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Otto Oja is nursing a broken leg. Normally he falls timber for Weyerhaeuser Company on the Columbia River at their Grays River Operation. Seems as though he was falling a tree, things got complicated, and he was backing away from the hazard. He stepped on a moss covered bunch of roots, his foot went into the trap, he twisted and fell and thus snapped the bone. (Think I've got it right.)

He spent some time in the Longview Hospital and is now speeding the healing process by taking it easy at his home in Detroit, Oregon where they get a winter to remember every year.

During this time he has created a new Cartoon Idea. It is sort of a Comic strip thing except that it runs up and down like a spar tree and is designed to fit into one column of this paper. I find them humorous, graphic and altogether interesting. Sample Below.

You'll find other samples of his work in this issue and more in the following issues of Loggers World.

Sharpening chain

Ray Silvey of Eagle Point, Oregon has long been an expert on Sharpening Chisel Chain. He is good at it and he has created a grinding machine that grinds, with an emery wheel, the chisel bit chain. Earlier these machines were used where each machine could sharpen dozens or scores of chains each day.

Now Ray has came out with a new model of Sharpener for the use of everyone that uses a Chain Saw. It is economical enough for everyone to afford and it is said that the chains will last longer and stay sharp longer. A letter or a phone

call to Ray will get you more information about

Argument

It is a rare thing to win an argument and the other fellow's respect at the same time.

Jack Hasketh

Jack has logged for himself in Washington, Oregon and now in California. Recently he

moved to Crescent City, Calif. from his home in Murphy, Oregon.

One of the fine points of my recent trip to the Crescent City Area was to visit Jack and his family. His attractive wife Grace is always charming and in fine humor. Their attractive family, two girls and one boy, are from eldest to youngest; Cindy, Terry, and Johnny. Very enjoyable people to associate with.

Jack is a go ahead sort of fellow always brimming with high good nature and optimism and bubbling with ideas.

John Wilson tends hook for Jack. Jack said

that during the years he has met, worked with and hired quite a few good rigging men. He is of the opinion that John Wilson is the best rigging man of them all.

John worked around the Valsetz area, the Castle Rock area and many many more logging areas. Think he was working for Weyerhaeuser at Camp Baker in



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Grapples

ny readers who have been reading this rag for any length of time knows that we have been interested in the development of yarding logs with Grapples. This is an exciting break thru in yarding logs; it holds much promise.

We feel that this is a coming thing and that before too many years pass Grapple yarding is going to spread and multiply.

One of the men working, creating and inventing new concepts and new methods of using the Yarding Grapple is John Mitchell who is the head

of Mar Hook in Aberdeen. John is a man full of practical ideas and continues to make new innovations and improvements in existing methods. His company makes both the Grapple and the Carriage for Grapple yarding. His carriage and grapple fits existing yarding machinery and the new machinery made especially for grapple yard-

If you are interested in yarding logs with grapples, John Mitchell is a good man to talk with. He has studied this field and knows it from stem to

S.M.I.

Things work in strange ways.

Less than a year ago I got a hold of a small phonograph record. When the record played you heard the voice of a man telling you how you could enjoy life more, heave more fun, be better organized and have more money.

The thing made sense to me and to handful of people that worked here at Loggers World. The man on the record said that in order to get ahead you must have the right attitude, that you must have definite goals to work toward and then you made out a plan of action to get to these Goals.

This record gave the five rules of Success and it explained that Success wasn't a plateau that you arrived at, but was rather working toward a set of worthwhile predetermined personal goals. That success is a journey and not a destination.

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This company that put out the record, Success Motivation Institute of Waco, Texas, also sold various programs they had available that we could use in our business. I bought a program and returned home with it.

The concept is rather simple; it uses information that is available to most everyone. The difference here is that they got all the good stuff together and put it on tape. Then, in order for it to be a part of your thinking and your cautions, you played the tapes over and listened to them. You can listen to them when you are doing something else, such as driving down the road, eating breakfast or whatever. Thus the learning process is without pain or bother.

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By-Passing the Gatekeepers

REACHING YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS

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of data to arrive at a sensible deci-

More importantly, the data you're

looking at is delivered through a gatekeeper who determines what information you get and what information gets suppressed. It's not enough to simply gather information from "multiple sources" (say online news media) because that approach can leave you with a lot of data coming from the same gatekeeper, simply giving the appearance of diversification when in fact you've oversampled

data from a particular gatekeeper. Your "right" decision may be different from the next person, but in order to arrive at your "right" decision you must have a way to by-pass the gatekeepers to view the data objectively.

A few things to make clear from the start:

- 1) A gatekeeper is simply the filter - it is not necessarily good or bad (although often it can be).
- 2) Nearly all information comes through a gatekeeper, so bypassing the gatekeepers is really about you processing the information you re-

3) It is impossible to get unbiased information. Despite the best intentions of the presenter, all data has a bias. Anyone who tells you differently, is either lying to you or they don't understand bias.

4) In today's politically correct culture, bias has gotten a bad name. At its core, bias is a set of preferences and in many cases principles. Can bias be negative? Sure can. Can bias be positive? Of course. Bottom line is don't let the word bias intimidate you; understand bias for what it is.

5) The rest of this article will serve up a healthy dose of bias. You should be able to pick it up, but if you can't, just refer back to number

OK, on to bypassing the gatekeepers. For policy issues, here are some things to think about:

1) Is what's being advocated, something that falls under the jurisdiction of government? Does it need to? The money to fund government programs comes from taxes and fees so in other words, is this something you would like to pay for? If so, is this something others should be coerced to pay for too?

2) Is this solely a government sector proposal, solely a private sector proposal, or a hybrid (government/private sector partnership)? Hybrids are like oil and water, they don't naturally mix. Why is a partnership proposed? Is it required? Why? Who benefits, Who suffers? Is there another way to ac-

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Summary Judgment....

Reagan: "We win and They Lose"

by William Perry Pendley

Porty-eight years ago this month, former Governor Ronald Reagan delivered his famous "A Time for Choosing" speech. It is worth considering Reagan's legacy on natural resources and the environment.

"[W]e win and they lose," said Reagan in 1977 to Richard V. Allen in describing his strategy for dealing with the Soviet Union. Allen was "flabbergasted." "I'd worked for Nixon and Goldwater and many others, and I'd heard a lot about Kissinger's policy of dCtente and about the need to 'manage the Cold War,' but never did I hear a leading politician put the goal so starkly. History proved Reagan right and the intellectual elite, the media, and Democrat and Republican political leaders, wrong.

Reagan, with his unbridled faith in American ingenuity, creativity, and know-how and his confidence in the free-enterprise system, believed the United States would "transcend"

the Soviet Union. First, however, Reagan had to revive and then revitalize an American economy reeling from a double-digit trifecta (unemployment, inflation, and interest rates). Reagan did believe in better days, but he knew the economy could not grow without reliable sources of energy that America had in abun-

It all made sense to Reagan and to the American people who elected him by a large margin, but much had changed over the two decades leading up to his inauguration. The environmental movement was in its ascendancy and had persuaded Congress to enact a series of well-intentioned laws that posed a threat of great mischief in the hands of covetous bureaucrats, radical groups, and activist judges.

Reagan adhered to what one social scientist called the "human exceptionalism paradigm," whereby "human technological ingenuity can continue infinitely to improve the human situation," whereas the Earth Day organizers embraced a neo-Malthusian "ecological paradigm" that believed in environmental limits on economic growth. Carter adhered to the latter view and while his administration was extreme in that regard, the 1980s bi-partisan consensus in Washington was the American public had embraced a new environmental ethic.

It was not surprising, therefore, that following Reagan's election in November 1980, he was presented with reports from two "transition task forces" on energy and environmental issues. One urged that the president "maintain the momentum of environmental protection while allowing for some easing of regulation." Reagan quickly brushed it aside; only three copies were ever made. Instead, in another bold break with the bi-partisan past akin to his approach to foreign policy, Reagan opted for The Heritage Foundation's report, Mandate for Leadership: Policy Management in a Conservative Administration. Mandate called for massive changes in the U.S. Department of the Interior's programs, including dramatic increases in oil and gas leasing, both on the Outer Continental Shelf and on federal lands across the country, and resumed leasing of federal coal lands in the American West.

Reagan's aggressive energy policies have never been equaled. Of greater importance today than the

specific energy policies upon which Reagan embarked, however, is Reagan's belief in American exceptionalism and the ability of the American people-if unfettered by their government with unnecessarily burdensome regulations-to improve their and the Nation's lot. The amazing work of the energy industry in discovering, developing, and delivering heretofore unanticipated oil and gas resources, for example, through use of fracturing technology, would not have surprised Reagan. In addition, Reagan, given his foresight in so many areas, may well have anticipated the possible coming demise of the radical environmental move-

Much as the Soviet Union collapsed of its own weight, the environmental movement may share that fate, especially given the total discrediting of its climate change scaremongering, the failure-after spending a near infinite amount of moneyof alternative energy sources to compete with hydrocarbons, and the apparent indifference and even hostility of environmental groups to the economic needs of mankind. Or as Reagan so succinctly put it in 1983, "I do not think they will be happy until the White House looks like a bird's nest."

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Conclusions

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complish the same goal without mixing the two?

3) What are the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats? In the world of finance this is called a SWOT Analysis. You probably already use some sort of a SWOT analysis without even thinking about it when you make day to day decisions. For complex policy questions this often requires a little quiet time, a pen and some paper. Make a list with a section for S(trength), W(eakness), O(pportunity), and T(hreat). In the beginning take a few minutes and just write thoughts down as they come to you for each category. Don't worry about filtering them in the beginning; just get them down on paper. You may be surprised with the list you end up with. Then you can go back and filter the list to include your biases.

4) Who's strongly in opposition and why? If there is a lot of opposition from a particular group - even if you think you are with them, try looking at the issue from the contrarian viewpoint then focus in on finding the underlying (sometimes hidden) reasons for their opposition.

5) Who's strongly supporting this and why? If there is a lot of support from a particular group - even if you think you are with them, try looking at the issue from the contrarian viewpoint then focus in on finding the underlying (sometimes hidden) reasons for their support.

6) Finally, does what is being proposed violate any of your bedrock ethical moral absolutes or principles. Engage your bias here - there are just some lines you should never cross, no matter how good a deal seems, or how many rationalizations you can come up with.

These steps can also be utilized in other areas of life outside the policy and elections sphere such as buy/sell, hire/fire, expand/contract, and personal life decisions.

Finally, and most importantly, do not take my word for it. Remember what I said about bias? You will just have to try this way of thinking for

yourself and draw your own conclusions. Then again, that's actually the whole point of this article.

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Rigging Shack

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Thus thru repetition you are immersed in the teachings. Soon you and the material on the tapes (or records) get together and it becomes a part of you.

We did this and it worked well. Actually the results were much better than good. When we began to understand that we could do anything that we wanted too; that what we did and what we achieved depended on us and upon no one else. There were no limitations on any of us that we didn't impose. When we understood this and when we believed this and we had a method of moving forward and we set up our own targets or goals we could move and we could act.

This we did. Then I got to thinking what a wonderful thing this would be for other people. How it could put more sparkle, more achievement and more fun into their lives. Then it came to me that if the young student could be exposed to this concept then they could go ahead on their own set of tracks and not let the "helpful pessimists" discourage them and bring

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I ALWAYS KNEW I WANTED TO LOG," stated Robert Howell, who'd worked with his older brothers and his father during summers and vacations from the time he was 12, and full time right out of high school. After a break for school he returned full time in 2004 established Robert Howell Logging, buying the equipment in 2006, then on his own full time in 2008.

FRESH START!

ROBERT HOWELL LOGGING COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON

by Mike Crouse

The roots of logging in the Howell family extend through three generations, and a very fertile ground, early on, for Robert Howell's dreams of becoming a logger from an early age. Being the fourth of six children, with three older brothers (in addition to a younger brother and sister), he was in the woods learning with his brothers from an early age learning and working with his older siblings, for their dad's company.

The first Howell into the woods was Grandfather Ed Howell, who'd come from Ohio to California during the Great Depression. "He got into airplanes," Howell explained. "He was an airplane mechanic 'til sometime in the 40s, and grandpa figured out he could make more money logging, so he quit mechanicing and came to Oregon." He started in the mills, "...taking tongs off the loads, and was helping load trucks at the time."

Later on Ed Howell uprooted and settled in the Mosby Creek area near Cottage Grove, Oregon where he raised his family of seven offspring, the fifth in that line being his son Jerry born in 1945.

Upon Jerry's graduation from Cottage Grove High School in '63, he first worked in the local Georgia Pacific Mill before going to school, "...become a machinist and worked at the Kenwood Corporation for a number of years," but due to the influences from friends, and others he knew who were loggers, found himself dreaming of logging until 1969 when he left the safety of his machinist's job, "...bought a TD9 crawler and started doing little farmer patches," a career he finally retired from in 2008, shifting gears and careers, joining his two sons in their hydraulics shop. The company is, "DHC (Diversified Hydraulic Concepts). They do anything from cylinder repair, a lot of pump repair for industrial/mills, and for the local loggers around here. Some of it is very creative," Howell said.

The third generation

is company, established as Howell Logging Inc. in . 69, Jerry Howell logged steadily until 2008, making a decent living and raising his offspring in the woods when they were capable. "We all worked together, fought, played together," Robert Howell laughed. "It was the biggest playground in the world for a kid that was 10-12 years old, running equipment and being treated like you were man," he said smiling. "I went to work, the first time I remember working all summer and getting a paycheck was the summer I was 12, then I ran a 518 grapple skidder, except when my older brothers got tired of what they were doing and pulled rank on me and then

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MASON DEMMON (left) was shovel logging on Robert Howell's shovel side and Craig Toevs was chasing for him. Demmon's is a third generation logger and began his woods career in '78, "..." when I was 13, using some kind of Stihl," he laughed, but has operated shovel the past many years. Toevs started logging in '79, "...right out of high school," and had been in school with Howell at that point. He's had a varied career, from running Cats to "...balloon logging," some years ago. This is the first time he's worked with Howell but he noted it's, ...working out pretty good."

We also met Jack Burke who drives Robert Howell's '05 Peterbilt 378 with General trailer, who'd driven log truck in '74, then had his own business a number of years before selling, then came to drive for Howell after he'd bought what had been Stub Liles truck four months

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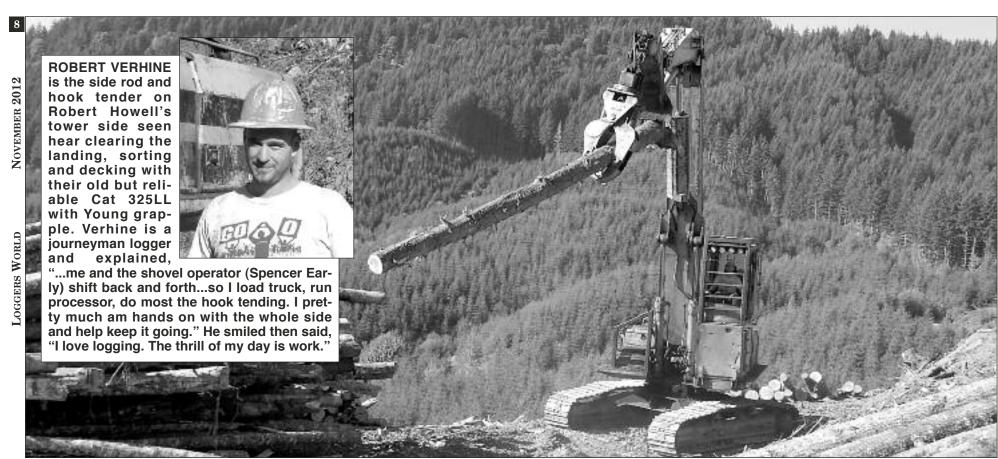


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I did something else."

In the early years Howell ran a single since, and a pretty small crew whose size increased when the boys were available during the summers, school breaks, and occasional weekend.

"During the summers we'd do about everything," Howell explained. "In that period dad didn't have the yarders. He worked for IP (International Paper) in the late 80s. Then after the big crunch in 90 he'd scaled back to a self-loader, Cat and skidder, getting back into the small private jobs. So we did our own cutting, bucking, loading and dad would do the trucking. In summers he might hire a driver and work with us boys, but for the most part he drove his own truck: it was a self-

loader and you could do a lot then with those. He'd always had a log truck long as I could remember. I think he loved trucks."

A second option

There was never a doubt about logging as a profession in Robert Howell's mind. "I always knew what I wanted to do," he explained.

He met his wife, Tracy, her last year of high school, and they dated over a year before they were married in August of 2002. The next month they packed up for Scottsdale, Arizona where Howell enrolled at UTI in Phoenix (Universal Technical Institute) for HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning), where he finished with an Associates Degree in 2003. "I went to school just for the simple (reality of) having something to fall back on."

The shift to young newlyweds

from being surrounded by family to essentially being utterly dependent on each other they felt worked very well for them. "We had to count on each other, no family around, and figuring it out on our own," Tracy explained. "It was very key to us being where we're at today. It was enlightening."

"The school and the training were a fallback position though," Howell explained. "The real interest was in logging."

Full time logging

He returned to Cottage Grove the end of 2003, and started logging for his dad the first of 2004. "The idea had been I'd do that just two to three weeks, because I'd talked with a company doing HVAC in Bend," Howell said. At that point Howell Logging was a two-man operation, with his older brother Todd

working with his dad shovel logging. Then also at that same time, "...Todd started a landscaping business (which he still does full time)," leaving his dad a man short. "So I went to work for dad... and never looked back."

"It was a two horse operation at first," Howell explained when he'd started with his dad, "and stayed that way 'til probably 2004, when dad bought his first processor, a Waratah."

"There were big changes going on that year," he explained when a friend of his father's whose family owned a lot of timberland and had always done their own logging, subbed that logging with his father's company. The increased volume changed the shape of the company

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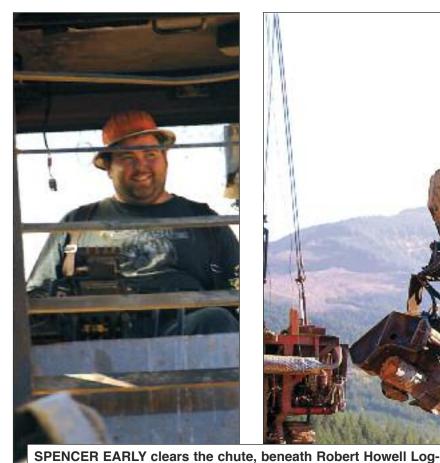
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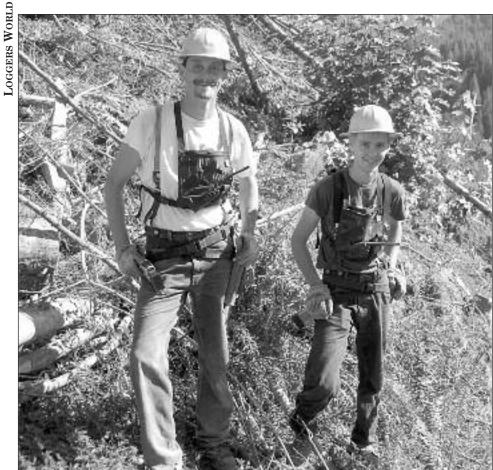
as well. Howell explained in addition to the processor, "Dad bought a yarder again: a 177 Washington with 110 ft. Skagit tube (he'd had several yarders prior to that and the 80s crunch). He bought both pieces to handle that logging job. So we took the old shovel dad always had, and the Waratah 20-inch processor, mounted that to the old shovel,

bought a (used) Cat 325LL Shovel, and the yarder, and we added more people: two in the brush, and a chas-

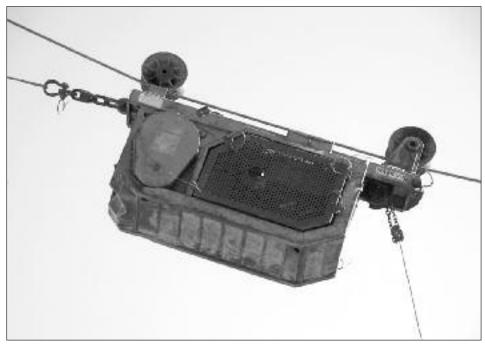
er, so we had a seven-man crew."

"I was in heaven!!" Howell smiled. "I was in the brush, I could run any of it: yarder, processor, shovel, and Dad would do his other things: lining up business, while I'd manage the side."

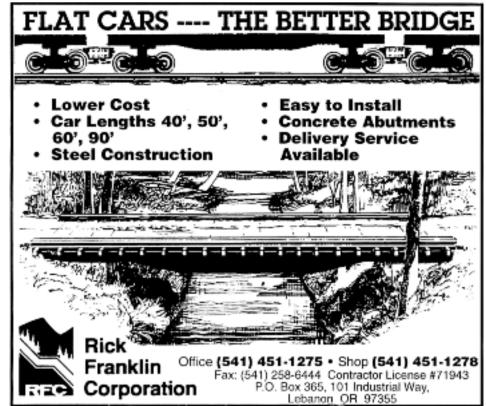
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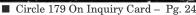


JOHN ENOCH (left) and Zack Amelung are the very capable brush crew. Enoch's been logging, "...the past 4-5 years," and noted he enjoys "...getting paid to run up and down mountains all day." He also does some logging with his father who owns a residential logging outfit in Cottage Grove. His sidekick Amelung, "...is our little choker dog," who loves his work and has been logging the past four months since high school graduation. "I enjoy it," he said smiling. "I did my senior project with Bob," then came looking for a job and got it!
"From like 8th grade on I wanted to be a logger." It shows in his enthusiasm.



A Boman Super VI skycar is coupled with Robert Howell Logging's Madill 071 tower they've had since 2005. Having a tower is key to the operation in that they can bid on jobs that have a mix of ground, some tower, and some shovel logging, a versatility that keeps the entire company working.

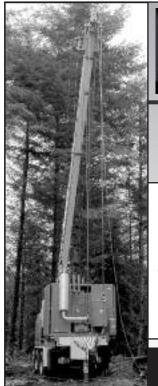




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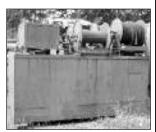
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In 2005 the senior Howell, "...bought an '82 Madill 071 and we went to work for Seneca. That gave us two yarders, but we parked the big yarder (it was paid for) and we logged with the Madill," because it was both faster and easier to set up and move.

Robert Howell Logging

In 2006 Jerry Howell seriously considered getting out of logging.



TRACY HOWELL takes care of the books, runs parts, and raises the two Howell offspring, a full time job in itself! She and Bob Howell own the company outright. "We work now, we can play later," she said.

"He was tired of the stress of logging, and wanted to diversify," Howell explained, "And we had it set up I was going to buy dad out," and work in the hydraulics business his brother had established. brother had established.

With that Robert established Robert Howell Logging in 2006 and, "We took over the debt load of the equipment," and continued logging S as they had been, but after a short absence, his dad decided he wanted to continue logging. "So we rented the equipment back to dad who continued logging under the company name of Howell Logging, Inc.," he explained, noting Robert continued logging for his dad. "I was into the logging for his dad. "I was into the contracts, pricing, and all the nuts and bolts I'd done for some while," and continued constantly seeking ways to improve operations, "...to change something for the better. Not so concerned with trying something new or different," but on efficiencies.

When Jerry officially retired the summer of 2008 Howell explained, "...we became a true logging business (where initially it had been a holding company)." That summer he shovel-logged, "...what should have been a tower show," by himself. "I'd crawl in the shovel at midnight, 'til the trucks came, then process during the day, slept for a few hours 'til midnight and repeat," he said of the

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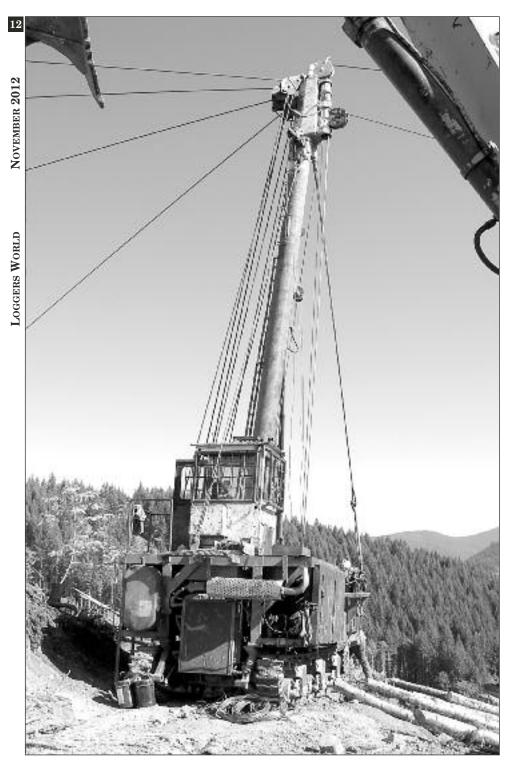
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JOHNY SEITS is the Madill 071 yarder engineer who started out in the brush right out of high school in '94, and has been with Robert Howell, "...off and on for six or seven years now," the latest stretch starting this past May.



ALLEN HANSEN, a ten-year veteran logger, was the chaser that day, and still works in the brush as needed. "I've run skidders and crawlers," but has, "...always been in the rigging mostly." He started logging following high school and a four stint in the Marines.

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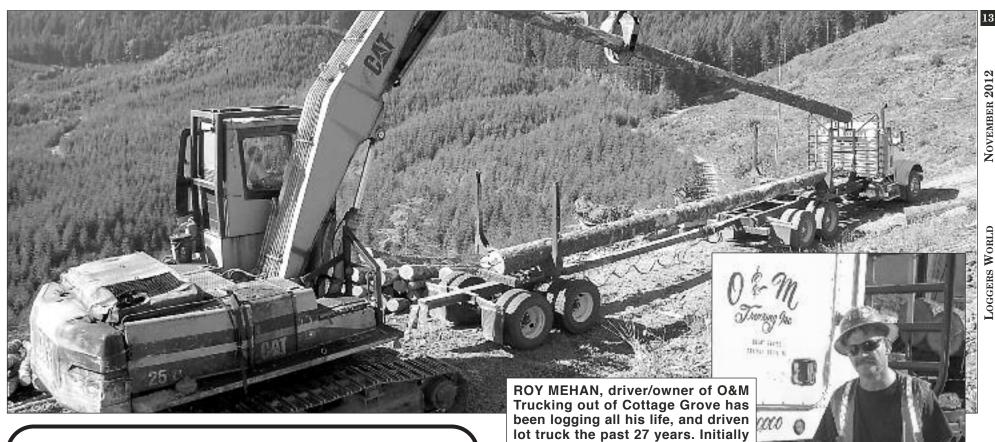
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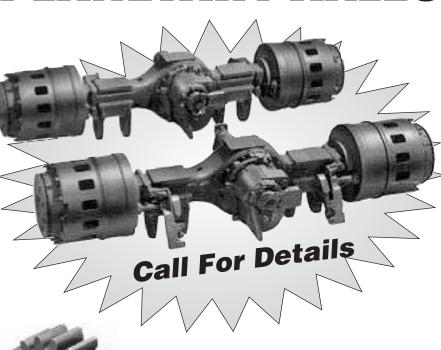
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grueling schedule, but he had a clear goal. "At the end of the job we had cash in the bank that was completely ours. All the expenses were paid for and we had cash!!! That allowed me to clear the deck."

A fresh start

With the economy as it was in 2009, Howell aggressively pursued all potential leads both from mills and individuals, "...working to get out name out there," which started resulted in some private jobs, "...which led to our buying a Cat 330 shovel logger. A few of the private jobs became good sized: a couple million feet apiece," proving yet again that persistence pays.

Howell's long-term friendship

with Kurt Johnson, Tower Timber Services (Myrtle Creek, OR) has worked particularly well as a sounding board with another logging contractor. "He's been a contractor and in business for a very long while," Howell said. "He and his dad still work together." Their friendship ex-tends into talking business on a regular basis. "We talk two to three times a week, working out different insights into the business, some smart things they've been through," amongst other things. One issue Johnson repeatedly emphasized as Howell continued to grow was the importance of having a "home" with a mill that gave a consistent work flow over time.

"From 2009 'til now it just boomed," Howell explained, but he wanted to complete that link Johnson had emphasized. "I knew I needed to go to work steady for someone, and I worked and kept in touch for

Weyerhaeuser monthly."

Finally the first of, "...there were some right of ways to do (for Weyerhaeuser) and while looking at them, they suggested going to meet this other Weyerhaeuser guy and would I be interested in running a full time Tower for them?" Of course, he was. "We agreed to work for Weyerhaeuser and it's been a good year. We've been happy."

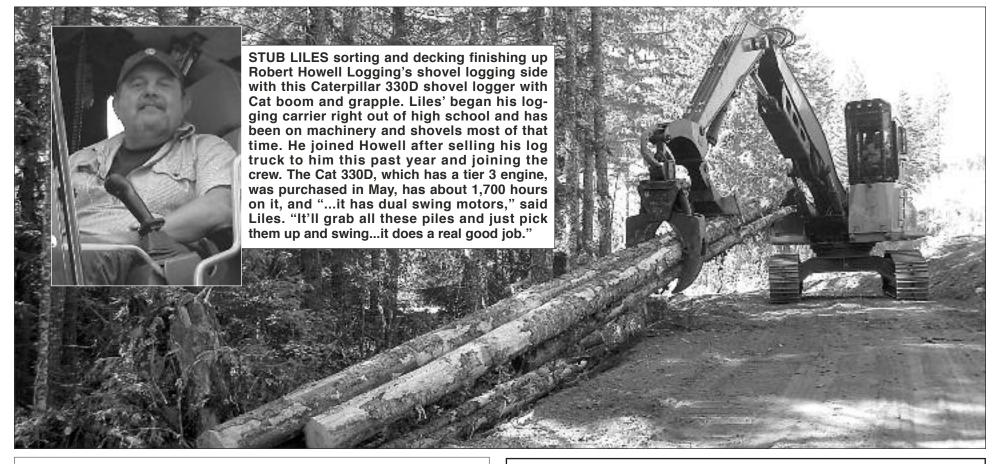
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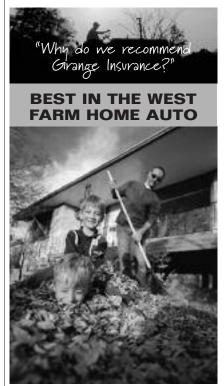
Howell's persistence and hard work has paid off, and they started their second side shovel logging in March of this year. "Steady work was the key," Howell explained, "to keeping things moving, and no down time." Steady work

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means a steady crew.

"My goal is to have two strong sides," he said. "I'm very comfortable with two full time sides. You have to have a yarder to keep the shovels busy," and it's worked out well to date.

They have 14-15 employees on those two sides, a good mix of veterans with some newer guys who all mesh and work together well, with sufficient diversity and cross training to flex with the job in front of them.

He's continuing to update equipment and is"...doing it smart" to keep long term debt in line as they proceed. "We're going to do it systematically, a piece at a time and do that feasibly, rotating new equipment in and improve our gear."

His wife and partner Tracy does the company books in addition to running parts and the assorted tasks needed to keep the operation's running in addition to being a full-time mom. They have two offspring: daughter Sierra is 10, in the fifth grade, and very much into horses and volleyball. Son Travis is eight, in the third grade, and loves motocross and football (this time of the year).

They live just outside Cottage Grove in a home with 20 acres they'd purchased in 2005 both as a

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home and investment.

Beyond logging their life is centered around the kids right now with sports, school, and similar events but they do get away to Sunriver (Resort)a few times a year. But

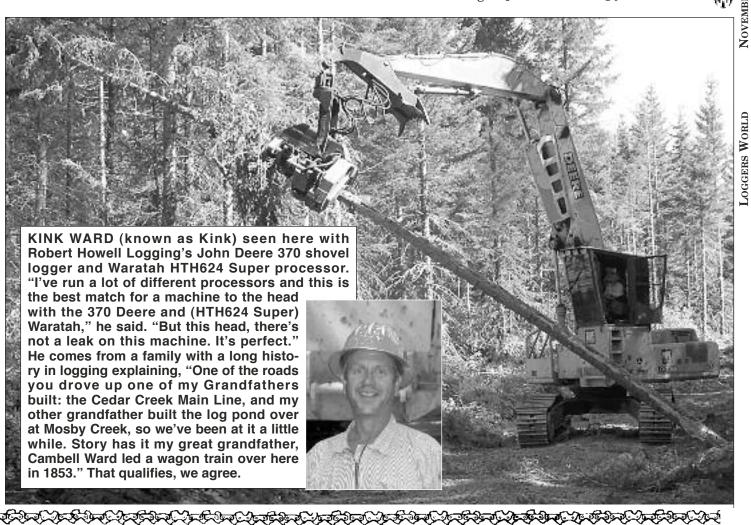
the focus is on growing the new business. "We work right now," said Tracy. "We can play later."

Howell recognizes there's still a lot to learn as well. "Nobody does it the only right way.

I'm some distance from knowing

exactly what I'm doing," then he elaborated saying, "I'm not flying by the seat of my pants, but there are lots of things I could do better."

In looking at his setup, layouts, and talking with the crew, it's apparent he's doing just fine.



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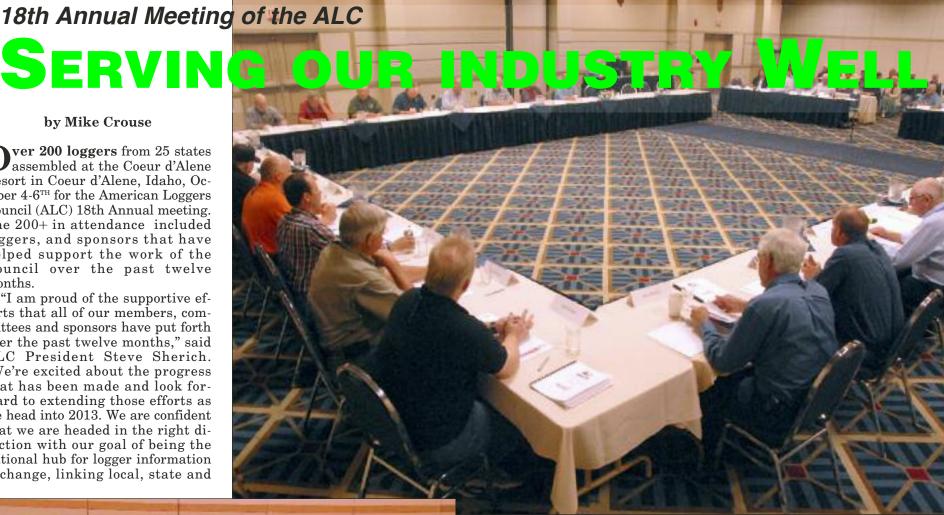
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ver 200 loggers from 25 states assembled at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, October 4-6TH for the American Loggers Council (ALC) 18th Annual meeting. The 200+ in attendance included loggers, and sponsors that have helped support the work of the Council over the past twelve months.

"I am proud of the supportive efforts that all of our members, committees and sponsors have put forth over the past twelve months," said ALC President Steve Sherich. "We're excited about the progress that has been made and look forward to extending those efforts as we head into 2013. We are confident that we are headed in the right direction with our goal of being the national hub for logger information exchange, linking local, state and





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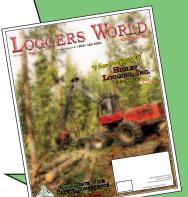
regional organizations around the country.'

The three day conference included logging tours, technical sessions, business meetings and awards presentations recognizing outstanding service to the ALC this past year.

California logger Myles Anderson and John Deere representative Nate Clark received the President's award for their efforts and accom-

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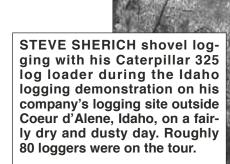
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plishments over the past twelve months.

The ALC Board of Directors and Men meetings were held on October 6th and committee reports from the legislative portation, biomass, communications, respectively.

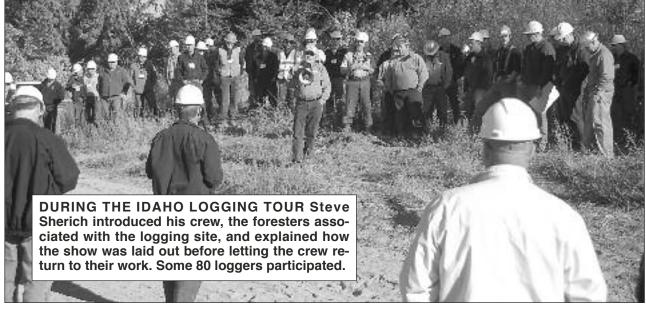
Note: The legislative committee gave and the legislative The ALC Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on October 6th and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees.

The legislative committee gave updates on efforts by the Council to support legislation favorable to the timber harvesting community while the transportation and biomass committee reported on those issues that were impacting those two sectors of the industry.

The biomass committee introduced a model definition for renewable biomass that was unanimously supported by the Board of Directors and adopted as an ALC position for use in both federal and state efforts in creating renewable biomass markets for the industry, which includes wood. The adopted definition reads: "Bioomass is defined as agricultural and forestry products (including wood chips), and manufacturing and construction residues, intermediates, and co-products that come from organic materials (not derived



THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD recognized Miles Anderson (Anderson Logging, CA) and Nate Clark (John Deere) for their outstanding contributions the ALC in the past year. Accepting for Nate Clark was Kevin Karlix.



from fossil fuels)... then outlines five groups included in that definition.

During the President's dinner on Saturday night incoming ALC president (logger and businessman) Travis Taylor, from Goldonna, Louisiana received the gavel from out-going president Steve Sherich.

Also recognized were the incoming Executive Committee members including Michigan logger Brian Nelson, California logger Myles Anderson, and Florida logger Richard Schwab filling the Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer posi-

New President Taylor stated, "I plan on keeping the momentum that we have built up during Steve's administration moving forward," and "that is no limit as to what we can accomplish for this industry when we are all working together.'

ALC Executive Vice President Danny Dructor wrapped it up in a brief report commenting, "The American Loggers Council has reached a turning point under Steve's leadership. We are encouraged with the work that the committees are doing and the efforts of all of those who are supporting, both members and sponsors alike, and there will be opportunities for all of us in the future. The American Loggers Council will continue to be the national voice for professional timber harvesters.'

The Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho did an exceptional job in putting on this year's annual meeting. Next year's conference will be held in Marksville, Louisiana on September 26 through 28.



NEW ALC PRESIDENT TRAVIS TAYLOR accepts the ALC president's gavel from outgoing president Steve Sherich. Next year's ALC Annual Meeting will be held in Marksville, Louisiana.

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Federal fires pollute air

In September, several large wild-fires in Oregon and central WA national forests sent smoke into cities, alarming residents about human health hazards.

Smoke from the 26.000-acre Pole Creek Fire, located west of Sisters, sunk into central Oregon and the Willamette Valley, including Portland. The Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality reported a week of "hazardous" air quality in Sisters, and degraded "moderate" air quality for many Willamette Valley cities. The Deschutes National Forest fire spread rapidly in overcrowded and - AOL Mainline dying forests.

Forest Facts

nnually, U.S. forestland owners plant about 6 trees for every tree harvested.

About one-third of America's original forest - some 300 million acres have been converted to other uses, principally agriculture.

There are 26 million more acres of forestland in the Northeast than there were in 1900.

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- Evergreen Magazine

2012 Fire Statistics

bviously the 2012 wildfire year has been a tough one, not only for the number of acres burned, but also on the cost of resources it

has taken for fire suppression. As previously mentioned the Forest Service is well over their 10-year average wildfire spending limit and is now borrowing from other funds, which fortunately will be paid back under the CR.

It is important to note from the table below that the number of fires is down, but the acres burned are significantly higher. This is a factor of fuels buildup and the potential for catastrophic wildfires occurring across a larger part of the landscape. It is also worth questioning, why the Forest Service and BLM are always able to borrow money to put out fires after ignition, but funds and resources are woefully short for treating our forests and reducing the hazards before they

Year-to-date statistics

2012 (1/1/12 - 9/20/12) Fires: 47,053 Acres: 8,482,785 2011 (1/1/11 - 9/20/11) Fires: 58,776 Acres: 7,664,941 2010 (1/1/10 - 9/20/10) Fires: 47,569 Acres: 2,721,628 2009 (1/1/09 - 9/20/09) Fires: 69,991 Acres: 5,555,377 2008 (1/1/08 - 9/20/08) Fires: 67,816 Acres: 4,716,276 2007 (1/1/07 - 9/20/07)

Fires: 70,816 Acres: 8,072,405 2006 (1/1/06 - 9/20/06) Fires: 82,599 Acres: 8,968,517

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Housing data still pointing up

The upturn in home construc-The upturn in nome strong, tion, much noted since spring, with continued into the summer, with Commerce Department data released on September 19 showing housing starts increasing by 2.3% in August over July and—auspicious for forest products—an even stronger trend for single-family home starts, up 5.5% in August over July and up 27% from August 2011. "Builder confidence"—tracked by the National Association of Home Builders—also rose in September, to the highest level in more than six vears.

Economists surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires revised their estimates of overall housing starts for 2012 to 765,000, a 2.5% increase over the estimate from July. The Federal Reserve's recent decision to purchase \$40 billion per month in mortgage-backed securities apparently figures into this prediction, since it is predicted to drive down home-mortgage interest rates still further, although "tight lending standards" remain a concern.

An additional encouraging sign

was the September 25 release of the 19 Case-Shiller index of home sale prices, which rose 0.4% from June to July, on a seasonally adjusted basis, indicating-among things—that releases of foreclosed properties on the market are declining in significance.

- FRA Bulletin

WSRI "Relations" Study publishes regional reports

The Wood Supply Research Institute has made available for free download the Regional Reports—presenting conclusions from six geographic regions—from Don Taylor's much-discussed Supplier-Consumer Relations Study. Separated into "Report" and "Data Analysis" for each Region, the documents evaluate regional trends in loggermill relations and observations on successful and unsuccessful relationships and communication modes, based on hundreds of confidential face-to-face interviews.

These 12 documents, along with additional material with a broader focus, are downloadable at the WS-RI Research Findings tab at www.forestresources.org/WSRI/findings.html. (The Supplier-Consumer Relations Studymaterial is toward

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Reality check

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- Thomas Sowell

Fire study stirs controversy

controversial study that Aquestions decades of forest ecology research has made headlines across the country. The study published earlier this year — raised eyebrows especially in the west where forest managers have been trying to prevent severe wildfires for decades.

The U.S. Forest Service has spent millions of dollars trying to prevent large devastating wildfires by thinning the forests and setting smaller fires. These are called controlled or prescribed burns. But new research suggests a different solution — just leave the forests alone.

In a paper published in the journal Global Ecology and Biogeography authors William Baker and Mark Williams from the University of Wyoming say they found evidence in historical survey data that suggests intense crown fires are one of the natural processes that maintain a healthy ecosystem. Baker and Williams were not available to speak with me for this story, so I had to turn to other experts.

Wally Covington runs Northern Arizona University's Ecological Restoration Institute. Covington walked through a wooded area on the NAU campus and stopped to

show a cross section of an old, old tree that he'd brought along.

"You can see where fire came through and scarred this tree," Covington said.

He pointed to the many tree rings and burn scars. That's evidence of where this 300-year-old tree survived many low-intensity fires.

Covington said all throughout the western United States there's similar evidence that shows frequent but low-intensity fire. Then in the early 1900s the tree shows the fires stopped. That's when animals were

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allowed to graze and eat up the fuel. It's also when the Forest Service began to actively suppress most fires.

As a result, by the 1970s the forests had thickened, and wildfires across the west were getting bigger.

And so Covington along with nearly all forest managers in the country have spent the last few decades promoting a program of saving old growth trees, thinning smaller trees and allowing controlled burns to clean up the forests.

So he gets a bit frustrated when asked about Baker and Williams' research. Covington said it flies in the face of more than a century of scientific findings and dozens of other published papers. Covington has talked to Baker.

You're preventing us from restoring the land for future generations," Covington told him.

Baker drew conclusions from his research that suggested both low-intensity and high-intensity fires are natural. And we should allow some crown fires to happen.

Because Baker wouldn't comment on his research, I turned to the editor of the journal in which it was published, David Currie. He said the manuscript, like all of their submissions, was reviewed by two anonymous experts in the field. They rigorously examined the method, the data and decided they were appropriate and fairly interpreted.

"That said it's always possible that different reviewers might have a different view of the entire situation and might come to a different conclusion based on exactly the same paper," Currie said.

In northern Arizona — a laboratory for fire prevention — the evidence does point to a different conclusion. Forest Service Fire Ecologist Linda Wadleigh showed me how thinning and prescribed fire actually worked recently to save a neighborhood.

The few acres that have been thinned are what most ecologists would call healthy. When an intense crown fire hit this area last year, it slowed down and became manage-

"Ponderosa Pine is very adapted to high frequency, low-severity fire," Wadleigh said. "I'm talking about flame lengths that are less than four feet. You and I could stand next to it

with the proper equipment on and work with that kind of fire.'

Wadleigh said in a different region, at a different elevation, a different species would be able to recover from a high-severity fire. Part of Wadleigh's job is making recommendations to forest managers in northern Arizona. So she said she'll take Baker and Williams' study and add it to the large body of science on forest ecology.

"I have to take it all into consideration," Wadleigh said.

But she said you can't take one type of fire regime that might apply in Montana and apply it to Arizona. It's not a one-size-fits-all approach.

http://www.knau.org/post/firestudy-stirs-controversy

Biobased Markets Program: congressmen express concern

'n August, Rep. Glenn Thompson House Conservation, Energy and Forestry Subcommittee, and Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Oregon), a member of that Subcommittee, sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack expressing their concern about USDA's implementation of its

Biobased Markets Program, which 21 establishes a federal procurement preference and voluntary labeling program for what it defines as 'biobased products.'

They point out that, although the enabling legislation does not provide any limitation for the participation of forest products, USDA's implementation excludes what it calls "market mature" products, setting up an unfair competitive environment.

They note that USDA has proposed to replace this "mature market" exclusion with criteria that foket" exclusion with criteria that focus the program on what it calls biobased products," but observe that this term likewise provides little certainty that forest products would be included. "new and emerging markets for

Earlier this year, Rep. Thompson introduced the Forest Products Fairness Act (HR 5873), with Rep. Schrader's support, and the House Agriculture Committee approved it with bipartisan support. This bill (S 2346 in the Senate) would make clear that conventional forest products are to be included.

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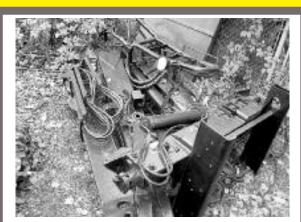
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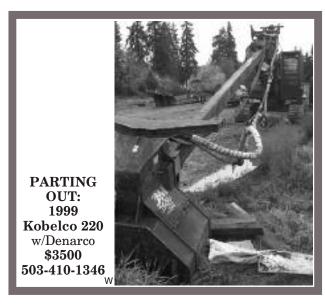




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