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September Loggers World!

This issue of Loggers World was written, photographed and edited mainly by Otta Oja. He and I set this deal up way last spring for him to do while he was on his two week vacation in July. During the last half of this vacation he was traveling, picture taking and scribbling notes. After he went back to work he sorted out pictures, transcribed notes and put the two things together and a good litterate package. Hope you enjoy the September Loggers World.

What am I doing?

Well first I'm taking it easy during the month of August when I'd normally be working on the September paper. Figure on working half a day each day in the office to catch up on some work that has been getting behind for months. Figure on working half a day each day. Several months ago went back logging again this time as a hobby instead of as a career. All the things I've done for recreation - - flying - - fishing - camping - - boating - - traveling - - eating drinking - - partying - - there is nothing I enjoy for recreation more than logging it is fun to fall and buck timber when you don't have to, when you can stop and B.S. with passer-bys, when you can say "to hell with it, I've had enough" and head for the barn and go do something else. There is nothing that gives me more enjoyment than dangling around in that Mountain logger, mashing down brush, making lots of noise just like a real logger, choking logs and bringing them to a landing. Pure fun - - - if you don't overdo it.

Otto Oja

tto is a timber faller. He used to be a bucker. Before that he worked on the rigging. At one time he was known as 'Clatskanie kid'. He served his country in battle in the Mountain Troops WWII. He also trained dogs in the Army. He broke a leg and while laid up he learned to make fig-

urines out of plaster of paris and cast them and make molds. He made the finest work of this type showing loggers at labor I've ever seen. He broke a leg again and sharpened up his already considerable skills as a Chain Saw Artist. He is the leading and the best Chain Saw Carver of all time he makes statues of loggers and who uses a chain saw only in his work. Can't be touched! He learned to be a photographer and he is pretty good at it explain to a cartoonist an idea he had for a cartoon the upshot of this was that he started cartooning.

Writing. He has a lucid non wasteful way of saying it right. Saying it fully, completely and compactly. He sees to the important things to the middle.

Otto likes logging - - - he especially likes falling timber. He's good at it. He doesn't say so but men that work with and around him do. One time he fell a quarter of a setting above the road. Steep ground. Didn't get one



tree into the road or across the road, he never made a point of it - - - said it just worked out that way. He takes pride in saving the timber and in getting the highest quality logs out of trees. He changes with the times and the new emphasis and the new methods - - - that is good - - - that is rare. The world is full of extra fine people. Otto is one of these people.

Feminine!

▼don't watch TV much and what I do watch doesn't invigorate me much one heck of a lot. I are the the better I like to watch them. You don't have to watch that TV set long before it is impressed upon you that the people making up the advertising must think that there is no one in the country over seven years old. Actually there is some good adult commercials but what's the fun of talking about them. Would you have believed, before Television, that they would be advertising the things they are now? There is this ad about the new Feminine hygene stuff. I don't know what it is used for except that I'd guess is for spring females. It doesn't shrink them, wrinkle them, unwrinkle them or make them taller as far as I can tell. If it doesn't do any of those things or make them smarter it must be for smelling better. To me the females have always smelled pretty nice anyway. If they improve on this too much they might madden the male population until we lose control and spend more time chasing and tackling the feminine people. If that happens some enterprising company will come out with a spray or a pill to cure it and then we will have one more of these stupid commercials. The one I'd travel almost two feet to see again is the one where the two women are in a place that might be in art gallery. One of them shyly confesses something to the other women, confesses and one sentence. Then the next time you see them they are eating lunch and she shyly comes forth with another sentence. Then the third time you see them they are going home late in the afternoon and the third sentence is spoken. Now do you know any women that would take all day to just that much talking? The most interesting part of their conversation must have taken place when we weren't eavesdropping on these two slow talking females. Looks to me like their whole day was

like to watch the commercials. The stupider they

Airplanes!

Imentioned last spring that I bought a small used airplane for some cheap flying and fun. Well it is four months later and I haven't had any fun with the machine hardly at all. All I've done is spend money.

All us pilots have memorized the correct sayings about how cheap flying is. That is so people who we owe money to won't think we are using their money in the flying business. Two things we

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: RUSSEL HODGSON limbing as he prepares to set up a block for Medici Logging's yoder side, one of three logging and one chipper sides they had running in early June. Hodgson has an extensive logging history growing up in Burney, CA., and logging from Alaska, to Michigan and down the West Coast. He was cutting, "sorta hook tending" and side rodding Medici's yoder side. His three sons were lumberjacks as well with one now "a doctor, one's a financial analyst and the third one just passed the bar... they all have work ethics." Hodgson has owned his own logging company, Skycap (Leavenworth, WA) and holds a math degree, having taught high school math as well.

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EA to Justice Act... **Neither Equal** nor Just

by William Perry Pendley

ast month, Karen Budd-Falen, a Cheyenne, Wyoming attorney, presented her findings on the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) to the 100th Anniversary Conference of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute in Vail, Colorado. After spending years researching court documents-the federal government keeps no records of EAJA disbursements-Ms. Budd-Falen found that environmental groups have amassed tens of millions of dollars in EAJA awards.

The EAJA was written for nobler purposes, however, which was to allow Americans forced to litigate against the federal government to be paid their attorneys' fees and expenses if they prevail and if the government's legal position is not "substantially justified." There is a cap on the hourly fees for which recovery is permitted, which according to Ms. Budd-Falen, has not limited fees paid to environmental groups, and an eligibility restriction based on net worth (\$2 million for individuals and \$7 million for entities), which specifically excepts tax-exempt (environmental) groups. The use of the EAJA by environmental groups is unique in two other ways, one not intended by Congress, the other not anticipated. Environmental groups recover fees for suing over non-injurious, technical violations of federal law, whereas most other EAJA applicants sue to vindicate constitutional or statutory rights. Finally, while environmental groups are paid quickly, private litigants are paid only after years, if

Take John Shuler of Dupuyer, Montana, who killed a grizzly bear in self-defense-as allowed under the

Endangered Species Act-but was 3 prosecuted by the federal government for nearly a decade. Shuler prevailed only after his attorneys expended \$225,000; however, federal courts denied his EAJA application, holding that the federal government's position in his case was "substantially justified." The courts did so despite the risible factual and legal arguments of federal lawyers: 1) Shuler did not act in self-defense despite that the bear charged and fell mortally wounded 20 feet from him; 2) Shuler, by leaving his house, unlawfully placed himself in the "zone of imminent danger," 3) point, provoked the bear and, thus, "escalated" the conflict; and 4) bears are entitled to a higher standard of self-defense because there Shuler's dog "Boone," by going on self-defense because they are not capable of sapient thought.

Or take Donald Eno, a disabled veteran on fixed income, seeking to eek out a living as a miner on his gold and travertineclaim in the Plumas National Forest in northern California. In 1996, the U.S. Forest Service took legal action to drive Mr. Eno off his extremely valuable claim. The government asserted, for example, that any mining would interfere with cultural myths allegedly important to some Maidu Indians; in fact, one Forest Service attorney met, unsuccessfully, with the Maidu urging them to so assert. In December 2003, after years of pre-hearing preparation, testimony, and posthearing briefs, an administrative law judge ruled in favor of Mr. Eno. The federal government appealed, but in February 2007, Mr. Eno once again prevailed. Although federal lawyers did not appeal, they challenged Mr. Eno's EAJA claim for nearly \$200,000, a battle that, after more than five years, remains in federal court!

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Long Term Contracts

Tost organizations today rely Most organizations with the contracts to help them model business plans and foster relationships between businesses and creditors to ensure a successful operation. In a recent article published in the summer 2012 edition of the Forest Resources Association, Inc. Forest Operations Review, equipment manufacturers throughout North America were asked, "With today's "credit crunch," what advice do you have for loggers that may help them finance new equipment," and "Any advice to landowners and mills to help loggers make the best of today's operating environment?"

One overarching theme in response to these questions was the need for long term contracts for loggers to better equip themselves for both financial and productivity successes:

Jerry Morey, President, Bandit Industries, Inc. - "It would help if the mills were able to supply long-term contracts. Loggers need to have much better financial statements and great business plans if they are expanding. Long term contracts are important, and they need to keep their payments current."

Pekka Ruuskanen, President and CEO, Ponsse North America - "Long-term contracts, to which both parties commit themselves, will help loggers make important investment decisions."

Brian Gray, Sales Manager, Eastern North America, Peterson Corp. - "In today's forestry market, the customers will have a greater ease of procuring financing if contracts are issued that they can present to their lending institution. These can be difficult to obtain, depending on area and markets."

Mike Duncan, Industry Manager, Caterpillar Forest Products - "Most landowners should recog-

nize the skill and experience of a logger will have on both the financial return and condition of a logging site. It is in everyone's best interest to work toward rewarding loggers with longer term contracts to help them get financing to replace aged equipment, to adjust rates to reflect changes in fuel and labor costs, and otherwise to ensure the health and viability of the logging force. This action will reduce overall cost over time."

Carl Lockhart, Forestry Product Consultant, John Deere - "The more

that mills and landowners work together with loggers to improve communication and teamwork, the stronger the entire wood supply chain would be. Plan ahead - the worst time to start thinking about having to buy a new piece of equipment is when a machine begins to give trouble or breaks down completely. So, long before you get to that point, sketch out a rough plan to replace all of your equipment - whether it's next year or five years.

John Foote, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Morbark - "The best advice is to work with (not against) each other along the supply chain to understand each other's requirements, reduce transactions, and improve efficiencies, so everyone can benefit and share in those savings."

Tony Iarocci, President, Tigercat Industries, Inc. - "Logging practices as they exist in the U.S. today are

really a product of the business environment, government regulations, and the actions and practices of the mills and the inputs that the mills require. I suppose in an ideal world, the mills and the harvesting contractors might act more like partners, rather than adversaries in a zero-sum game."

Our hat's off to all of these business leaders for their frank responses to these questions. There leaves little reason to doubt following the like-minded answers given by all, that long term contracts between the loggers, landowners and the mills, could have positive impacts on the industry. Logging operations are no different than any other business, and there needs to be long term contracts in order to formulate business models and secure capital for investment. The one question that remains unanswered is, "How long will it take for this to happen?", and that is how we see it.

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We live 14 miles from this airport and only about six miles from the Toledo airport. Plus Chehalis-Centralia charges \$7.50 per month for just tying the plane down on their expensive grass.

Got in the rig and took off for

Toledo where I intended becoming a perminent customer. About half way there there engine lost power. I nursed it along 'till I got to Toledo. Landed and met the mechanic (for airplane there). Told him what the trouble was and he said he'd check it over and he gave it the sixteen dollar looking over. Called me and told me that he thought I had carberator ice.

Next time I flew it mechanics started through it. Checked the mags ("sure that's the trouble") when it wasn't there went though the carberator ("that must be it") and then decided it was valves. When it wasn't valves thought he had to tear the engine down and go through it long as it was tore down might just as well give it a top overhaul. Makes sense. After it was torn down came to light that it was needed a major overhaul, on this engine might cost eleven hundred dollars. The parts bill amounted to over a thousand dollars so that eleven hundred dollar figure got passed by early. Airplane might be ready by the fourth of July. Much closer to the fourth of August when we got it. So all in all haven't been able to fly the thing the first part of summer, May June or July. Including repairs, searching and so forth the thing costs about \$4500.00 instead of the

original \$3000.00 (including sales 5 tax). But at last it now has a good engine in it (damn but it better have) and maybe can have several years of trouble free flying. Can you imagine \$1,500.00 to overhaul a 90 horsepower four cylinder gas engine?

Equal Access to Justice Act

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Or take Stanley K. Mann, a professor, lawyer, and alternative-energy entrepreneur, whose extremely valuable geothermal wells were seized illegally by federal officials. Beginning in April 1998, Mr. Mann fought to recover payment for what had been taken from him; in April 2009, Mr. Mann was awarded nearly \$1 million. Despite his clear victory, the years invested in it, and the absence of any justification for the government's illegal actions, federal lawyers contested his nearly \$300,000 EAJA claim. Nearly three years later, Mr. Mann awaits a ruling.

Representative Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) has introduced legislation to restore the EAJA to its original intent, but passage of her bill is unlikely in the days that remain in the 112th Congress. Meanwhile, environmental groups are on the way to the bank with their huge awards while private citizens sit empty handed at the courthouse door.

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OVER THE HUMP



by Mike Crouse

Rollowing his stint in the service during the Second World War, Roger W. Medici moved his family from Martinez, California to what he'd been told was the "booming" community of Westwood in 1945 where he found a job in the mill. Then the mill management found out Medici could operate equipment, he wound up working in the woods as a Cat skinner. "Grandfather (Roger W.) worked construction, running equipment, and when they moved up here grandfather got into logging," explained Jack Medici.

When his son, Roger A. Medici returned from three years in the Marines, he followed his interest in the logging industry ...setting chokers in the woods in 1958) working with his father, as part of the crew with several outfits until 1965, "...when my dad bought a junker truck for \$1,500, and informed me I was going to drive it."

"I drove that truck for my dad for a year," Roger explained, "then the following

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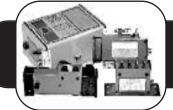
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2011 Cat 324DFM, w/Pullmaster winch, 1,200 hrs new cond	
2000 Cat 325BFM, 1 season on u/c, motor & pump	\$85,000
1995 Cat 330, good u/c	
2001 Cat 330B, Pierce front	
2000 JD 200, Jewell front, 13,000 hrs	
2000 Link-Belt 3400Q, Pierce front	\$50,000
2008 Madill 1800, 8,000 hrs, new u/c, new paint, good cond	\$155,000
2008 Komatsu 220, 2,000 hrs, Jewell front	
2005 Kobelco SK 290, recent u/c and pump	\$105,500
2001 Kobelco SK250, 10,000 hrs	\$62,500
1998 T-Bird 1234, 9,800 hrs.	\$47,500
1996 T-Bird 738 , 9,200 hrs., nice loader	\$60,000
1996 T-Bird 738, 10,400 hrs., good cond	\$49,500
2005 Link-Belt 210, w/ 2004 Waratah 622B, 12,000 hrs., new pump, RB fro	ont \$124,500
2006 JD 2054, w/ 06 Waratah 622B 14,000 hrs., RB front, nice cond	\$135,000
2007 Waratah 622B, w/controlls, 10" color monitor, filter box, low hrs	POR
2005 Madill 1236, W/DM 4400 excellent cond	
2003 Doosan 300, w/ Pierce 3348	\$67,500
1999 Daewoo 220, w/1996 Waratah 20" 230 head, road builder front, 15,00	00 hrs
	\$55,000
2000 Timbco 445D , w/ 2005 Waratah HTH 622B, good cond	\$135,000
1998 JD 892, w/Cobra, recent motor	\$/5,000
2008 Tigercat LX870C , 23" 360° hot saw, 2,600 hrs	\$400,000
2008 Cat 522, 22" Risley saw, new u/c, rads, pump and Ican comp	POR
2003 Timberking TK 1161, 24" Cat saw, 13,500 hrs., recent u/c and rblt me	otor \$89,500
2006 Madill 2250C, 360 Madill saw, recent repairs, new paint	
2007 Timbco 445EXL , 22" Quadco, 9,700 hrs	\$169,500 \$75,000
1999 Timbco 445D, 2,000 hrs on pump, motor, 70% u/c, bar saw	\$95,000
2000 Timbco 445D , bar saw, 12,500 hrs., good cond	\$65,000
1998 Timbco 445C, w/ 22" Quadco, 1 season on motor, pumps, good u/c,	11,000 hrs
1990 Timbco 430, bar saw, new u/c and pumps	######################################
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1996 Cat 330FBM, updated Risley Rotosaw, 18,288 hrs	\$82,500
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year he sta-ted driving that one and I went and bought a truck for \$3,500. I'd gotten an income tax check back for \$262 and that started my trucking," he smiled. They formed Roger Medici and Sons Trucking, which eventually grew to five trucks.

With trucking hitting a slump in '67 the senior Medici traded his third log truck for a TD18 crawler, he explained, "... and that's what started the salvage logging," which became a staple of the company the next 15 years until they started logging green sales in 1982.

"Our first green job was over in 7 Greenville," Roger explained. "We got that job because the logger that had it couldn't get the top of that hill. SPI (Sierra Pacific) told us if we could get those trees we could have that job, and that started us. Mostly a ground skidding show... that's all we were doing," in addition to running two of their own log trucks.

The next generation

oger A. Medici has two off-Rspring: Lisa born in 1961 and Jack born in December of '63. Lisa learned about truck maintenance,

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ELLEN, CONNIE, AND LISA MEDICI comprise the office staff of Medici Logging. Connie's been in the office the past four years, since retiring from the local drug store, and year's earlier working in the Medici office as well. Lisa is a partner in the company, the office manager, in addition to managing and scheduling the trucks the past decade plus.



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tires, changing batteries from an early age.

Jack got his start in the woods at 12. "He wanted a stereo," Roger explained, "and I said you work with me for a while and you can earn it. The stereo cost \$167, and that's what he made that summer!" Jack added with a laugh, "...my negotiating still weren't so good back then."
Jack's start was in the time honored fashion, "...setting chokers, bumping knots, even jump on the loader and deck the logs (with the Cat 977 loader with hydraulic forks) by the end of that year.'

"I had a job every summer after that," Jack explained adding, "I'd cut out some afternoons at three so I could make baseball practices and games, but otherwise was working."

After high school graduation in '82, Medici enrolled in a Southern California Junior College playing football one season, and then transferred to Shasta CC the following year playing linebacker. "I got the same speech I gave my son," Medici smiled, "... to get a degree 'cause you don't know what logging might do.'

He entered logging full time in '84 with a pretty good background to join the crew. "My dad never left me on anything steady. I'd mechanic for more years (three or four years) than anything else, but did a bit of everything so I'd learned everything as I dealt with it, and that went on probably the first 10-15 or so years.

Medici's role in the operations changed, "...when I was about 30. Dad started backing off his time in business, and that's when I started running crews and getting jobs," he explained. A lot of it I was picking it up from dad and other people," through experience, "and some of those issues we'd experience together," such as the move into hydraulic loaders.

Mechanization

edici Logging consisted of two conventional sides with 14-16 employees, subcontracting their cutting, and a single company truck, and doing their own wrenching. And as Roger began to back away from operations was about the time they moved towards mechanization, ...when the machines started producing logs quicker than I could," he explained. While his father couldn't see additional machinery as cost effective, Jack noted, "...it seemed like the thing to do. A lot of that was the reality of the smaller wood... the reality wasn't going to be big wood all

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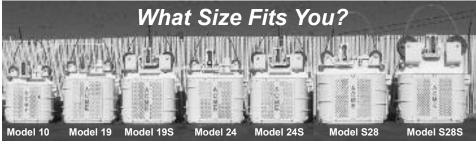
A YOUTHFUL ROGER MEDICI, JR. with his first log truck purchased in 1969, a 1948 International cab, "...the rest of it was a Mack guts and feathers," Medici explained with a smile. "I still have the Page



A THREE-LOG LOAD with a big sugar pine on top taken in 1977. To the left is a 14-year-old Jack Medici working with truck driver Curt Whipple.



ROGER MEDICI, SR. in 1969 beside what they think was his second log truck.



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CHUCK HAMMITT, JR. has been with Medici Logging since graduating from high school 19 years ago. "I've done a little bit of everything," he said. He's chasing on the yoder side using a Stihl MS460. He usually operates the stroker on their mechanical side.

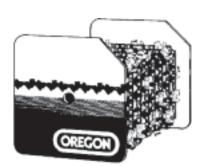


ZACHARY RICHARDSON is a third generation logger working his second season as a chaser for Medici Logging on the yoder side. "Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to do this!" His landing saw is a Stihl MS440 with Stihl bar and chain.

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n take that long." And more to the point, "...it made quite a difference production wise," giving them a competitive advantage for a while. At that time they had Ray Birky as part of the crew who'd worked with mechanized equipment before in Oregon. "He'd been there before,"

and they benefited from his experience. While Roger Medici was skeptical at first the production numbers helped to change his mind.

The following year they purchased a late model Timbco feller/buncher and a used Morbark 3036 drum chipper, "...and started a chipping side, which gave them four logging sides total. "The chipper produced a lot more cash flow," Medici explained. "It was a good move.

By 1999 when their Timbco operator left, and they were doing a lot more maintenance on an aging machine, they elected to sell the feller buncher and work with contract cut-

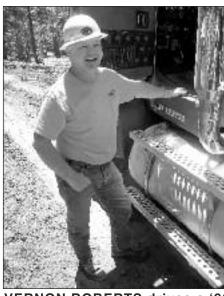
Around 2000 they had a number of sales and projects that were a good fit for a yoder (loader converted to a short line yarder) so Medici added a Link-Belt 4300 yoder to the mix giving them a fifth logging side.

Their third stroker was added in 2001 when they replaced their original machine with a Hitachi 230 EXL and a Pierce 3348 stroke delimber.

Expanding out

n '99, Jack Medici "...needed to expand myself personally," establishing Jack Medici Trucking, and

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VERNON ROBERTS drives a '96 Kenworth T800 with a Whit-Log trailer who's an independent hauler for Medici and lives in Indian Valley. Roberts has worked in construction and logging the past 30 years and his family's been in the Valley for five generations.



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MIKE SEMAS drives a '93 Kenworth W900 for Sierra Pacific the past 4 1/2 years and was hauling off the Medici side, heading to the SPI Quincy mill. He came to California from Massachusetts 40

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purchased his first log truck, a '75 Kenworth W900 he'd purchased used on the coast, the first of what would eventually be three log trucks he'd purchase over time.

In '03 Medici added a 2001 Timbco 425D with a Quadco hot saw he purchased from Tim Holt, hiring Ray Burke to run it initially, then in '05 purchased a Timbco, "so I had some diversity," he explained. "I was doing this on the side," as Medici Logging didn't want to go that direction at the time, "so I did it on my own and had the company (Medici Logging) to work for as well, and I worked that machine for others as

Jack Medici collaborates with Jody Sherman, owner of Skyline Alterations out of Janesville, California. "We've known each other all our lives," Medici explained, nothing

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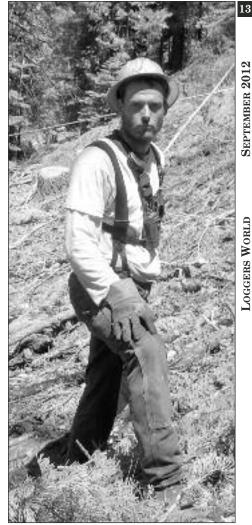
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Sherman owns three Timbcos with hot saws as well. "It's worked out pretty well.'

The 2008 crunch

The crunch that was 2008 visited Medici Logging just as it had most. "Everything came to a halt," Medici explained, where they'd typically been logging 25 million feet, they logged, "...six million feet that year." Around the same time Roger Medici, who'd been out of the logging entirely a few years, was going through a divorce and signed over his shares in the company to Lisa and Jack. And while Lisa had been running the books since '97 and Jack had run the logging operations for a number of years, "I'd not done the negotiating on prices or the cost analysis prior. Dad had done all that. So we were left with starting from the beginning, doing all the costing." Stressful for sure, made more challenging when their bank of several decades did nothing. "I went to the bank and asked them to help restructure and they wanted to put it off," Medici said.

Help came from the Redding Bank of Commerce, and an SBA (7A) loan, which Medici explained is a "...small business loan for farmers and agriculture." The Medici's particularly cited the help of Tom Wadelle, who had worked for the



CORY McINTIRE was in the brush on Medici's yoder side and is a third generation loggers with 15 years under his belt, "...enjoying it the entire time.'

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PAT COLEMAN pulls the line off the Christie carriage Medici was running off their yoder. He started logging at 15 and is a veteran of 30 years. "I've run Cat and done everything else but this is what I

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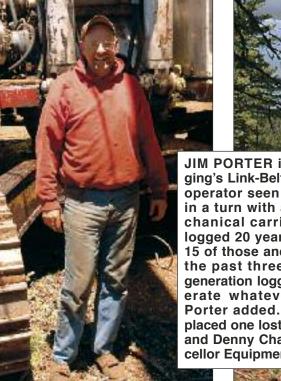
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county. "He helped us put this SBA package together, doing the business plan, and restructuring, including being able to buy supplies and in bulk. He took a look at all our problems, and helped structure it. He's been a huge plus." They also ac-knowledged the help from their CPA and bookkeeper.

Today's company

Things are both busy and looking good for Medici Logging today after a challenging and stressful past few years. "We have a lot of loyal people who've stuck with us through this process," said Lisa Medici. "The majority (of the crew) has stuck with us and believes in us." Certainly a stressful process but well worth it. "It's been a chal-

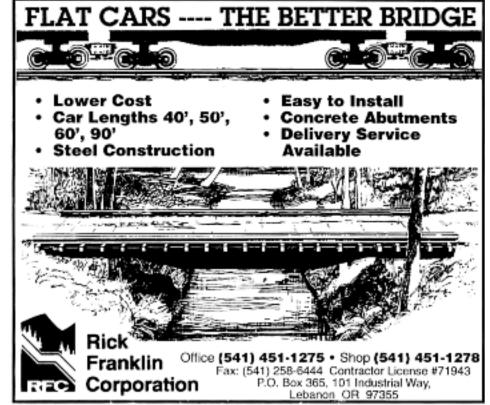
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JIM PORTER is Medici Logging's Link-Belt LS4300 yoder operator seen here bringing in a turn with a Christie mechanical carriage. Porter's logged 20 years, with Medici 15 of those and on the yoder the past three. He's a third generation loggers. "I can operate whatever he's got," Porter added. This 4300 replaced one lost in a fire in '09, and Denny Chancellor (Chancellor Equipment).









KEN RICHARDS and Tim Kirby are the mechanics for Medici Logging. Richards has been wrenching the past three years having driven truck and operated chipper prior. Kirby's been logging 30 years the past 12-13 as a mechanic. Both have shop trucks for field repairs.





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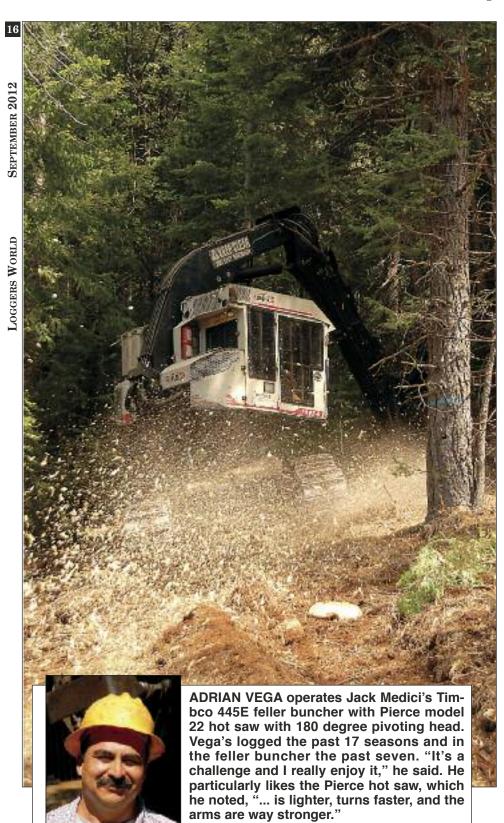
They've got a firm handle on their costing. "The end of last season felt we had that under control and knowing where we're at," Medici said. "We're competitive again and based on numbers we know (from experience).'

"We have four sides right now for

sure and likely a fifth later in the year, because we have a bit bigger wood on a big job we have," said Medici. That includes two mechanical sides, one running the other may go to work on the bigger sale if the wood is right; one conventional size, using skidders, hand fallers, and knot bumpers, chipping side, and a the yoder side, with a crew of rough-

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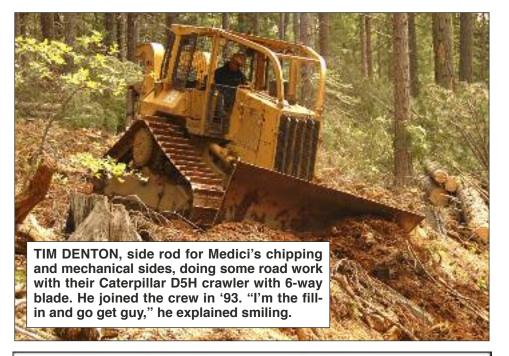
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ly 25.

The crew works five 10-hour days with the occasional sixth day depending on circumstances. He'll join the crew on the ground as well, which was satisfying and, "...helped



REPLACING THE KNIVES on Medici's Morbark chipper are mechanic Tim Kirby and operator Mark Johnson.

the frustration level out quite a bit," Medici smiled.

"The past five years I've done a lot of cutting," Medici added. "First, to pay those machines off, and paid it off fast, so there's a lot of cutting the company's in debt to me for."

Jack and his wife Jane Medici have been married 23 years and make their home in Westwood. "She's a teacher here. Three-fourths of her life she taught kindergarten, but the past four years she's been teaching math. Her dad had been algebra/calculus teacher at Lassen JC over here," he added. They'd met when "... she was in college, and was babysitting my oldest daughter, when I lived in Chico. The third time I took my daughter over I asked her out and it went from there. They were married in '89 raised have four offspring, three daughters and a son.

Lisa Medici takes care of the books, accounts receivable, accounts payable, arranging and scheduling trucks, all the safety stuff. She has three grown offspring.

"It's a good partnership," Jack Medici emphasized. "We can talk about everything and get things done. She doesn't know as much about the logging (in the field) end. She came on full time 10 years ago, and has been with us ever since."

Medici's role is typical of many contractors. "This time of the year I'm bidding, looking at jobs, lining up a full season. Then whatever needs to be done to keep the crew busy.

One thing I really like doing is cutting the oversized behind the Timbco. I enjoy that and the physical nature of it all," he added.

While they're into far clearer waters, Medici added, "I won't feel recovered until we get a lot of the long term debt paid down more. We want to stay in business and keep doing that until we retire."

He added, "... we've had some exciting years, but I feel like we're over the hump." Then he added with a smile, "...amazingly enough we paid our house off this year too."

"My focus was the hands on in the woods," Medici emphasized, "not so much on the desk work," where his partner Lisa has a proven track record.

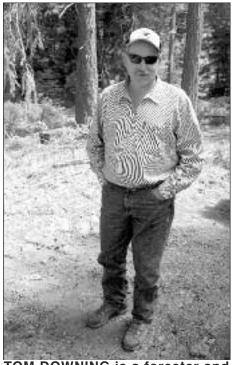
And most important, through the past turmoil, "Our future is reasonable now." A year ago his father Roger rejoined the crew bringing his experience and expertise back into the mix. Jack's style is relaxed, make it work, find the solution approach, fits well in today's more highly regulated and challenging logging.

Their involvement in business and the community extends far beyond logging. Both Jack and Lisa are active in the (ACL) Associated California Loggers Assn. Lisa's been actively involved in the ACL's Log-A-Load-For-Kids program a number of years and a past National Chair

for that organization. Jack's been on the ACL board a number of years and is a past chairman.

"We support many charities in our local area including the Paul

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TOM DOWNING is a forester and Timber Manager for Sierra Pacific Industries Quincy Sawmill Division. A University of Montana graduate, he's overseeing the Medici chipping site, and been in California the past 13 years.



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DAREN MOE operates Medici's John Deere 648G-II grapple skidder, and has logged the past 20 years, the past 10 with Medici. "It's a good home," he explained. He's a third generation logger, and also has run the loader, yarder, and has done some, "...helicopter logging as well."



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Bunyan Logging Show, basketball tournaments, Little League activities and other children's events." Lisa explained. "We also worked with the Westwood High School to offer a work experience program.'

Life's changing for Medici's in another way this year with Jack and his wife having their last child graduate from high school and leaving for college in the fall. "It used to be kids (were their focus)," Medici said. "Now I'm looking forward to spending more time with my wife, with an empty nest, hunting, and fishing." And noted, "My wife and I made plans to do some more travel."

"Life's good!"







ERIC DITMAN operates Medici's '85 Cat 518 grapple skidder with 110-inch grapple on their Morbark chipper side. Ditman's been logging the past 12 seasons since high school graduation, starting out setting chokers and bumping knots, and has run yoder as well, and has run skidder the past few years. "I like this," he said.

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Groups sue to overturn new Forest Planning Rule

The American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) and a broad group of national and regional interests filed suit today in Washington, D.C. to overturn the new Forest Service Planning Rule adopted last April. According to the Complaint, the new Rule violates the statutory requirements Congress has given the agency to prepare forest plans to provide for multiple uses of outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and wildlife and fish. The Rule instead elevates the vague concepts of "ecological sustainability" and "ecosystem services" such as carbon storage and spiritual values above all else which will lead to years of lawsuits over new forest plans and forest management projects.

"This is the latest in a series of

failed attempts by the Forest Service to write a planning rule consistent with Congressional intent and the National Forest Management Act of 1976," said Tom Partin, AFRC President. "Especially in the area of 'species viability' the statutory direction is to manage our national forests for multiple use, sustained yield and a diversity of species habitats, not to manage exclusively towards benefiting one or two species at the cost of all else."

Further, Partin said that "We are disappointed that the Rule abandons the Forest Service's hard fought legal victories which held that judges are to defer to the professional expertise of the local forest managers experienced with local conditions. It is frustrating that the Rule undermines local on-theground knowledge by imposing a new "best science" requirement over

which no one, not even scientists, can ever agree.

Under the Organic Act of 1897, the purpose of the national forest system is conservation of water flow and assurance of a continuous supply of timber. In 1960, the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act added a mandate for the concepts of multiple use and sustained yield. Under the 1976 National Forest Management Act, the agency is required to adopt rules for writing land use plans.

The American Forest Resource Council represents forest product manufacturers and landowners throughout the west and is based in Portland, Oregon.

- AFRC www.amforest.org

Pesticides pose negligible threat river

study of water quality on the McKenzie River (Oregon) watershed shows that pesticide contamination of the water supply presents a negligible threat to human health, The Register-Guard newspaper reported on Aug. 8.

The 10-year, \$1 million study examined contamination by herbicides, insecticides and fungicides collectively called pesticides - in tributaries as well as the main stem of the McKenzie River, which flows into the Willamette River near Eu-

According to Karl Morgenstern, the drinking water source protection coordinator for the Eugene Water & Electric Board, the study measured contaminant levels in parts per quadrillion, well below any threat to human health.

EWEB conducted the study with the U.S. Geological Survey, testing 28 sites during the first major storms following a dry summer and during spring squalls.

Morgenstern said the study confirmed his suspicion that urban areas and areas with higher-density homes are the primary threat when it comes to pesticides. The surprise in the study, he said, was how little 19 pesticide was detected coming from forestlands, which make up 92 percent of the watershed.

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Hancock, Molpus acquire **Forest Capital Lands**

n July the Hancock Timber Re-In July the Hancock Thankson Source Group and Molpus Woodlands Group announced that they had acquired the 1.88 million-acre timberland portfolio of Forest Capital Partners, on undisclosed terms. Hancock's portion consists of 376,000 acres in Louisiana, 573,000 acres in Oregon, 138,000 acres in Idaho, and 264,000 acres in Washington. Molpus is taking possession of 286,000 acres in Minnesota, 110,000 acres in Louisiana, and 138,000 acres in Idaho. According to the announcement, "the vast majority of Forest Capital Partners' employees associated with the timberlands will be merged into operations of the respective new managers." Both organizations affirmed their commitment to upholding the predecessor's strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

In addition, Molpus indicated that it would establish new forestry offices in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and International Falls, Minnesota.

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Starting in August, more than 825,000 Californians began receiving bills of \$150 or more from the state to help cover the costs of preventing wildfires.

These are the "SRA Fees" or "State Responsibility Area Fees" that Governor Brown and the Legislature strong-armed last year. The Board of Forestry and Board of Equalization have been implementing regulations to impose these fees and though there is still some confusion about them(and may be some lawsuits over them as taxes) - the state is mailing the bills anyway.

Those who already pay local taxes for fire services will receive a \$35 discount on their \$150 bill. State officials expect the fee to generate about \$85 million annually, tens of millions more than CALFIRE budgets for fire prevention.

The fee is \$150 per "habitable structure," as defined in the law, and some owners may have more than one of those - so they will pay multiples of \$150.

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bills for 2011-2012 will go out over a 4-month period, starting Monday August 13, 2012. (The bill is called a "Notice of Determination.") Billings will start slowly, and then go out at the rate of 10,000 per day. Bills will be sent to counties in alphabetical order - but by coincidence, that means the bills are going to many Northern California regions first(Alpine, Amador, etc).

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Hatch and Bishop worried about BLM **Guidance Manuals**

Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Rob Bishop say the Obama Administration is quietly reviving a wilderness policy nixed by Congress last

Capital Press reports the two are worried about wording in an order from Interior Secretary Ken Salazar that could leave millions of acres in the West eligible for federal wilderness protection. Salazar previously backed away from the plan when Congress defunded it last year. The order appears in new guidance manuals for the Bureau of Land Manage-

Hatch and Bishop sent a letter to Salazar expressing their concern.

The wild lands policy an unpopular policy then, and it remains an unpopular policy now," the lawmakers told Salazar in their Aug. 2 letter. "The mere fact these new handbooks were developed and released without public notice only affirms our deep skepticism for the motives behind the underlying directives."

The effort further shows the administration's penchant for circumventing Congress and the public in limiting the use of federal lands, including when Interior withdrew 77 oil and gas leases in Utah, Hatch and Bishop assert.

"We were hopeful they would stick to their agreement to work with Congress in implementing new management criteria," Bishop spokeswoman Melissa Subbotin said. "It appears as though once again they're looking for a back-door approach ... to do what they want with public lands.

BLM spokesman Mitch Snow said the agency "was very clear" when it suspended the wild lands order that the law requires it to still keep track of land with wilderness characteristics and manage it accordingly.

The manuals the BLM issued to its employees in March "provide guidance about how to determine and maintain this inventory," Snow told the Capital Press in an email.

Read more: Utah Pulse - Hatch and Bishop Worried About BLM Guidance Manuals

Congress reduce oversight on appointments

The House recently passed a measure 261-114 to remove 200 presidential appointments from the Senate's purview for confirmation hearings and votes.

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It eliminates the requirement of Senate approval for such positions as rural utility services administrator, board directors of the commodity credit corporation, the assistant administrator for grant programs at FE-MA, and assistant secretaries for management.

The bill originated in the Senate last year where it passed 79-20, and reduces the number of confirmations from 1,200 to 1,000.

Rep. Tom Graves (R-Ga.) said he voted against the measure because it was the constitutional duty of the other body to offer its advice and consent on those positions and that the president already controls 2,700 political appointees without congressional overview.

"Time and time again, the Obama administration has shown the American people it's willing to abuse the power of the Oval Office," Graves said. "Congress should absolutely not

relinquish more power."

Another position that will be eliminated from approval is the chief scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The nomination of Scott Doney to be that chief scientist was blocked last year after Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) put a hold on the position because of President Barack Obama's moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Vitter's hold ultimately forced Obama to remove Doney from consideration for the position earlier this

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U.S. Forest Service adopts Suppression-First **Strategy**

lires, whether natural or prescribed, won't be used to improve elk and other wildlife habitat in wilderness and roadless areas of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests this summer.

Reacting to the unusually large number of devastating fires in the Southwest and drought conditions covering much of the country, the

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U.S. Forest Service adopted a suppression-first wildfire fighting strategy.

"Every fire is going to get some kind of suppression response," said Bob Lippincott, fire management officer for the combined forests.

Firefighters will attempt to put out even the smallest of remote fires during initial attack. Doing so will preserve national firefighting resources that are successive below that are successive below the control firefighting costs, said Patti Koppenol, director of fire and for the Northern Region of the agency at Missoula, Mont.

But the strategy won't allow for the managed fires that have become common in the remote areas of the Clearwater Basin over the past decade.

In an effort to improve habitat for elk, the agency has been increasingly willing to allow fires far from human structures or valuable timber stands in areas with roads, to burn and play a natural role on the land-

But they don't just walk away from them.

Instead they spend time on the ground and in the air watching the fires and making sure they don't burn remote structures, such as fire lookouts.

Monitoring a large fire is expensive, but much cheaper than full suppression efforts — which can run into the tens of millions of dollars.

Koppenol said suppressing fires before they get large is cheaper yet and preserves resources. Although fire conditions in much of northern Idaho remain mild, she noted eastern Montana and the Dakotas are quite dry and fires have become active in Nebraska and South Dakota.

"In a way it's about not getting overextended," she said.

Even with the new strategy, there could be some fires given a light touch. Lippincott said if a fire escapes initial attempts to put it out and grows large, the agency could choose a strategy of protecting resources in its path but otherwise allowing it to burn.

"We are going to attempt full suppression where it makes sense. If that is unsuccessful we will do a modified (suppression response) or point protection plan depending on what is going on.

- http://www.firehouse.com/news

Study questions "Hands Off" Spotted Owl Policy

An article appearing in the August 1 Forest Ecology and Management journal concludes that logging in Northern Spotted Owl habitat may be the most effective course for promoting the survival of the species. "Comparative habitat assessment for protected species in a fire-prone landscape," by researchers at Oregon State University and Michigan State University, reports on a comparative hazard assessment for 325,000 hectares in a fire-prone area of southwest Oregon, comprising "a variety of land ownerships, fire regimes, and management strategies" and created models simulating both "no action" and "active manipulation of hazardous fu-(As implied, the conclusions are based on modeling, not direct observation.)

From the abstract: "Early in the model simulation, young seral stages were mostly responsible for high fire hazard, and active management in young stands tended to perpetuate that hazard. Later in the simulation, older seral stages accounted for most of the high fire hazard and active management could be used to ameliorate that hazard. . . . Active management resulted in greater numbers of potential spotted owl territories in lower fire hazard conditions, particularly during later years of our simulation." More at this link. In an interview with a reporter at the news site red Orbit, co-author John Bailey of Oregon State University points out that "Given the current condition of Pacific Northwest forests, the single biggest threat facing spotted owls and other species is probably stand-replacement wildfires." Also: "Without active management to reduce risks, we never really put fire out, we just delay it.'

- FRA Bulletin

Weyerhaeuser establishes preference for ATFS-Certified Wood

ne of the world's largest forest products companies has announced a supply chain preference for certified material sourced from the American Tree Farm System(r) (ATFS).

For more than 89,000 family forest owners sustainably managing 27 million acres of forestland in America, the Weyerhaeuser preference for their certified wood can make a real difference in the viability of the Tree Farms and the economic health of rural communities.

ATFS, a program of the American Forest Foundation, is the largest and oldest woodland system in America, and certified Tree Farmers meet the highest standards of sustainability and manage their lands for water, wildlife, wood, and recre-

"Weverhaeuser's announcement is just what certified Tree Farmers have been waiting for," said Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation. "Healthy forests need healthy markets because protecting your trees against pests, pathogens and catastrophic fire can be expensive. These landowners are hardworking people who want to keep their forests, as forests, and keep them in their fami-

"Weyerhaeuser's continued commitment to ensuring woodland owners have the tools to manage sustainably is laudable," added Martin.

Weyerhaeuser's corporate sustainability goals include demonstrating forest stewardship by certifying at least 99 percent of its timberlands in North America to sustainable forestry standards like those of ATFS.

"Most of our customers want certified wood. There's a widespread understanding of the value of certification-encouraging corporate best practices remains by far the most important role for certification. Buyers want to know their wood comes from sustainably managed forests," said Dan Fulton, President and CEO of Weyerhaeuser Compa-

"To give our customers what they want, we need more ATFS certified wood," added Futon.

Weyerhaeuser supports the use of internationally accepted sustainable forestry standards, including the use of independent, external auditors that verify a company's commitment to responsible sourcing. Weyerhaeuser's responsible fiber sourcing practices are guided by its wood procurement policy and implementation guidelines.

The preference for ATFS wood will be implemented at Weyerhaeuser through a number of measures, including:

* Incentives - Such as maintaining a priority market for Tree Farm certified material, especially when suppliers are put on quotas.

Procurement decisions - Where a Vendor Management Plan is used (which scores wood suppliers on a number of metrics) Tree Farm certification will be added as a positive attribute.

* Policy - Declaring support for Tree Farm in the company's Wood Procurement Policy and tracking Tree Farm wood use.

Support expansion of the American Tree Farm System - Offering landowner assistance to encourage Tree Farm certification and management to ATFS Standards of Sustainability.

'America's forests need strong industry players like Weyerhaeuser to recognize the value that family forest owners are contributing to sustainable forestry. Giving preference to wood from American Tree Farm System-certified land means more woodland owners have the financial resources to continue their hard work and on-the-ground stewardship," said Martin.

ATFS and Weyerhaeuser share a long history, dating back to 1941 when the Clemons Tree Farm, first set aside to test fire control and reforestation practices, became the first privately owned forest to be included in the American Tree Farm System. The Forest History Society is the official archives for the American Tree Farm System. Learn more and view photos at www.foresthistory.org/ATFS.



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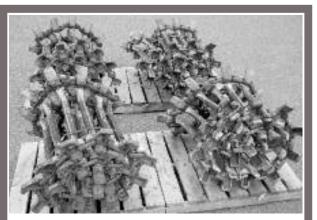


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