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Finley's Rigging Shack "Classic"



(This column originally appeared in the June 1973 edition of *Loggers World*.)

While working on this issue took advantage of the hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Rothenbuhler (Rothenbuhler Engineering Co., the makers of Talkie Tooters) and parked our mobile office at his home and ranch.

Howard has a fish pond and advised me to bring my fly rod and try for some of his fish. I did as he suggested and caught one good eating trout, about a foot long, and several "turn loosers." These fish are smart, I'm not and besides Howard feeds them to plumpness daily. He said he never worried the least little bit about me cleaning out his fish.

Worked out of this area and an interesting couple of weeks it was. I worked in this area in the woods for many years and enjoyed exchanging words and memories with many people that I knew.

This part of the country always points up the passing of the years to me. In one way that it does this is by seeing the logs and loggers working and producing logs off of ground that at one time I logged, or helped log. Met one crew of young loggers one day, Tom, Don and Ron. Two of the three said their grandads mentioned that we had worked together sometime during the past. Hell of a note!

Was going good until it took a notion to snow and blow in the high country. That shut off some contemplated articles about Timber Cutters and loggers pushing their luck by moving early to the high shows. Had a tough time making contacts in some cases. Was several different times around the W.S. Van De Grift logging outfit. Never met the slack line yarding crew nor Walt Van De Grift. Walt is the main owner of the outfit. Maybe next time.

Howard Rothenbuhler and Dodz Athearn and I took it for a spin. Worked fine but we didn't fish out of it. More a familiarization ride.

The Skagit River is famous for good steelhead and salmon fishing. Several years ago went fishing for a day with Mike Danielson and Myron Metcalf. Mike caught one steelhead and I just caught a cold. Myron didn't catch anything-fish or cold.

Then Dennis Hadaller and I went fishing for a day with the eldest full time Skagit River fishing guide. That is Dodz Athearn.

Used to work in the woods with Dodz and then years later he quit logging and went into the fishing guide business as a full time occupation. Think he has been at it about 25 years now. He is one hell of a good fisherman and knows that river like a housewife knows her kitchen floor.

Back to our trip. Dodz caught a fish that day but Dennis and I blanked out.

Another trip later in company with Forrest Hamilton, Howard Curtis and Dodz. Forrest and Howard are both Simpson men. Don't believe anyone caught a fish that day.

Then I missed a trip and that day all the people in the boat caught fish. Just my normal run of fishing luck.

Well then on this last trip into that country Howard Rothenbuhler and I spent a day with Dodz fishing for both steelhead and salmon. Dodz caught two and Howard and I blanked out.

Few days later we tried it again. This time by golly I caught a fish. King Salmon weighting 22 1/2 pounds. I don't trust those scales and Dodz said he could manipulate them to read almost anything he wanted them to. Howard opined that

Fishing

Several months ago Straded off my older river boat for a newer model. Both boats were made by Nulf boat works out of Gold Beach, Ore. The newer one has a big Ford Marine Engine driving thru a Jet pump. Rode in it when Ray Nulf gave me a good demonstration ride. Took it up to the Skagit River where

if Dodz had caught the fish he'd have weighed in at about 35 pounds.

At last my patience was rewarded and that broke a long dry spell.

I've never been much of a fisherman but eyars ago used to wet the lures quite often. One fine winter fell and bucked timber with Elmer Buss of Florence. We worked on Cape Creek and we did lots of fishing and duck hunting together that winter when the weather said, "don't work today."

After that one summer in Alaska did some fishing but since then, and that has been 19 years ago, haven't done much in the way of trying to catch fish. Made up my mind this year that I'm going to do more of it and intend to keep that good idea up front where it will get some attention.

Work

Like what I do and wouldn't change it. Work long hours sometimes but it isn't hard work like logging. Usually during a calendar year we put out 12 issues of *Loggers World* and one book or extra issue. Thus every time you sit down or look around the enjoyment of the moment is clouded by the approaching deadline of the next issue of *Loggers World*-or the special issue or a book. No chance to get away from it-much.

At the same time the paper grows and thus needs more words and pictures. Hank Nelson is a big help because he covers lots of logging and is a good logging writer. Stan White of Portland usually gets us an article every month or so. This eases the burden and is appreciated.

This year Earl Roberge is going to be the main writer and photographer for the October issue and this gives me

some breathing room.

At the same time we are looking for new loggers, covering more territory and extending ourselves and our friends and our working area.

This year we hope to put out a couple of issues on logging in British Columbia. One place to go is 80 miles north of Terrace, British Columbia to the North River. There they do lots of logging. Put the logs in the Nass River and drive them down the river to salt water. Hope to leave here about the tenth of June to cover that interesting specta-

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FINLEY HAYS

In This Issue...



FRONT PAGE PICTURE: MARTY WILBURN AND HANK HARTLE pulling slack hard, adjusting and setting the skyline onto the tail hold stump to complete a road change on the Zender Brothers and Wilburn Logging, Inc. tower show. The company's three working partners, Greg Zender, Scott Zender and Marty Wilburn are on the job everyday since they incorporated in 1984. The have two towers, a Skagit T90 with a BU94 yarder, and a Madill 071, which they were logging with on this side.

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As We See It....

SPEAKING TO CONGRESS

JUNE 2012

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Our Spring Washington D.C. trip still weighs heavily on my mind, and I wanted to share with you a few of the thoughts that I have had since our visit. Results of these trips are hard to measure immediately but I know we left some good impressions with our representatives in D.C. I am very proud of everyone who showed up to represent the loggers all across America and the American Loggers Council, as they are a part of the process.

I am disappointed that the Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act, S. 1369, has not moved out of committee and on to the Senate floor for a vote. Our plan now is to get other industries that will also be affected

by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision to join us, putting pressure on the leadership in the Senate to move the bill forward. This decision by the courts could be the largest regulatory burden that our industry has ever faced, impacting timber harvesting on both federal and private lands.

Several of us visited with Tom Tidwell, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, and expressed our concerns about the health of our forests, jobs, rural counties and schools. When we explained to Chief Tidwell how increased volumes could help our rural

schools, he became defensive and told us the U.S. Forest Service was "not in the business to make money." While this is true, one might think that with our growing deficits, someone in D.C. might take it under consideration to at least create revenue from the forests in order to fund other programs and projects and to make our federal timber dependent communities whole. With target volumes set at 3 billion board feet for 2012, a 80% reduction in historical high volumes during the 70's and 80's, it is unlikely that the agency will meet those targets.



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I personally feel our national forests that were set aside for multiple uses are the largest, most productive farms in America. The American Loggers Council continues to go on record asking Congress to support full funding for the USDA Forest Service Timber Products line item.

A broad definition for renewable biomass has been on our agenda for the last six years and it appears that the definition that we fought for in the current Farm Bill will remain intact as Congress debates reauthorization of the bill this year. We realize with natural gas being so inexpensive woody biomass will have a hard time competing, but if we are going to meet the 25% renewable energy goal by 2025, our forests will have to be included as a source for producing renewable energy.

For our industry partners in California and other western states, we asked members of Congress, and the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service to change the "two year protocol" for surveys of the northern spotted owl. We asked that it be moved back to a one year permitting process permanently. It is impossible to predict markets from two to three years out before harvest can occur. Forest landowners in western states should not be required to have a two year wait (possibly three) from the time they make the decision to harvest timber, to getting the approval, if granted, from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

We asked for an appointment with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and were told that they did not have anyone that could visit with us. We would have liked to have asked that our sixteen and seventeen year old children be granted the same rights as farmers and ranchers have under the existing farm child labor laws to be able to work and begin their training at an earlier stage in life. The Department of Labor has recently been engaged in attempting to change policies which would not allow youth to work on farms and ranches, but after much outcry from the farming community, they have backed off of the issue. We can't help but wonder if the reason that we were not allowed an audience with the DOL was because of their desire to change the child labor exemptions for children in the agricultural community and certainly didn't wish to see another agricultural related industry asking for those same exemptions that they were attempting to abolish. It is important that we have future generations to take over our businesses and I have already heard from one of my Congressman and a Senator that they understand the issue and agree with our view. We don't expect a change

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Summary Judgment....

North Dakota & Montana: A Tale of Two Energy States

by William Perry Pendley

In response to President Obama's claims regarding his role in the dramatic increase in oil and gas production across the country, experts, such as the Institute for Energy Research, demonstrate that leasing of federal lands let alone the production from them has plummeted under Obama and his anti-hydrocarbon administration. Instead, the increase thanks to the technological creativity and the courageous tenacity of Americans who discover, develop, and deliver energy supplies is the result of development of private and State-owned lands.

The state leading the way is North Dakota, which passed California and OPEC's Ecuador as an oil producer. North Dakota's remarkable oil production is coming, thanks to hydrological fracking, from the Bakken Shale Play, which lies within the Williston Basin—a petroleum rich geological structure, not a topographical depression—that

was discovered in the 1920s and 1930s, but did not become a major oil province until the 1950s. In 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey estimated that the Bakken contained 151 million barrels of oil; today the estimate tops out at 24 billion barrels of recoverable oil, which dwarfs the estimated oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska, where drilling is banned.

The Williston Basin extends into southeastern Montana, where, in 1915, natural gas was discovered on a geological structure known as the Cedar Creek Anticline, which runs 120 miles from Glendive, southwest through Baker, Montana, and on into North Dakota. Located in the southwestern part of the Williston Basin, the Cedar Creek Anticline has been heavily developed. In fact, one company, Fidelity Exploration and Production Company from Denver, Colorado, operates more than 900 shallow gas wells on leases cov-

ering over 62,000 acres of state and private lands on the Cedar Creek Anticline; however, Fidelity's operations are restricted to a strip of land but a few miles wide.

In August and November 2008, the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation approved Fidelity's plans to drill 23 infill natural gas wells, after completion of environmental assessments (EAs) pursuant to Montana's Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), which is modeled after the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Once the EAs were completed, however, the National Wildlife Federation and the Montana Wildlife Federation sued the Board, in Montana state court arguing that the Board failed to consider the impacts on the Greater Sage Grouse. The environmental groups did not just demand that new studies be prepared as to the gas wells being challenged, they demanded that a programmatic environmental impact statement be prepared to analyze all oil and gas development over the Cedar Creek Anticline.

In 2009, Fidelity and the Montana Petroleum Association joined the lawsuit; lengthy discovery, legal briefing, and hearings followed. In May 2010, arguments took place in Fallon County, Montana; then, in July 2011, the Montana district court upheld the Board's decision, ruling that it was "neither arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, nor un-

lawful under any standard" and constituted the requisite "hard look" required by MEPA. The environmental groups filed their appeal. Last month, the Montana Supreme Court heard the case.

During oral arguments, the Board's attorney reported that all but three of the wells that might impact the Sage Grouse have been drilled and then declared, "The sage grouse is not endangered. It's not threatened. It's not on any list that has any requirements on behalf of the federal government or state government. There are only two things that concern the sage grouse in the State of Montana and that's a license to hunt them and a bag limit." The environmental groups continued to demand a programmatic environmental impact statement. Such a ruling will be a disaster. Not only will the study take years, it will yield time-consuming litigation as environmental groups bemoan the "impact" on the Sage Grouse and "climate change." Thus, the Montana Supreme Court will decide not only the case before it, but also whether Montana energy policy follows the federal example or that of North Dakota.

Mr. Pendley, a Wyoming attorney, is President and Chief Legal Officer of Mountain States Legal Foundation and a regular columnist in Loggers World.



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cle of logging and driving logs down river.

Then another thing we want to do is to cover some British Columbia Water Logging. That is, we want to put a boat in the water between Vancouver Island and the Mainland and find loggers that log and put their logs in the water. Doesn't mean that we shall look for outfits that only log directly to the water but rather outfits that include dumping and booming logs in their operation.

Sounds like fun and should be interesting to do and interesting to read about.

Contract logging

Tom White was telling me about this Contract Logger who had made some money and went to France on vacation. While there he got involved in some trouble in one of the establishments and wound up sentenced to death by their head chopping guillotine. On the morning

set for his execution he found that he was to be third. Behind an Englishman and a Frenchman.

The Englishman took his place, head down, neck on the block with the blade about six feet above him

waiting to be dropped. When asked if he had anything to say he replied, "God Bless the Queen! There'll always be an England." The head man gave the signal, the blade was cut loose and down it came. But.....it

came to a halt just above the neck of the intended victim.

Well, the people got excited and said that an Act of God had saved this man and that he was to be set free.

Next came the Frenchman. He took his position. When asked if he had any last words he made some remarks appropriate to the time and place.

They dropped the big blade. Again it came down and stopped just before it touched the back of the victim's neck. Now the people did go crazy. Here were two executions in a row that were stopped by an Act of God. The Frenchman was set free with the congratulations and the blessings of all parties.

Now came our Hero's turn. The Contract Logger. He got in the thing, head down, blade up ghgh. Hearts beat faster as the first steps of the execution were taken. They asked this logger if he had any last words. He said, "If you jerks don't grease that sheave up there you ain't ever going to cut any one's head off!"

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soon, but it will continue to be on our agenda.

There have been several coalitions pushing for changes in weight limits on the Federal Interstate Highway System this year, but with the likelihood of a transportation bill being passed prior to the November general elections being slim to none, it is doubtful that we will see any changes in the near future. The American Loggers Council will continue to look for opportunities to insert language into the proposed bill that would make your state tolerances legal on the Interstates, providing for a safer and more efficient route to existing

mills.

November elections are only a few months away, and we need leaders in Washington D.C. that will take the initiative and use common sense to move this nation and our industry forward. Now more than ever, we are asking that you know the candidates, know their platforms, and support those that are willing to do what is right for all Americans. We are asking you to be a part of that process.

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BULL OF THE WOODS, BILL BLOCKLEY

William (Bill) Blockley, husband, father, grandfather, and long-time logging figure, has been named the Deming Logging Show's 50th Bull of the Woods.

Bill was born May 10th, 1938 at his grandparent's house in Lake Stevens, Washington to parents Bill and Susan Blockley. Bill is the middle child of three.

He has two sisters Wilna Baisden, and Dwight AnnBrunk.

Bill had no initial intentions of becoming a logger. In fact, his father was set against it. In 1957 Bill left his Washington home for a season in Southeast Alaska to fish. Although the trip north brought him into untamed Arctic waters and gave him a view of North America's incredible final frontier, the fishing itself was not a match for Bill's heart. He made his way home and began a new career with Henry Zender & Sons.

After this introduction to the logging industry, Bill worked as a cutter for Archie Monaghan. At that time Archie was contracting for Howard Hammer. Bill was also a cutter for Sherman Ousdale and a logger for Alpine Log, at the time owned by Jerry Hammer and Bob Starry.

In October of 1959 Bill married Marlene Plattner. The two settled in the Blockley homestead in Welcome Valley, established by Bill's parents. The couple raised three children. His son William (Craig) married Debbie Stone, and has daughters Kaitlyn and Erynn. His daughter Charlene married Steve Williamson and has daughters Dani (husband Lance), Elizabeth (husband Kelly), Suni and Shanli, and sons Steven, and Rick. His son Clyde married Kelli DeKriek and



has daughters Melanie, and Brandi, and son Bryce.

Bill's involvement in the region reaches even further than the long-standing logging community.

In the late 60's & 70's, he raced

modified sprint cars at Skagit Speedway. For 13 years he coached summer league baseball, and was active in the Piranhas Wrestling Club.

In the late 1960's Bill started his

own logging company, which he named William Blockley Contracting. Over the years he logged for companies such as Georgia Pacific, Miller Shingle, Crown Pacific, and Citifor. He currently logs for Longview Fiber.

Bill's sons began working with their father in the 1980's. Bill is proud to be in charge of the small family operation with so many family members and friends at his side. Bill runs the 1978 yarder, while son's Craig and Clyde are shovel operators. Phil Zwick is the log processor operator. Son-in-law Steve

Williamson is the cutter/chaser. The choker setters are Nick DeKriek and Steve Markowicz. Log truck drivers are Toby Williamson, and Todd Postma.

Grandson's Steven and Bryce help with operations at the little shop in the Welcome Valley.

Fifty years ago when the log show started in the Frank Mullens fields, Claudette and Bill were the first two contestants to participate in the log roll. Bill continued to participate in log rolling, winning trophies in 1966, 1967, and 1968.

Many may know Bill as one of the log show clowns along with LeRoy Philliber, Lou Mezo, Lee Compton, and Frank Hathaway. While he has retired from clowning to let the younger kids take over, we will all miss the many years when little piglets would climb out of his belly.

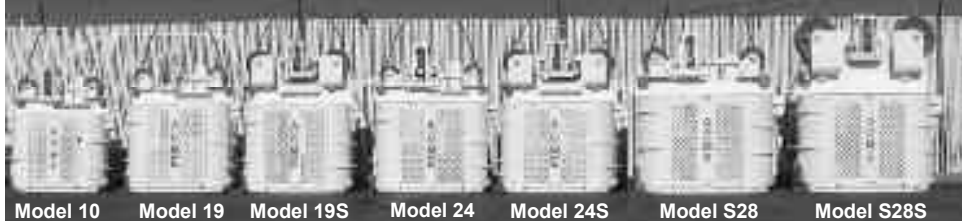
Bill was influential in helping to organize the first kids' tug of war, Kids vs. Loggers.

In 1977 Bill was President of the Logging Show and in 1984 awarded the most active non-contestant

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award given out by the American Legion.

Bill and his wife Marlene received the Gold Axe award in 1980. Bill and his family have spent many days helping to improve the logging show and the accompanying grounds with the help of so many others.

He is truly excited to share this tradition with the loves of his life: his family, his friends, and the logging industry...meanwhile it will give him even more to talk about. Bill would like to Thank you for this honor, and promises to wear the horns proudly.

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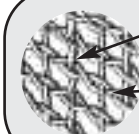


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GREG ZENDER checking his log deck mid-day in mid-May, with the weather still sending snow down, as you can see across his sweat shirt. What started as a side-line logging on the weekends with brother Jeff, gradually grew until 1984 when they incorporated under the Zender Brothers and Wilburn Logging Inc., with his brothers and brother-in-law Marty Wilburn as partners, specializing in tower logging. Today Greg and Scott Zender, and Wilburn are partners.

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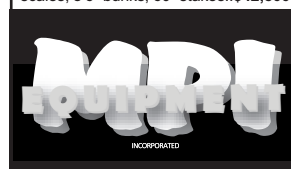
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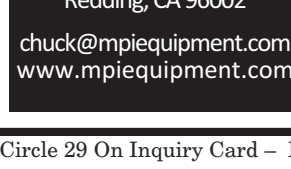
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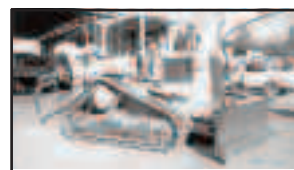
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wood stove on his back, and set up his first homestead in Kendall, just north of Deming... it was all brush, no highway." Then after building his spot and homesteading, he returned to Germany, married wife Anna and returned to farm and raise their five children: three boys (Jacob, Henry and Tony) and two girls. "He (Peter) didn't like the trees," Zender explained with a smile, because he was a farmer first, which meant, "...they worked to clear the land."

Their parents "...gave the two boys houses across from each other," Zender explained, "on chunks of the homestead with the parents living right between them."

The oldest son, Jacob and his wife Catherine raised a total of 11 children: nine boys and two girls, while his brother Henry's family raised two boys and nine girls. Two big families, and lots of grandkids. "Jacob logged and dairy farmed," Zender explained, "and logged in the daytime," which was his start in logging.

"Jacob, Tony and Henry had their own business during the Great Depression," Zender explained adding, "...the Burkes were part of that as well, and as their boys got old enough they went to work for their dads."

World War II required adjustments. "The boys would work for



THE ORIGINAL PARTNER-SHIP shown in this picture from June of '94, included (from the left) Greg, Scott, Brad and Jeff Zender, and on the right is Marty Wilburn. Prior to their incorporation, they'd all worked for Zee Bros. learning the logging from what many of them noted "the best."

their dad and for other loggers at the time," Zender explained, "and several were off for the War as well, so for that period not much went on

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for business with them.” Following the war, “... the (Zender) boys formed their own business. My dad (Nick) was part of what formed the original nucleus of Zee Brothers Logging Co.” Zender explained. All nine brothers were part of the company, and all of them raised good sized families (most had six offspring in their own family). Greg Zender’s generation includes a total of 65 cousins. Little wonder they were able to field larger crews during the summers as those kids grew up needing summer work through high school and college.

The next generation

Greg Zender’s the oldest of Nick Zender’s family of six, four

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SHERIDAN LEAVITT said, “I’ve been chasing for three years, and I’m a fourth generation logger. I worked for Joe Zender and Sons before I started here but I’ve been here most the time. It’s a great company.”



GREG ZENDER clearing the landing and sorting with his Kobelco SK290LC shovel with Jewell boom and 58-inch grapple. “I like them,” Zender said. “They’re a very good grapple.” They were running seven sorts on this landing. “I do a lot of staking... go along road side and you’ll see some high stumps. The reason for that is to have somewhere to lean the wood up,” for decking.



ZEKE HARGETT operates the 2001 John Deere 753GL carrier with LogMax 7000 dangle head processor on the Zender site. Hargett works for Atlas Land Clearing (ALC), who subcontracts the processing for Zender & Wilburn. The LogMax head has about 5,000 hours on it Hargett, whose worked for ALC the past two years, explained. “They’ve been processing for a couple years for us,” Zender explained. “It’s a very good marriage. Actually they’ve done a real good job for us we’re real pleased with the work.”



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boys and two girls, and their exposure to logging began early in life. "From when we were little guys (four or five), dad would take us up into the woods on Saturdays," and along the way over time, "Dad would teach us every trick in the book on setting up spar trees." A lot of that is in keeping the crew busy by preparing sites in advance. "If he could get a spar tree up, or top a tree, move a yarder on Saturdays he'd do that," saving money and to keep the crew productive. "As we (the brothers) got older we'd run equipment too. We all were extremely familiar with cable logging at an early age."

"By the time I was 16 I was setting chokers and fire watching," Zender noted, working with brothers and cousins. When the Vietnam War was going on, "...they were short of crew. At that time in the summers we'd go out to help make up the crew." The boys gained a lot of valuable work experience. "By the time we were 18 we knew what was going on."

That experience worked out well when Zender turned 20. "Uncle Dan was sick with cancer and I was moved up to handle some of that job too, rigging towers and running a side also. I'd had 10 years under my belt by the time I got into the

woods."

Side jobs

While working full time for Zee Brothers, "...my brother Jeff and I initially kind of started it (contract logging) out of high school," Zender said. "We went on our own (logging) as a sideline basis on Saturdays." Even then, Marty Wilburn who was still in high school, "... worked with us a bit on the side too. That's kind of how he got into the woods."

All of them graduated from Mt. Baker High School.

It was back in middle school when Terry Zender (sister to Greg and Brad) caught Wilburn's eye. "From day one in the 7th grade she grabbed my imagination! We've been together since then, Wilburn explained. "I married her when I was 19. I was going to college and they asked if I wanted a job in the woods with the Zee Brothers, and back then the pay was \$8/hour, and that was big money, good bucks in 1979, and I've been in the rigging ever since."

"He was a good athlete in school," Zender added, "and a good addition to our business. "He has such a good work ethic, and really leads the charge out there. We've had such good success with him being out there, getting good men, and we're seeing the results day in and day out."

For several years the younger



SCOTT ZENDER is partner and the yarder engineer seen here in the cab of their Madill 071. "I've run the SJ4, the 737, the BU94 and this thing," he said with a smile. "I was out in the brush a little while, not much. Mostly chased," he noted then elaborated saying, "I was always fascinated by it, I loved equipment. I've always been fascinated by yarders as a kid, always wanted to run a yarder." His favorite yarder (right, Page 14), the BU94, which they'd converted to in 2004 and he refers to as "Precious" in honor of it's ease of use and being "...the Cadillac of yarders."

Zender boys and Wilburn continued working both their full time jobs with Zee Brothers and their sideline logging smaller jobs on weekends. "At that time we didn't have a tower, just small jobs, little state sales. They (Washington state DNR) used to have small harvester sales, and that's kinda how we got our start."

"Brad (Zender) was also involved in the loose partnership," Zender explained. "He'd graduated in '81. Both he and Marty were getting a lot of rigging experience."

From roughly 1980, Greg and Jeff Zender began squirreling money away towards the goal of eventually starting their own company.

"At first, Dad was kind of our mentor," Greg Zender explained, "consulting, helping us when he could on the weekend. Initially Jeff and I were both rigging men with Zee Brothers, I was hooking one side and Jeff hooking on the other."

Opportunity knocks

In 1984, opportunity presented itself, "...to log for a private landowner who had some large holdings, and it (the job) required a tower," Zender explained. They found logger Herb Jensen, out of Wood-

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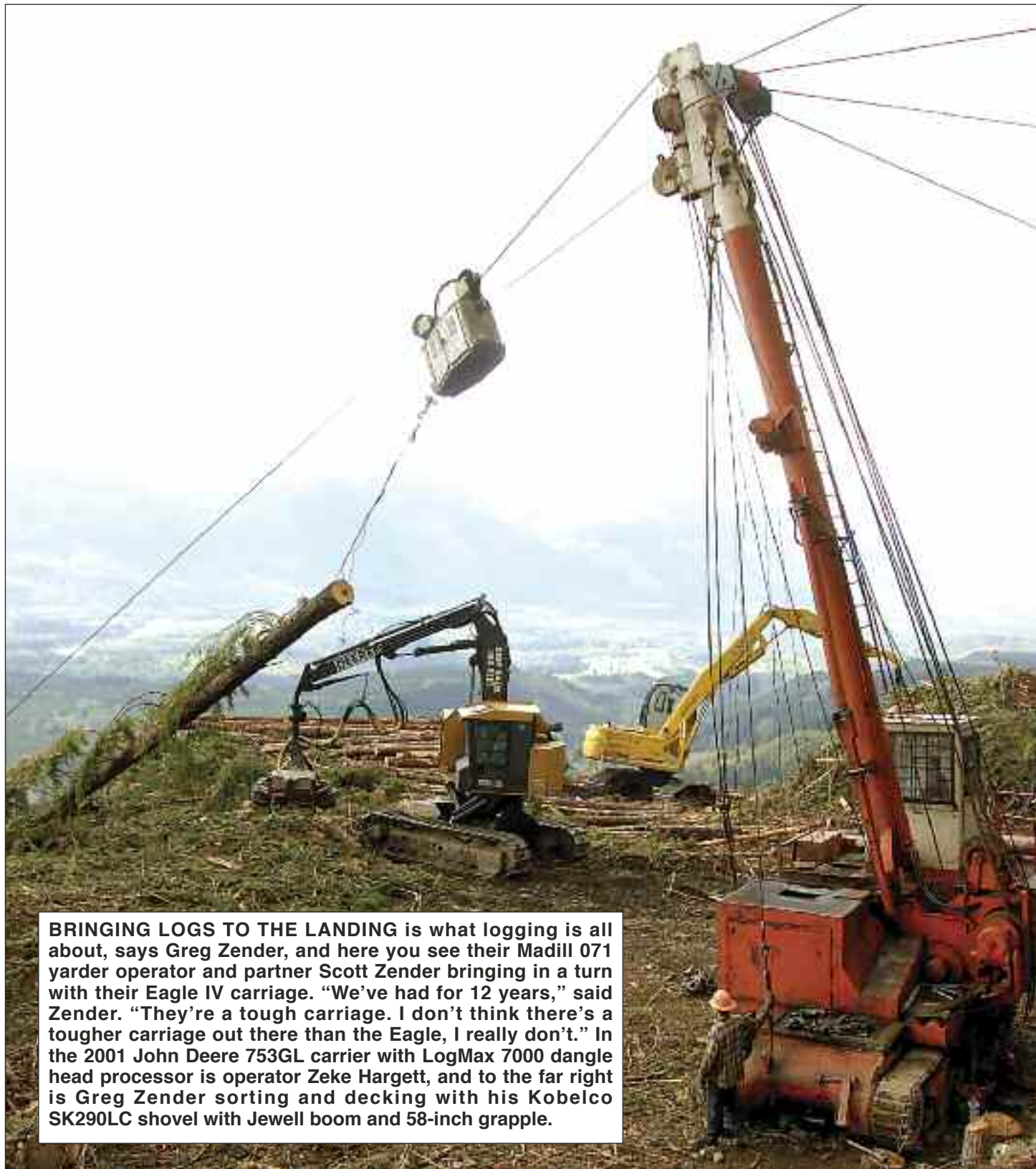
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"PRECIOUS" is the name given by Scott Zender to the Zender & Wilburn Skagit T90 tower with BU94 conversion, which they made in 2004 from the original BU80 yarder.



BRINGING LOGS TO THE LANDING is what logging is all about, says Greg Zender, and here you see their Madill 071 yarder operator and partner Scott Zender bringing in a turn with their Eagle IV carriage. "We've had for 12 years," said Zender. "They're a tough carriage. I don't think there's a tougher carriage out there than the Eagle, I really don't." In the 2001 John Deere 753GL carrier with LogMax 7000 dangle head processor is operator Zeke Hargett, and to the far right is Greg Zender sorting and decking with his Kobelco SK290LC shovel with Jewell boom and 58-inch grapple.



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DIANA ZENDER has done the bookkeeping for Zender Bros & Wilburn Logging since Pearly Zender retired from the job in 2008. Diana is Greg Zender's wife, and Pearl is mother to the Zender brothers.

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land who had a Skagit T-90 tower with a BU80 yarder, which was self-propelled, that he was willing to sell them on contract. "It had come through the Mount St. Helens eruption, and survived," he said. "They took it down, had it repainted, sand blasted," and completely gone through putting it in top condition. "It was rebuilt, looked like new, and was in good shape."

At the same time youngest brother Scott Zender, "...was just out of high school when we started up our tower operations in '84. Scott spent a couple years on the rigging to get experience," when he started. "No doubt what Scott was going to do for his life," Zender said. "He'd always wanted to log and run a tower. He had to put boots on the ground for a while, but eventually became a yarder engineer," where he's been

ever since.

The baby Zees

"We formed the Zender Brothers and Wilburn Logging Corporation at that point in 1984," Zender said. "The partners were Jeff, Brad, Marty, Greg, and Scott," he explained with a smile adding, "they called us the baby Zees," a title that stuck through the 80s and 90s, although by the mid-

90s Zee Brothers were out, "...and we lost that nickname," he smiled.

The company grew, and by the 90s "...we were running two tower sides: the Madill 071 along with the big Skagit tower."

The partnership changed in the mid-90s when a car crash injured Jeff permanently taking him out of

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DEAN NIEUWENDORP (left) and Tom Parks are the contract cutters for Zender Bros and Wilburn Logging. Nieuwendorp, who owns the company, has been cutting almost 40 years. "I worked for the USFS, went to college studying forestry, and there weren't many jobs in forestry at the time so I got a job cutting actually from Bob Burke... he was cutting for Zee Bros. and he hired me, that's who I first cut for... Learned my stuff." He runs a Husky 372XPW with a 28-inch Oregon Lite bar and Stihl chain. Parks has been logging the past 20 years and hails originally from Idaho. He's been all over the west cutting and logging, and joined Nieuwendorp three years ago. "It's working out," he said with a wry grin then adding, "barely!" He uses a Stihl MS440, and typically runs Oregon bar and chain adding, "...this was just another (saw) I was cutting with."



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the woods, "...and about the same time Brad chose different endeavors in life."

In addition the nature of the business changed with the Northern Spotted Owl, and the tree farm they were working on changed hands as well. "We had to turn and go in another direction. For a while we were constantly jumping from one ship to the next. Those years for us were some of the more difficult ones. We managed," he explained. "We had to

make the pivot from Forest Service to private land ownership and that there were some great large tracts changing hands."

Changing directions

"At that point we were down to just the three of us (Marty, Scott and Greg), and have remained that way ever since," Zender explained. "When our partners left the business, we could have remained big but decided to spend the time with the family. That was equally

important to the business. Balance (in life, and in business) is everything."

With that they went to a single

tower side, working the larger or smaller tower depending on the circumstances of the job.

"It toughened us up mentally," Zender said of that span of time.

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BODE DEMME has logged the past 20 years with the brush crew the entire time, "...off and on for 12 years." His experience is valued. He lives in Kendall.



MARTY WILBURN is one of the partners and "...really leads the charge out there," said Zender. Wilburn added, "...Nick, my father-in-law 'taught us the right way,' and Wilburn carries on the tradition, hiring, training, and setting the pace.



JORDAN ZENDER has been logging 18 months, the past three with this crew, having worked construction right out of high school first. He's the son of Larry, and the grandson of Red Zender. "In the brush the entire time," he explained. "I enjoy it."



HANK HARTLE has logged for 10 seasons, the past four with Zender & Wilburn, and had always intended to log, and loves it. "I'm a rigging slinger, hook tender, or whatever's needed at the time." He said. He has three daughters, a four year old and twins that are 10-months. "Pretty soon this will be the easy part of my day," he smiled.

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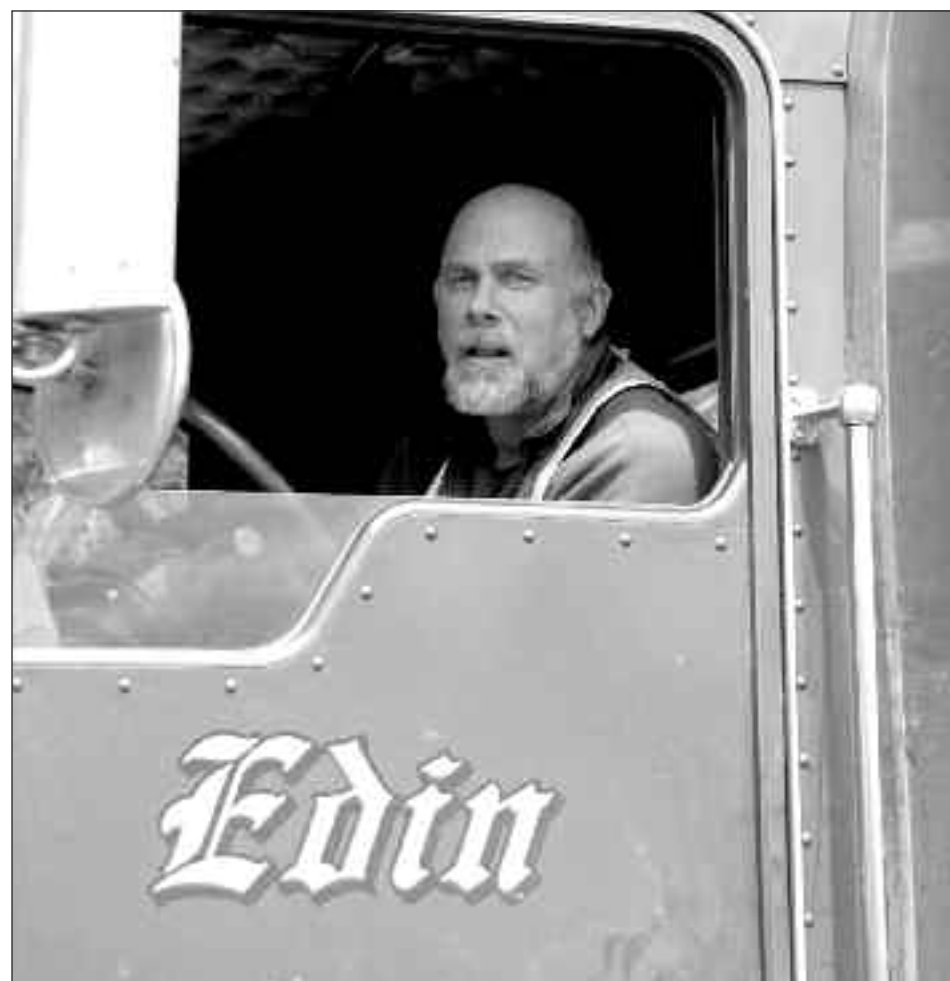
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"We learned to weather things, get through it and believe in each other. If you get out there and scratch hard enough, and we had our reputation, we always managed to find more work."

"We'd also kept smaller jobs going (since their beginnings) so when hard times hit we always kept busy, always with one foot in front of the other. It's one of our trademarks: we're always working," something which pays off in maintaining a solid crew.

Only in the past few years have they added a processor, subcontracting the processing through (ALC) Atlas Land Company (Robert Hollenback, owner), with both the Caterpillar 753GL and LogMax 7000 dangle head processor, and operator Zeke Hargett, a few years after they started working for Sierra Pacific Industries in timber that it made sense for.

"We found with our cable size our logging was on steep difficult ground on tougher jobs," that it didn't justify the cost. "Our theory was you have to get enough logs to have that machine sitting under the tower and especially with the work we were doing in the late 90s, on pretty good sized state wood, and (much of that was) larger than a processor could handle anyhow."

"We stuck with a delimber and a saw," Zender said. "It's how we logged for 10 years beneath our tow-

er, long logging. A man and chain saw can keep up, and if he's busy we used two guys and two tapes and they can stay right with it. Plus some of the big wood is already bucked." He then added, "Quite honestly we put our money into the crew and not the equipment."

"We'd experimented with a processor on a few other shows," Zender explained, "before electing to go with a contractor. It's way less risk, you don't have to worry about down time, payments, etc." The opportunity came at the right time as well, with ALC seeking a contractor when they knew the work on the Sierra Pacific would make a processor an attractive option. "It's been a good marriage so far," Zender said. "It's worked well for both parties, and I don't have to worry about breakdowns at night. We have enough on our plate already," and their processor produces the quality the mills like.

Long range balance

"We've kind of stayed to the proven all along," Zender smiled. "It was instilled from Zee Brothers... we focused on our crew. The yarders don't change that much." What makes the difference, "...is the quality of the men around them. You have to get the trees to the landing. If you have a good crew they'll make any machine look good, and we had an excellent crew when we started," and an excellent crew

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now. In 2004 they upgraded the yarder Zender explained, "...we found the BU94 and replaced the BU80. The BU94 is a 1 3/8s-inch machine that has bigger drums, water cooled brake and a little more power. The 94 is really considered the Cadillac of the yarders that Skagit built." Partner and yarder engineer Scott Zender calls the 94, Precious. "For him, compared to other machine's he's run, the ease of running, visibility, etc., it's the best," Zender explained.

"We set ourselves much like a good ball team," Zender explained, "with rookies coming up and the older experienced guys tutoring them. "Bode Demme's (in the brush) been with us a number of years. He can (predict) down to the hour of how many loads there are out there (on the ground). If Marty's not out there, Bode has a sense of what's out there," and how long it will take. "You rely on that crew... a good crew gives you a good picture of what's coming."

"We have good men all the way around on our crew," said Zender smiling. "We're real proud of them."

Pearl Zender, Zender's mother who'd been bookkeeper from the beginning, was another key in the operations until her retirement in '08, when Greg's wife Diana took that



RON DerWISSCHA drives Zender Bros and Wilburn Logging's '04 Kenworth T800, with a 415 Cat diesel and hauling a Peerless trailer with Peterson bunks. "I've been working for these guys since 1989," he explained, having hauled hay, long haul, before. "Started unloading hay, those big alfalfa bales, and then I learned how to drive trucks so I wouldn't have to unload them anymore."

position. "Mom carried on for many years after that doing the books for us, and has always been supportive of us over the years."

They do most of their own wrenching, and have a great group of mechanics and shops nearby if

they hit a problem.

They work with timber cutter Denny Nieuwedorp, and they own a single '04 Kenworth T800 log truck driven by Ron DerWisscha, and a second contractor, Randy Edin that does their hauling.

Occasionally they'll do some shov-

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Brent Fenty of the Oregon Natural Desert Association said renewable energy is important, but Oregonians should not have to sacrifice one of their most beloved landscapes so that a Washington developer financed by New York money can sell electricity to Southern California.

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USFS demands \$80,000 to turn over public records to non-profit

Transparency in the Obama Administration has a price. The U.S. Forest Service wants \$78,935.80 before it will share public records the Goldwater Institute has requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Not only is the U.S. Forest Service blocking emergency repairs to the City of Tombstone's Huachuca Mountain water supply, it is now hiding the documents that might explain its outrageous conduct.

In a showdown with the "town too tough to die," the U.S. Forest Service blocked Tombstone from repairing its mountain spring aqueduct after it was destroyed in the 2011 Monument Fire. The Forest Service

is threatening the lives and properties of Tombstone residents and tourists due to the loss of adequate fire suppression capabilities and safe drinking water.

Now the U.S. Forest Service is punishing the Goldwater Institute for daring to file a public interest lawsuit against the federal government to restore that water supply. In demanding nearly \$80,000 before turning over public records, the Forest Service has deemed the Institute's lawsuit as proof of a "commercial interest" that disqualifies the non-profit Institute from securing a fee waiver under the Freedom of Information Act.

"We just want to know why," said Nick Dranias, the Goldwater Institute's constitutional policy director. "If there is a reason for the Forest Service to threaten the lives and properties of Tombstone residents, the federal government should tell us what it is."

Perhaps the Forest Service is willing to risk public health and safety because the spotted owl historically nests in the Huachuca Mountains. But the Monument Fire and subsequent floods appear to have destroyed that ecosystem.

The Obama Administration is acting like it has something to hide. That's why the Goldwater Institute will appeal the U.S. Forest Service's decision to demand cash before complying with the Freedom of Information Act.

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Johnson, his counterpart at Oregon State University, agreed.

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"And in terms of the objective," Franklin interjected.

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ter meeting with BLM employees - foresters, silviculturists, biologists and others - from the agency's Medford District who are working on the Friese Camp ecological forestry project between Butte Falls and Prospect.

It is one of five such projects announced late in February by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar when he visited the Pilot Joe project in the Applegate Valley.

Three of the five new projects are on the Medford District, including Pilot Thompson in the Thompson Creek drainage of the Applegate, and the Jumping Bean project in the Grants Pass Resource Area.

The other two new ecological forestry projects are under way in BLM's Lakeview and Roseburg districts.

The two nationally known forestry professors, along with environmental groups and timber industry representatives, persuaded Salazar in 2010 to try a restoration forestry approach on three pilot projects in southwestern Oregon as a

way to end gridlock in public forests.

In addition to Pilot Joe in the middle Applegate Valley, two other pilot projects are under way on BLM land in Douglas and Coos counties. The 1.5-million-board-foot Pilot Joe timber sale is the first where trees have been harvested. It sold for \$230,000 - more than four times its appraised value.

Like the forest restoration approach, the goal of ecological forestry is to preserve the largest trees and improve forest health, including protecting northern spotted owl habitat, while producing wood for mills and county coffers, and reducing wildfire devastation, according to Franklin and Johnson.

"The industry for so long has argued there is only one way to manage these forests: intensively for wood production," Franklin said. "On the other side, there have been the loud voices saying, 'You've got to preserve this.'"

"The reality for our public lands is that neither industrial-strength forestry nor preserving all of it is appropriate," he added. "What is appropriate is integrated approaches that provide for the full array of

values that we care about as a society: ecologic, economic and cultural."

The approach of allocating sections of public lands as reserves or for timber harvesting - as was done by the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan - did not work, they said.

"We are trying to help folks with this new way of thinking, how they would accomplish it and still achieve their other goals," Johnson said.

The Friese Camp project is in a checkerboard pattern a dozen miles long and half that wide among private land parcels, much of which is timber-industry land. That checkerboard pattern poses a challenge for BLM personnel planning the ecological forestry project, said district spokesman Jim Whittington.

"We don't have the option of doing a landscape scale look at the ground as we did in the original Pilot Joe project," he said. "So we will have to incorporate the same sorts of demands and outcomes into this very fragmented, checkerboard landscape and see how it fits."

Ecological forestry is about principles, not specific prescriptions, he said.

"How you get to those principles is the big question," he said.

The prescription also will be adjusted, officials said.

For instance, the Friese Camp area has more precipitation and is at a slightly higher altitude than Pilot Joe. But Franklin and Johnson recommend it be treated as a dry forest because of the potential for climate change to bring warmer temperatures to the region.

"The biggest difference between this area and Pilot Joe is dealing with the complexity created by the checkerboards," Franklin said. "It is difficult for everybody from the spotted owl people to the silviculturists trying to develop the prescriptions."

He recommends the BLM islands among the private parcels be viewed independently of adjacent woodlands as agency planners move forward.

"To a degree, you have to look at what is appropriate to be done for that stand," he said. "That's given the obligation we carry on the federal lands for providing for all the bio-

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logical diversity, including spotted owls.

"You can't make assumptions about what is going to happen on the other part of the checkerboard," he continued. "You have to figure out your strategy in the context of what you are obligated to provide for, what you are obligated to do for the health of that forest ecosystem. In the end, you have to work in the context of what you can control."

Ecological forestry is a broader approach than restoration forestry,

which is just one approach to it, Johnson explained.

"You are trying to integrate ecological principles into this - you are not trying to mitigate," he said.

Although ecological forestry can be applied with many objectives, it is based on integrating ecological, economical and cultural objectives, he said.

"The test here is going to be: how large an area can we apply this to?" Johnson said. "What in aggregate does it add up to in terms of timber sales? What is the potential, positive affects for the northern spotted owl?"

"What we are doing now is trying

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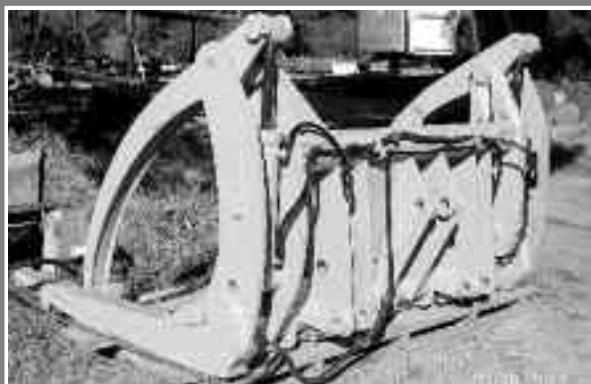


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- 3-4 People
- 5-6 People
- More than 6 People

How many people does your company presently employ:

- 0-2 People
- 2-5 People
- 5-20 People
- More than 20

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