain from crafting land management guidelines that would restrict rural economic development or limit forest management and conservation efforts that benefit other forest wildlife.

Sincerely,



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FRA, ALC JOIN IN “LOGGING CAREERS” PROMOTION

Washington, DC – The **American Loggers Council** and the **Forest Resources Association** are working together on a project to help men and women considering a career in logging to understand what logging work is like and to link them with the connections they need to find employment.

A four-color brochure, ***Is Working As A Logger For You?***, describes basic qualifications for logging employment, characterizes several logging configurations, and presents statements from employers about what to expect from employment in logging. It also provides a link to a page on ALC’s web site, www.americanloggers.org/career, which provides state association contacts who can connect motivated individuals to employers and training opportunities.



“The need for motivated and trainable entry-level woods workers is a big part of our concern about future logging capacity,” stated FRA President Deb Hawkinson. “Our intent is not just to guide new entrants into logging work but to help them realize if it is a career well-suited to them.”

New brochure describes logging employment and leads interested entry-level workers to employment contacts.

“One of the major issues facing the timber harvesting industry today is finding enough motivated, career-oriented workers to fill the jobs that are opening up in the logging woods,” stated Danny Dructor, ALC Executive Vice President. “We have been working with members of Congress to address the anticipated worker shortage by focusing on succession with family members, but this brochure can help to educate others who are interested in a logging career.”

ALC and FRA are grateful to **Husqvarna** for supporting the design and production of the brochure, and to **Hatton-Brown Publishers** for administering the survey of logging employers that provided much of the guidance for the project.

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ALC and FRA are seeking contacts with organizations in a position to distribute the brochure to potential logging workers: ag education programs, career fair contacts, veterans organizations, community booster organizations, appropriate retail outlets, and others. Anyone with a distribution contact to recommend should contact FRA's Neil Ward at nward@forestresources.org, 202-296-3937, who will then arrange a shipment of the brochures. Brochures are available in multiples of 50 to distributors at no charge. The brochure may also be downloaded as a high-resolution PDF at: www.americanloggers.org/2014_LoggerBrochure_v3final.pdf.

The American Loggers Council is a non-profit 501 (c)(6) organization representing timber harvesting professionals in 30 states. For more information contact the American Loggers Council office at 409-625-0206 or visit their website at www.americanloggers.or.

The **Forest Resources Association Inc.** (www.forestresources.org) is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents landowners, wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.



White House Endorses Forest Products' Role in Carbon Policy

On October 8, the White House Council on Environment Quality released its 79-page Climate and Natural Resources Policy Agenda, summarized on a six-page Fact Sheet, outlining programs to support the President's Climate Action Plan announced last year. While the details of the document merit further study, we note that the document not only promotes various measures to increase or conserve forest cover—including significant alignment with current timber tax treatment—but acknowledges the role of forest products among the endorsed carbon-mitigation measures.

A "Tall Wood Competition" to demonstrate the use of wood in high-rise construction, as a carbon-sequestration option.

Endorsing industry-supported initiatives to demonstrate the use of wood in preference to steel and concrete, "as a lower carbon-footprint building material."

Endorsing a major American Forest Foundation campaign to promote "climate friendly stewardship" among family and individual forestland owners.

Significantly, on Page 28, the Climate and Natural Resources Policy Agenda recommends "Strengthening the collection, coordination and assessment of field inventory data through the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program, the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), and other surveys of terrestrial condition"—a recommendation which, if followed through with an adequate budget request, seems to acknowledge a key point that FRA and allies have been advocating in the context of carbon management policy.

As the Environmental Protection Agency prepares to release the "carbon accounting framework" that will define how the manufacturing footprint of forest products fits into a national carbon management strategy, it is encouraging to detect at least a hint of the White House's own political position.

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Announcement for Allendale SLC Fuel Depot

Greetings,

SC Timber Producers Association and Southern Loggers Cooperative (SLC) are partnering in a pilot program to locate SLC fuel depots around the state. These depots will serve members of Southern Loggers Coop and SCTPA. The SLC depots will provide savings for “On Road” and “Off Road” diesel fuel purchases.

SLC has a fuel depot in Georgetown, SC. **Now SLC has acquired a privately owned depot located on U.S. Hwy 301 in Allendale, SC.** The Allendale depot is now undergoing work for the conversions and updates to SLC’s operating system.

When the upgrades are completed, SCTPA and SLC will hold a grand opening to introduce folks to this depot. We are excited about this opportunity to help member businesses in logging, agricultural and forest products trucking and other qualified businesses that can be SLC members.

Southern Loggers Cooperative was started ten years ago by loggers and other business people to do something about the rising costs associated with logging, trucking and farming with an emphasis on reducing fuel costs. Now SLC operates 22 depots providing fuel savings to its members. Likewise SLC being a cooperative has other beneficial member programs.

SCTPA is very proud to work with Southern Loggers Coop in this endeavor here in South Carolina to provide fuel costs savings to SLC and SCTPA members, plus other SLC benefits.

SCTPA encourages our members in the Allendale and surrounding areas to join Southern Loggers Cooperative. If you are not a SCTPA member, you should be. SCTPA is dedicated to representing and servicing loggers, wood suppliers and forest products truckers and is a charter member of the American Loggers Council.

If you are not a SCTPA member, visit our website, www.scloggers.com, and download the member application and view the information. SCTPA has member discount programs for Baldwin Filters (45% member discount) and Cooper Tire’s Roadmaster brand truck and trailer tires, plus other member benefits.

Again, SLC and SCTPA are pleased to have the second SLC fuel depot in Allendale, SC.

Best regards,
Crad Jaynes
President



Forest Service Project on National Radar

September 2, 2014
Colin Murphey,
Mineral Independent

MINERAL COUNTY – A Forest Service project in Mineral County over half a decade in the making has turned heads at a national level according to one F.S. official and is in the final stages of approval.

The Cedar Thom project has been in development since at least 2009 and is being looked at by F.S. officials in Washington D.C. as a model of responsible, sustainable development of timber projects in national forests.

Superior Ranger District Ranger Tawnya Brummett said, while a long time coming, she felt the project has passed most of the major hurdles to final approval. If approved, the Cedar Thom timber project would also generate substantial economic gain for Mineral County.

Exact estimates were not immediately available but Brummett said millions of board feet of timber could potentially be harvested. She also said the project would improve the forest as a wildlife habitat.

“This is a large project that has gotten some Washington level office interest,” Brummett said. “That’s not very common. It’s a very good, integrative project. It will benefit the watershed, fisheries and wildlife habitat. Vegetation-wise it will help the health of the forest. It has a lot of really great outcomes.”

The site is just south of Superior near Cedar Creek and encompasses hundreds of acres which will be harvested, not in a clear-cut slash and burn method, but instead using sophisticated techniques which will remove tons of dead debris that currently litters the forest floor, inhibiting the movement and migration of important animal species through the county.

Brummett said the project will involve intermittent logging, road development and some burning of areas with particularly heavy debris load. She said the project has the unwavering support of Mineral County Commissioners and has been positively received by the communities it will affect.

“I think that’s one reason it has gotten such an in-

terest nationally,” Brummett said. “The community is really interested in pushing this forward. They have gotten their senators interested and our own county commissioners are very interested in the project.”

Part of why the community has become so interested in the project, according to Brummett, is because the Cedar Thom project has brought to the forefront of the local conversation issues that have been simmering for years. Timber management and wildland/urban land interface issues have been on the Mineral County public’s minds for years, according to Brummett.

“People are interested in managing the woods that are right outside their homes,” Brummett said. “This was a collaborative effort. A lot of people interested in these issues came to the table and helped the Forest Service develop this project. It was a community effort. This could be seen as a first step in everyone understanding each other’s concerns and moving forward together.”

Brummett said, as district ranger, her role has been to make sure the Cedar Thom project is the top priority for her resources. She said the reason the site was chosen for the work was due to a national directive to look at watershed areas that needed attention in order to maintain a healthy forest system.

After careful analysis, the Cedar Thom site was recognized as an area that needed work on multiple levels, which according to Brummett, is a new way of looking at land management projects. She said examining forest issues in a comprehensive way, taking into account fire danger, wildlife habitat and sustainable timber harvest is thought to be the best way to handle these land management issues.

“We look at where needs overlap,” Brummett said. “It just so happened that a lot of things overlapped up Cedar Creek. It needed attention and treatment. Cedar Creek is important to a lot of people and there are a lot of competing values but everyone came to the table early on and I think that’s one reason why it rose to the level of concern that it has is because it was a collaborative effort.”

Brummett said the project, while in the final stages

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of approval, could still get bogged down in the courts. She did say litigation would slow things down, but she didn't think a lawsuit could stop the Cedar Thom project from moving forward at this point.

The project still has to go through a process where groups can lodge objections to the project which is essentially an appeal process, according to Brummett. The F.S. then has the opportunity to work with the groups that lodge objections to come to a solution that satisfies everyone's interests.

Brummett said, if approved, the work could begin as soon as 2015 and could take as long as five or even ten years. She said the local F.S. station is very excited about moving the project forward and has received high praise at the national F.S. level.

"This is a very comprehensive plan," Brummett said. "We could generate 20 million board feet from this, maybe even 25 million board feet. Our commissioners were key in this. A lot of the community donated their time on this. Litigation could slow us down but I don't believe it could stop the project. I'm hopeful that won't

New Technology for Vega Biofuels Torrefaction Plant

BioEnergy Insight
September 9, 2014



Vega Biofuels' joint venture partner, Agri-Tech Producers (ATP), has developed a new, patent-pending process that reduces the cost of some of the biomass feedstock for the company's pilot torrefaction plant in South Carolina, US.

Vega recently entered into the joint venture to build and operate a pilot manufacturing plant in Allendale for the production of biocoal, among other torrefied products. When completed in Q1 2015, the plant will use a patented torrefaction technology to produce the biocoal from plant and wood biomass, which will then be used to generate renewable electricity.

As a way to dramatically reduce biomass feedstock costs, while substantially expanding the availability of nearby forest and bio-crop acreage, ATP has developed a combined 'Site Remediation Biomass and Bio-Coal Production' (SRBBP) process, which uses the phytoremediation powers of the roots of certain fast-growing trees and bio-crops that have been planted to clean contaminated sites; then, using a partner company's patented leaching process to remove the toxins and other problematic substances from the biomass; and finally, torrefying the biomass to make biocoal and other bio-products.

Michael Molen, chairman and CEO of Vega Biofuels, says: 'Through ATP's SRBBP process, we will be planting certain trees and bio-crops and using them twice, effectively cutting their cost in half for both the remediation and the torrefaction processes.'

After developing its SRBBP process, ATP has begun working with the US EPA's RE-Powering America's Land Initiative, which facilitates renewable energy activity on former and currently contaminated sites.

Upon request, EPA provided ATP a list and map showing nearly 170 contaminated sites, totalling approximately 250,000 acres, within a 75-mile radius of the Allendale pilot plant and 66,000 contaminated sites nationwide, totalling approximately 35 million acres.

Joseph James, ATP's president, and Vega advisory board member, states: 'Our new SRBBP process can be replicated all over the US and around the world, wherever there is substantial contaminated site acreage convenient to a torrefaction plant. This should either help stimulate more use of biocoal in the US, or otherwise enhance our profits.'

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SENATORS CAMPBELL, GROOMS ADVOCATE FOR STATEWIDE GAS TAX INCREASE

By Liz Segrist
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Senators Larry Grooms and Paul Campbell both advocated for an increase in the state's 16-cent gas tax to help increase funding for state infrastructure.

During the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce's infrastructure panel this morning, Campbell proposed increasing the gas tax by 10 cents this year, and Grooms proposed increasing it by 2 cents annually over the next decade. The Charleston chamber advocates for a 25-cent increase.

Sen. Paul Campbell says he wants the S.C. Legislature to approve a 10-cent gas tax increase this year. (Photo/Liz Segrist) "This will be an uphill battle and I expect a lot of pushback, but if we don't fund these roads and bridges in our state, they will get worse."



"This will be an uphill battle and I expect a lot of pushback, but if we don't fund these roads and bridges in our state, they will get worse," Campbell said. "If we don't make a significant jump this year, we start losing ground and fall further behind."

The S.C. Department of Transportation has a \$1.5 billion gap annually in its funding needs to repair and maintain roads, bridges and highways around the state.

The state's highway department will need over \$40 billion more than it's expecting to receive during the next few decades to meet state infrastructure needs, according to S.C. Transportation Secretary Janet Oakley, who spoke this morning in North Charleston.

The senators said an increase in the gas tax — which is one of the lowest in the country and is officially referred to as a motor fuel user fee by state law — would be a step toward closing the transportation funding gap.

Improved infrastructure is crucial to the state's

industries, such as manufacturing, tourism and the Port of Charleston, as well as to improvements in safety and reduction of costs for residents, according to the speakers.

It's estimated that every 1-cent increase per gallon could generate \$34 million annually for the transportation fund. Campbell said a 10-cent increase would add \$340 million into the transportation fund each year.

Fees from car and truck registrations, driver's licenses and alternative fuel vehicles could go toward the transportation fund as well, Campbell said.

Sen. Larry Grooms says he wants to increase the state gas tax by 20 cents over the next decade.



"Had 'give me five' passed when I proposed it, we would have an additional \$350 million of recurring money to the DOT this year — but it didn't pass."

Grooms advocated for his "2-for-2" plan, which would increase the gas tax by 2 cents every year for 10 years while decreasing the income tax by two-tenths of a percentage point every year for the next 10 years.

Within 10 years of passage, the gas tax would increase by 20 cents, to 36 cents, and the state income tax would decrease from 7% to 5%.

"We get closer every year," Grooms said of raising the gas tax. "The plan I have been pushing, the 'give me five,' I never quite had a majority signed onto it. Had 'give me five' passed when I proposed it, we would have an additional \$350 million of recurring money to the DOT this year — but it didn't pass."

Grooms said a bill has not been introduced and he is currently looking for co-sponsors. Campbell said the gas tax increase would not be enough to fill the funding shortfalls, but it would begin to address budget shortfalls.

"We have to get our funding to be somewhat competitive with Georgia and North Carolina," Campbell said. "Their roads and bridges are much better than ours, but then again they have the revenue to fix them."

In Alaska, a Battle to Keep Trees, or an Industry, Standing

By Michael Wines, Sept. 27, 2014

THORNE BAY, Alaska — The Tongass National Forest, a panoply of snow-dusted peaks and braided rivers, slender fjords and more than 5,000 islands draped over a stretch of Pacific coastline, is widely viewed as one of America's great natural treasures. Under pressure from environmentalists, the Obama administration pledged four years ago to phase out logging of virgin woodlands here.

Yet the Forest Service is now preparing its largest auction of it in a decade: 9.7 square miles of hemlock, spruce and cedar near this island hamlet. An additional four square miles are planned for sale later, and seven more after that. And conservationists, crying betrayal, are in court again, trying to force a reappraisal of the auctions in the world's largest temperate rain forest.

Environmental groups filed three lawsuits against the Forest Service last month. Perhaps the most significant of them contends that further logging threatens an already struggling Alaskan wolf, defying a federal law requiring the service to protect wildlife on its lands.

Indeed, the wolf has emerged as a key player in the dispute, a symbol for environmentalists of logging's degradation and — potentially — a wrench in the entire auction works.

"The agency is certainly saying one thing and doing another," said Niel Lawrence, the forestry project director at the Natural Resources Defense Council, which is a party to the suit. "They've picked a path of continued conflict and controversy and damage to the resources that made this place so special."

But the Forest Service argues that it must keep southeast Alaska's loggers and sawmills in business until a replacement source of timber is ready: second-growth forests, now maturing on lands where virgin forests were clear-cut. "The industry here is quite small today, and it is kind of on the edge of existing or not," said Forrest Cole, the Tongass Forest supervisor. "And if we lose it, this whole idea of a transition to a

new young-growth industry will probably fail immediately."

By his reckoning, young-growth trees will not be ready to log for 15 to 20 years. Conservationists say they could be ready in five, and note that a Native Alaskan timber company already is logging them, albeit with the help of cost advantages other loggers lack.

This is perhaps the nation's longest-running environmental dispute. In nearly six decades, loggers have cleared more than 700 square miles of the Tongass — twice the size of New York City — over environmentalists' repeated lawsuits. It is as much about shifting cultures as facts, a battle between preservationists focused on saving ancient forests and wildlife and an

agency bound by politics and tradition to Alaska's loggers, mills and economic development.

Alaska looms large in Forest Service considerations, not only because the Tongass is the agency's biggest jurisdiction. The state's congressional delegation strongly supports further logging, and should Republicans

take over the Senate after the November elections, Alaska's senior senator, Lisa Murkowski, would preside over panels overseeing the agency's budget and operations.

But this fight has the air of an endgame, a little like the fight to preserve the dwindling coal industry in the Appalachians. Tongass timber once sustained thousands of jobs, but supports only a few hundred today. And although the industry punches above its weight politically, it could struggle without the centuries-old trees that are valuable because of their fine grain, sturdiness and resistance to rot.

Conservationists want to protect those trees, moving loggers quickly to second-growth forests they liken to tree farms: uniform in age, lacking the clearings and lush undergrowth that wildlife requires. Once logged, they say, virgin forests need lifetimes to recover.

But moving to younger timber is hardly a sure thing. Those trees would compete with cheap lumber from elsewhere; Alaska's remoteness and ruggedness



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make logging and shipping more costly. Sawmills would require new machinery probably affordable only with federal help.

Though the Tongass is bigger than West Virginia — and one-third protected wilderness — preservationists say many of its best trees are gone. Two-thirds of the Tongass is tundra, rock or scrub forest. Only 4 percent holds the sprawling, high-quality stands of giant trees prized by the timber industry, typically at lower elevations or in valleys and river basins that are also prime wildlife habitat. Much of that has been logged — and the Forest Service has bulldozed more than 4,500 miles of roads through the forest to take the logs out.

The Tongass once was the region's economic backbone, sustaining a booming, if heavily subsidized, timber industry. The government all but gave away virgin forest in the 1940s to lure pulp mills. Congress actually ordered the Forest Service in 1980 to auction 4.5 billion board feet of lumber every decade — enough for a stack of inch-thick, eight-foot planks nearly 9,000 miles high.

But the pulp mills closed after the sweetheart timber deal was scrapped in 1990, and by 2000 demand was so slack that some timber sales drew no bidders. Across southeast Alaska, only one sawmill now cuts logs in volume. Much Tongass timber is exported unmilled, often to Asia, where milling is cheaper.

The Forest Service gets at most a few million dollars a year from timber sales, but spends multiples of that to support logging. In 2013, the National Audubon Society pegged timber employment at 200 jobs in southeast Alaska — down from 4,500 at its peak — and the federal subsidy at \$130,000 per worker. Conservationists say southeast Alaska's future lies in its thriving fisheries and tourism industry; tourism alone employed 10,900 workers last year, up 700 jobs just from 2012, and its payroll is 33 times that of the timber business.

But preserving timber jobs is important, said Mr. Cole, the Tongass supervisor, for in remote Alaska towns they can be critical. State-supported schools require at least 10 children; one lost job can close a schoolhouse. And new jobs close by can be scarce.

"The grim reality is that we're not tied to the Interstate," he said. "You don't just lose your job, drive 20 miles and find another one. You leave."

Today most logging jobs are concentrated on Prince of Wales Island, at 2,500 square miles the epi-

center of Tongass logging. This is where the only major sawmill operates, where the logging dispute is hottest and where the next auction, called Big Thorne, will take place.

In the island's northern half, nearly 94 percent of the biggest stands of virgin forest have been cut down. Big Thorne will clean up some of what remains; the 9.7 square miles of woodlands marked for cutting are sprinkled over 360 square miles, much of it clear-cut in decades past.

The conservationists' lawsuit argues that the Forest Service ignored the law and its own rules in choosing tracts of forest for logging in

Big Thorne and five other sites. Example 1, they say, is the Alexander Archipelago wolf.

The wolf, a smaller, many-colored cousin of the timber wolf, relies on the Sitka black-tailed deer for food. The deer winter in the island's old-growth forests, where big trees and underbrush provide forage, shelter from snows and cover from the island's hunters.

Federal rules require the Forest Service "to maintain viable populations" of the wildlife on its lands. For the wolf, that means having enough deer for itself and deer hunters, too — 18 per square mile, the Forest Service said in 2008. But at the same time, the lawsuit argues, the agency downgraded that 18-deer requirement to a guideline, one the suit claims it disregarded in Big Thorne and elsewhere by proposing to auction off prime deer habitat.

The lawsuit seeks only to enforce the deer habitat requirement on Forest Service lands. But it could tie up at least some auctions in court — and, should conservationists win, even send Big Thorne back to the drawing board.

Nor is that the most serious threat to the auctions. In March, the federal Fish and Wildlife Service said it would consider listing the wolf as a protected species, saying Prince of Wales's deer habitat is already below requirements in many areas, with more logging planned. A ruling that the wolf is in danger could severely limit timber sales at a time when the supply of logs for milling is dwindling.

"Without the mills, there's no timber industry, and without the Forest Service's second-growth sales, there are no mills," said Rachelle Huddleston-Lorton, the Forest Service ranger in Thorne Bay. "We've got to keep the mills alive."

"Without the mills, there's no timber industry, and without the Forest Service's second-growth sales, there are no mills,"

FRA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF THE OUTCOME AND SIGNIFICANCE OF YESTERDAY'S (NOV 4) MID-TERM ELECTION.

The Numbers

Although Republicans were expected to make gains in last night's mid-term Election, and most analysts had given them strong odds on retaking the majority in the Senate, the strength of the GOP sweep exceeded most expectations. As it stands—at a minimum—Republicans will control the Senate with a 52-member majority. If a final count determines that Alaskan voters have rejected Democratic Senator Mark Begich, and if Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu loses next month's run-off vote in Louisiana, that majority could grow to 54. Not a filibuster-proof supermajority (that would take 60 votes), but more than enough to transfer the pace and conduct of Senate business to a different framework.

In January, when the new Congress is seated, the U.S. Senate will be under new management.

The Significance

Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) and Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) will switch positions. As the new Senate Majority Leader, Senator McConnell will have full control over the Senate's floor schedule.

The challenge—which most observers feel the last Congress did not rise to meet—will be for both parties to work together to move legislation, which will require good judgment and humility from the new majority party—especially in view of the lack of a filibuster-proof majority and the President's veto pen. Republicans are essentially in the same position that Democrats have been in up to this point—in the majority, but not a governing majority. Finding enough Democrats to back legislation important to Republican constituents will mean finding some half-dozen Democrats to cooperate—and the pool of moderate Democrats will be smaller going forward.

Where to find the necessary humility? Apart from Senator McConnell's own character—he is a dealmaker and a proponent of a functioning Senate—Republicans may bear in mind that the “electoral map” will be tougher in 2016, and it would pay to lead and legislate enough to have a record to run on in two years.

Who's in Charge of the Committees?

Just as significantly, all of the Senate Committee chairmanships will change as well. Here's a brief rundown of what's changing in the leadership of some of the Committees likely to have most impact on policies important to FRA members, as a function of the new GOP Senate majority.

§ Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: If, as expected, current Ranking Member Thad Cochran (R-Mississippi) moves to chair the Appropriations Committee (see below), Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas) will chair the Committee with most direct influence over the Forest Service and certain other forest policy, while the current Chair, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan), will become the ranking member.

§ Senate Appropriations Committee: Senator Thad Cochran (R-Mississippi) has indicated he wants to Chair this powerful Committee, and since he has seniority over current Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-Alabama), he is likely to get it. Senator Cochran is a strong supporter of our industry—having helped secure many wins in this year's Farm Bill, such as the crucial adjustments to the Biopreferred program as well as the “Forest Roads” solution. Current Chair Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) will be the Ranking Member on Appropriations.

§ Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: This Committee controls legislation affecting many forest-related priorities, such as federal forest policy and energy policy affecting biomass. Current Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) is likely to take over as Chair, although Senator John Barasso (R-Wyoming) may make a play for it. Senator Mary Landrieu (D-Louisiana), the current Chair, would ordinarily slide into the Ranking Member slot, but she is fighting for her political life in next month's runoff; if she loses, Senator Maria Cantwell

(D-Washington) could move up to the Ranking Member position.

§ Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) has indicated he would like to Chair this Committee, which handles issues ranging from the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts to transportation issues such as truck weight reform and Endangered Species Act-related policy, and since he has more seniority than current Ranking Member David Vitter (R-Louisiana), he will probably get his wish. Current Chair, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California), would become the Ranking Member.

§ Senate Finance Committee: Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the current Ranking Member, is slated to take over the Chairmanship of the Senate's tax-writing Committee from Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), who would move to Ranking Member. If tax reform is on the next Congress's schedule, as expected, or if independent contractor status determination is again in play, the priorities of this Committee's leadership will mean much.

§ Small Business Committee: Senator Jim Risch (R-Idaho), another longstanding friend of forestry, will move into the Chairman's seat, taking over from Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Washington).

Since the House of Representatives was, and remains, Republican, the Election will not have as dramatic an impact on House Committee leadership. However, the current Chairs of two influential House Committees are retiring this year. The Ways & Means Committee—with an even more direct grip on tax policy than Senate Finance—will likely be Chaired by Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin). Rob Bishop (R-Utah) is in line to take over the Natural Resources Committee, now chaired by the retiring Doc Hastings (R-Washington). In addition, the House Agriculture Committee may change leadership, as current Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Oklahoma) has run through his six years as its top Republican. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) is running hard for the Chairmanship and will likely get it, despite the fact that others on the Committee have seniority.

The upcoming Lame Duck session of Congress appears likely to be a busy one, with members of both chambers at last in a position to handle items that were too hot to handle while campaigning for re-election: tax extenders and legislation funding the government into next year.

- Prior to adjournment, the House passed legislation making permanent a select few tax-extender provisions, while the Senate, taking a different approach, adjourned with legislation pending that would renew for one year (applied retroactively to January 1, 2014) all of the traditional extenders. Any final bill, if one is passed in Lame Duck, will likely be a hybrid of the two versions.
- On government funding, with the current Continuing Resolution expiring this December 11, both chambers will either have to pass another Continuing Resolution or a more ambitious "omnibus" funding bill (or some mix of the two). Senator Mitch McConnell has stated publicly that a showdown over government funding is not on the table and that Congress will act in some fashion to keep government operations funded into 2015.

FRA will track both processes and call on our members to make appropriate timely contacts.

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Master Logger Certification Committee

American Loggers Council 2014 Annual Meeting Harris, Michigan

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

Now eighteen states have approved MLC templates: Idaho, Maine, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, California, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Vermont, Michigan, Missouri, Georgia and Florida with subsidiary states Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island partnering with the Maine Northeast Master Logger Certification Program.

Other states have been reluctant to move forward with preparing and submitting a state template for MLC approval. With SFI's recognition of Certified Logger Programs, ALC states are encouraged to submit a template for approval by the MLC Committee.

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

Unity within the ALC ranks is needed and a consensus of ALC MLC states would show the support for raising the professional timber harvesting bar and show support for professionalism and sustainable forestry practices nationwide.

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) is now in the process of reviewing the 2010 – 2014 Standards for revisions to be incorporated into the 2015 – 2019 Standards.

Two areas ALC and the MLC Committee have addressed.

1. The “deminimus” volume of wood SFI participating companies can receive from “untrained loggers and wood suppliers.” SFI companies can now receive untrained wood via the standard currently in place. While this amount probably varies widely by company, this allows for those wood suppliers to deliver volumes without having to be SFI Trained. Therefore this allows a competitive advantage for untrained wood suppliers. A firm volume of 3% to 5% has been presented and recommended to be inserted into the SFI Standard.
2. The SFI logger training process has been discussed to perhaps obtain some consistency for states to go by for logger training programs. This area has been difficult to address because of the variations in logger and wood supplier training programs nationwide. Some states have continuing education hours to be met within a given period of time and some do not. Some states conduct training classes, some use DVD based training programs and others may use another methodology. SFI logger training programs are overseen by the SFI State Implementation Committees. So the approach used within any given state is directed by the SIC. As previously mentioned, this is a difficult issue to address. Therefore, it has been decided this issue would be tabled.

The MLC Committee received an update from the Missouri Loggers Council for their MLC program at the Washington, DC meeting. The update contained no substantial changes. The changes address the state Workers Compensation laws primarily so as to have the program coincide with the state laws. The Missouri Loggers Council program updates were reviewed by the MLC Committee and approved and accepted by the board.

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No other reports or comments from other MLC approved states regarding any changes or updates have been received since the Summer Iowa meeting.

ALC MLC states are reminded if a revision is made to the state's program, the MLC Committee request an update be forwarded to the committee chairman. The committee would appreciate any updates that may have been initiated for a MLC state.

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

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

also reviews approved state template revisions to assure MLC objectives are maintained.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Crad Jaynes
Chairman
Master Logger Certification Committee
August 28, 2014

PROponents OF BILL BLOCKING CWA PROPOSAL HOPE 35 HOUSE DEM VOTES PORTEND WELL FOR SENATE

Annie Snider,
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House Republicans yesterday won 35 Democratic votes in their bid to block a controversial EPA water proposal that has become a ripe political target ahead of the November midterm elections. The measure, H.R. 5078, from Florida Republican Steve Southerland, passed 262-152 with just one Republican -- New Jersey Rep. Chris Smith -- opposing it. Seventeen members, 13 of them Democrats, did not vote on the bill.

Passage was virtually assured in the GOP-controlled House, but opponents of the Obama administration's regulatory proposal said yesterday's vote signaled that the odds are shifting in their favor as they continue to seek an opening for a vote on the issue in the Senate.

"The House of Representatives today stood with farmers and ranchers and against the regulatory overreach of the EPA," American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman

said in a statement. "Passage of H.R. 5078 isn't just a clear rejection of the overreach that lies in the EPA's proposed Waters of the U.S. rule. Today's action is an unmistakable signal that the tide is turning against those who ignore the constitutional separation of powers in the United States. We will ditch this rule."

The water proposal is aimed at clearing up years of regulatory confusion spawned by two muddled Supreme Court decisions. The Obama administration's proposed rule from U.S. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers would increase the number of streams and creeks that currently receive automatic Clean Water Act protection under guidance issued during the George W. Bush administration.

The House has already voted to block the proposal, most recently with a policy provision tucked into its 2015 energy and water spending bill (E&E Daily, July 11).

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H.R. 5078 takes a new tack, though, not just killing the Obama administration proposal and an interpretive rule for agriculture, but creating a consultation mechanism with state and local officials to find a consensus recommendation for clearing up confusion over the 1972 water law's jurisdiction. The approach is aimed at concerns expressed by local, state and stakeholder groups that contend they were not sufficiently consulted leading up to the rule (Greenwire, March 25).

During floor debate yesterday, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) argued that federal agencies are power-hungry and out of touch with issues on the ground. He told the story of a Utah farmer who ended up selling his sugar beet farm to a developer for one-quarter the price that his neighbors received after the Army Corps of Engineers declared a dry creek bed whose water had been rerouted to a ditch to be a federally jurisdictional wetland.

"This is something where people are being harmed by the agencies of the federal government and Congress must exert its rightful role in trying to rein in these agencies and trying to write the laws so that these agencies will not simply abuse the people because they have the power to abuse people," Bishop said.

Dems denounce bill

Heading into the vote, supporters of the water proposal recognized their long odds in the lower chamber and said they would consider it a win if they could get strong voices supporting the rule during floor debate. To that end, they may have been successful. Although outnumbered, Democrats who took to the floor during debate on the measure spoke vociferously.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur, a Democrat whose Ohio district includes Toledo, argued that the EPA proposal is a key part of preventing contamination of drinking water supplies like the episode that Lake Erie city experienced in August (Greenwire, Aug. 4).

"Communities are incurring massive costs for water treatment as a result of pollution and toxic algae because our water plants have to somehow clean this up and send fresh drinking water to our citizens," she said, shaking a mason jar of blue-green algae. "These costs are not being paid by the polluters, but by the ratepayers downstream. How unfair."

Rep. Peter DeFazio of Oregon, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, called the administration's rulemaking "incompetent" but unloaded on Republicans' effort to shut the process down.

"Where we end up if this cockamamie thing passes the House and becomes law -- which it won't -- well, where we end up is back in the earlier era of the 2003 and 2008 guidance, and many of the groups who are here today supporting this unbelievably broad overreach

are actually groups who objected strenuously to what the Bush administration did," DeFazio said, pointing to comments from the Farm Bureau and other industry groups.

"Well, we do need new guidance and definition, but there's some who have the agenda that they want to repeal the Clean Water Act altogether -- go back to the good old days when you can light a match and watch the Cuyahoga River burn," DeFazio continued, voice raised.

DeFazio did not end up introducing a planned amendment that would have required the agencies to withdraw the rule and consult with local leaders and stakeholders before reproposing another version. Amendments from Rep. Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.) to block the rule if opponents' arguments are proved true or if it would negatively affect water quality standards were voted down.

Although both sides lobbied hard on the House measure, the main battle over the Obama administration water proposal is in the Senate, where a vote on the issue would put moderate Democrats facing tight re-election battles in a difficult spot. Fifty-two senators, including eight Democrats, supported an amendment offered during consideration of the Water Resources Development Act last year by Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) that would have blocked EPA's approach under the proposal. The amendment needed 60 votes to pass.

This summer, Democratic leaders pulled an energy and water spending bill from Senate Appropriations Committee consideration amid GOP efforts to force a vote on an amendment to block the rule.

The White House so far has proved willing to put its muscle into the defense of the water rule. "The agencies' rulemaking, grounded in science, is essential to ensure clean water for future generations and reduce regulatory uncertainty, and is responsive to calls for rulemaking from Congress, industry and community stakeholders as well as decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court," the White House said in a statement of administration policy threatening a veto of the House measure (E&E Daily, Sept. 9).



2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE



TO: Members of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association, Inc.
WHEN: Noon, Saturday, February 7, 2015
WHERE: Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center
3200 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

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

At the Association Business Session, members will:

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

As a member, you should plan to attend the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting. This is a member privilege and wonderful opportunity to get involved in your Association.

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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 6 – 8, 2015 at Myrtle Beach's Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center for your Annual Membership Meeting.**

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

Contact SCTPA for registration, sponsorship, exhibitor, silent auction donation and meeting information. We look forward to seeing everyone at our 2015 Annual Meeting.



SCTPA 2015 Annual Meeting *On The Rebound!*

Our 2015 Annual Meeting will be held February 6 -8 at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC.

On The Rebound! That's our theme for this meeting. You may ask why? Our economy is recovering in the forest products industry and particularly in the timber harvesting segment where professional loggers and wood suppliers find their services in high demand. Why? ... Well the economic attrition caused many logging businesses to go out and now, there is a reduction in the number of timber harvesting businesses and an influx of new businesses or businesses expanding their operations to meet the wood supply demands of current and growing wood receiving markets.

We are excited to be back meeting at the impressive Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach. Our standard rooms are connected to the conference center. Other rooms with a king size bed or one and two bedroom suites are located across the property with easy access to the conference center.

SCTPA will utilize the second and third floors of the conference center. The second floor will be for registration, exhibitors and speaker presentations. There is plenty of room for exhibitors. We'll also utilize the parking lot for outside exhibitors with equipment, trucks and trailers.

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

Marlin's is the on-site restaurant and Barnacles restaurant is located on Springmaid Pier adjacent to the resort.

Our featured Saturday luncheon speaker will be Myles Anderson, Anderson Logging, Inc., Fort Bragg, California. Myles is President of American loggers Council and co-owner along with his father Mike of Anderson Logging, Inc. in Fort Bragg, California.

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California is absolutely a 360-degree turn from what we in SC know about. It is incredible the amount of red tape, regulations and environmental pressures Anderson Logging has to deal with to harvest timber in California. Myles will relate to our folks what it is like to do business in the, as his father Mike says, "The Peoples Republic of California." And you think we got issues. "You Just Don't Know!"

On Saturday morning, we are excited to have Wendy Farrand of WFarrand Consulting of Limerick, Maine. Wendy has been in the logging business and knows our industry from the ground up. Her acclaimed workshops have been presented to Logger Associations in the Northeast, Lake States, Oregon, Washington and other states around the country. She is a board member of the Northeast Loggers Association.

With emphasis of loggers being in demand, new loggers are starting up, other businesses are expanding and the wood supply demand to receiving markets has put the timber harvesting segment under pressure. Not that this is a bad thing. But ... there is a need for labor, trucking and production capacity. So how will you meet the demands?

Wendy will present ... *How To Build A Kick@#% Logging Team...* as it takes a "Team" to make the business work. This hour and half session will provide insights into new and innovative ways to build a "great" logging team.

Returning on Saturday morning will be Attorney Rob Moseley of Smith Moore & Leatherwood in Greenville. He was invited back due to not being able to get into his full presentation regarding Subcontract Trucker Relationships due to time restraints. Rob is one of the foremost trucking attorneys nationwide. He will detail the liabilities of using a subcontract hauler and how general contractors can protect themselves from inherent liabilities.

Saturday afternoon will feature a TOP session to view the required SFI Training DVD to obtain the SFI Trained status for the annual period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

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

Saturday features general session speakers, luncheon with speaker, association business session, board member elections and awards and Saturday evening free. We'll also have our prize drawings for the Honda ATV or Pioneer and Honda Generator and free stay at Springmaid Beach Resort.

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 on hand with their products and services. And of course there will be plenty of door prizes. We'll draw a winner for another gun or nice item on Saturday during the business session.

Discounted Carolina Opry tickets for the Saturday evening show February 7th are available for \$28 each and can be ordered with your meeting registration. That's a \$15 per ticket savings.

Sunday morning's prayer breakfast will feature The Pine Ridge Boys for an uplifting and faithful southern gospel service.

Contact the Springmaid Beach Resort directly to make your room reservations. SCTPA's room reservation code is 1081CD. Call Springmaid Beach Resort Reservations at 1-877-283-3284 Room block cut off is January 1, 2015.

Registration, sponsor and exhibitor packages will be forwarded. Check out Springmaid Beach Resort at Springmaid-Beach.com

Our meeting is a casual family atmosphere. We encourage everyone to bring your family and employees.

Dress is business casual. We ask that attire suited for a business meeting is worn.

Go ahead now and block the dates to join us February 6 – 8 for our 16th Annual Membership Meeting.

Brenda and I look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours truly,

Crad Jaynes

President & CEO

Annual Meeting Sponsorship & Exhibitor Information & Registration Packages
Will Be Mailed to all regular Members as well as Allied Supplier
& Allied Supporting Members & Non-Members.

**... Springmaid Beach Resort Reservations ...
Call Reservations Direct @ 1-877-283-3284
SPECIFY SCTPA CODE NUMBER 1081CD
Room Block Rates Expire January 1, 2015.**

2015 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

February 6 - 8, 2015

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 names & badge names separately or on the back. Thanks!

	Early Registration		After January 15, 2015	
	#	\$	#	\$
Member *	_____	@ \$ 185 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 215 = _____.
Member Spouse *	_____	@ \$ 85 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 95 = _____.
Active Member Employee **	_____	@ \$ 90 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 100 = _____.
Active Member Employee Spouse	_____	@ \$ 70 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 80 = _____.
SATURDAY, FEB. 7 ONLY	_____	@ \$ 170 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 190 = _____.
Non-Member	_____	@ \$ 225 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 245 = _____.
Non-Member Spouse	_____	@ \$ 90 = _____.	_____	@ \$ 95 = _____.
Children - Per Child – Age 6 – 18 Children Under 6 – No Charge	_____	@ \$ 35 = _____.		
Discounted Carolina Opry Tickets <i>Saturday Evening Show, FEB. 7, 7 p.m.</i> <i>Tickets Are Non-Refundable</i> Save \$ 18.00 Per Ticket	_____	@ \$ 28 Per Person = \$ _____.		
		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.

RESERVE YOUR ROOMS DIRECTLY WITH SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT.
CALL RESERVATIONS 1- 877- 283- 3284 OR 843-315-7100 ... REFER TO GROUP # 1081CD
 ... OR ... Use Springmaid Beach Reservation Form. ROOM BLOCK CUT-OFF IS JANUARY 1, 2015.
Direct Room Inquiries to Springmaid Beach Resort. Springmaid Beach Room Cancellation Policy Applies.

SCTPA Cancellation Policy: Full refund if written cancellation received by January 1, 2015. 50% refund if written cancellation request received by January 10, 2015. NO REFUND after January 10, 2015.

Additional Names for Annual Meeting Registration & Name Badges:

2015 Annual Meeting Registration Credit Card Payment

Total Registration Fees \$ _____
Total Carolina Opry Fees (If Applicable) \$ _____
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Total Amount Charged \$ _____

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CODE: 1081CD Arrive 02/06/15 Depart 02/08/15

Reservation must be received by 1/06/14 to qualify for the special rates extended to your group.

Rates are available 2 days prior and after the event, based upon availability Check-in any time after 4:00pm across the street from the Hotel.

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MANDATORY POLICY: You are required to give us your address/telephone number to receive your confirmation in the mail. We also cannot guarantee any reservation that does not have a credit card number, money order or check along with this form.

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SIGNATURE _____		DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER _____
Reservation made by _____ or Confirmed by _____		

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

ARRIVAL DATE

*Check in time: After 4:00pm
 Check out time: Before 11:00am*

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

DEPARTURE DATE

Room Guarantee: 1st night deposit is required to secure your reservation, via Credit Card or Check. If making your deposit by check, please allow 45 days for check to clear. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** If reservation is cancelled more than 14 days prior to your scheduled arrival date, there will be a \$25.00 administrative fee. **if reservation is cancelled within 14 days of your arrival date, the first nights deposit is the cancellation fee.** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Spring Maid Beach Resort OR GIVE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW:

CREDIT CARD# _____ AMEX DISCOVER CHECK/MONEY ORDER

EXPIRATION DATE _____ VISA MASTERCARD DINERS CLUB

I authorize the Spring amid beach Resort to charge my credit card for 1 night's deposit including all applicable taxes.

Signature _____ Amount _____

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ALL room rates are subject to a 7.5% resort fee plus applicable state & local taxes, currently at 11% (as of 7-16-14 when SCTPA signed contract & subject to change without notice), \$69.92 per guest room per night..

CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-283-3284 OR FAX 843-315-6145 ... REFER TO GROUP CODE # 1081CD

Any questions, contact Pam Reis in Sales office... Phone -1-843-315-7003.

16TH SCTPA Annual Membership Meeting

MEETING AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

Conference Center

- Live Oaks Bldg
2nd Floor
3rd Floor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:30 a.m. Member & Guests Breakfast
6:45 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
8:00 a.m. General Session
Welcome, Invocation, Antitrust Statement & Announcements
Speaker: Wendy Farrand, WFarrand Consulting, Limerick, Maine
“How To Build A Kick@#% Logging Team” Workshop
Morning Break
Speaker: Rob Moseley, Smith Moore Leatherwood, Subcontract Trucker Relationships & Inherent Liabilities to General Contractor & How to Protect Yourself
8:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
11:45 a.m. Break for Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Membership Luncheon & Business Meeting
12:45 p.m. Chairman’s Welcome, Board of Directors Introductions & Announcements
Speaker: Myles Anderson, Anderson Logging, Inc., Fort Bragg, CA, & American Loggers Council President, “Logging in the Peoples Republic of California – You Just Don’t Know!”
Business Session: Chairman’s Report, Financial Report, Bylaws Report, Board Elections, Awards & Special Presentations, Door Prizes & Prize Drawings
2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. Workshop: SFI Trained TOP DVD Module for SFI Training For July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 SFI Trained Status
5:00 p.m. Adjourn
Saturday Evening On Your Own. Enjoy Your Evening!
DISCOUNTED CAROLINA OPRY TICKETS Available At Registration Desk.

Conference Center

- 3rd Floor
2nd Floor
2nd Floor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Special Guest: *Pine Ridge Boys*
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.

PARKING LOT FOR EQUIPMENT, TRUCKS & TRAILERS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 2015 ANNUAL MEETING!

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Three Board of Directors Seats will need to be elected at our February 7, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The board term for Seat 6 served by Tommy Barnes, Ideal Logging, Inc., Seat 7 served by Danny McKittrick, McKittrick Timber, LLC, and Seat 9 served by Joe Young, Low Country Forest Products, Inc., will expire December 31, 2014.

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

Board member elections will be conducted during the Member Business Session of the Membership Meeting convening at noon on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Board members serve four-year terms. Board responsibilities are to establish policies, direct legislative advocacy, guide programs and efforts to improve and benefit the timber harvesting industry, oversee fiscal responsibilities and charge association staff to fulfill the association's duties and daily functions.

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

Any member solely and directly engaged in the logging business and in good standing with paid dues as of December 31, 2014, may be nominated for any of the upcoming seats. Any member regardless of location is eligible for nomination. Logger members are encouraged to enter your name or the name of another logger member as an eligible candidate.

To enter your name for nomination or to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office no later than January 15, 2015.

Thanks for your assistance in this important association process.

Nominations Committee

Chairman, Rickey Chapman, Chapman Timber, Inc., Newberry

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2014 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominations for SCTPA's **2014 Gene Collins Logger Activist of the Year Award** are being sought. Award will be presented at the 2015 Annual Membership Business Luncheon and Meeting convening at noon, Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

This award recognizes a Professional Logger who has demonstrated an exceptional desire to positively promote and represent the timber harvesting profession by actively participating in association activities, educational efforts, community action, industry advocacy, and engendering the public's trust with commitment to the American Loggers Council Professional Logger Code of Practices and by displaying a commitment to sustainable forestry principles and practices.

You may nominate a SCTPA Logger Member or yourself. Contact the Nominations Committee or SCTPA office by January 15, 2015. Thank you for your nomination.

Nominations Committee

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2013 Logger Activist Award Nomination

Nominee Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ SC Zip _____

Contact Office _____ Home _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Nominated By _____ Date _____

Contact: Office _____ Cell _____

Describe nominee's activities: _____

Use Additional Pages If Needed

2015 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 2015 Annual Membership Meeting, February 6 –8, at the Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, will again feature our Silent Auction. Auction proceeds are used to help financially support the association.

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

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

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

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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November 2014

- 18 – 21 Wood Magic Forest Fair, Hobcaw Barony Station, Georgetown. Contact Stephanie Kolok at SC Forestry Commission for Volunteering. 803-896-8855, skolok@scfc.gov
- 27 Thanksgiving... Enjoy The Turkey & Dressing!

December 2014

- 11 SCTPA Board of Directors meeting, SC Forestry Commission Headquarters, Columbia, 10 a.m.
- 24 Santa Claus Is Coming on Christmas Eve!
- 25 Merry Christmas to All!
- 31 New Year's Eve!

January 2015

- 1 Happy New Year!

February 2015

- 6 – 8 SCTPA 2015 Annual Meeting, Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact SCTPA office for meeting information.
- 24 Newberry District Meeting, Farm Bureau, Wilson Blvd, Newberry, 7 p.m.

SCTPA APOLOGY

FALL DISTRICT MEETINGS WERE NOT SCHEDULED FOR OUR USUAL LOCATIONS AROUND THE STATE DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE TRAVEL AND MEETING SCHEDULE OF SCTPA FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SCHEDULE OUR SPRING 2015 DISTRICT MEETINGS.

AGAIN, MY APOLOGY AS I KNOW MANY MEMBERS LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS.

CRAD @ SCTPA

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

Meeting dates may be changed. Meeting notices are mailed prior to the scheduled meeting.

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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Our Mission

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