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- Findy's Rigging Shack

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LOGGERS WORLD idn't get a whole lot accomplished today. Went upriver fifty miles to the log dump at Van Dyke. On the way had a flat tire. Since I did not want to journey around too much without a spare, visited this one log dump and some highway logging and returned to camp. Have another spare at camp.

Got here just in time to help my wife keep the whole outfit from blowing away. Yesterday had got busy and, using my vast store of engineering knowledge, put up a ten by twelve tarp as a fly over the table and things. When I got back to camp the wind threatened to pick up this fly and go away with it. I jumped in with ropes and orders, and ran around like I knew what was going on. I fixed it so good that the ridgepole, a ten foot spruce two by four, came down and hit my wife on the side of the head. Bent up her eyeglasses and fetched her an ambitious wallop. Now she is in bed and I don't know whether she'll come out to cook supper or not.

P.S. Besides that, the dog came up lame today too. Now I have to lift her in and out of the pickup. Had to be the bigger dog of the two, didn't it?

One day discovered that it was Friday morning. We had been gone from the office for two weeks. The crew back at home had in this time got the special "TIMBER CUTTERS" printed and mailed out. They had got the July Loggers World printed and were busy mailing it out. The feeling of urgency had descended upon my being one more time.

I had several thoughts and some plans for the upcoming weekend. As I sat and ate a delicious batch of French toast with bacon on the side (just

a normally excellent breakfast that my wife creates on a campfire) I planned the coming day.

At the same time I sort of suspicioned that I was kidding myself. Thoughts kept intruding, thoughts like; "Got to get these 20 plus rolls of film back so that John (darkroom man par excellence) can develop the film and make me contact sheets." And, "Next

week is the last week we can get anything done this month". And, "week after next we shall be shut down and the crew will be on vacation.'

Even though these thoughts were flitting around I did go out and finish up some details that needed doing. Plans were forming to get in a good day and pack up everything that evening.

By four in the afternoon we were on our way. This means we tore down the camp, loaded the pick-up and trailer, battened down all hatches and tied back the loose ends. We were rolling towards home, which was about 1100 miles off in that direction.

I had been a bit worried about loading the camper back on the pick-up with our barely adequate camper jacks. Camper was on a slope and this compounded the problem. But it went slicker than goose grease on a hot rock.

I hadn't worried about backing the trailer down the chute on the narrow brush lined trial so that we could expedite the loading of a



million items of gear, so had a lot of trouble there. The thing is that while backing the trailer with the camper on the pick-up had missed the road (trail?) about two feet to the north. Couldn't go ahead because that was uphill. Had to stop and tear down the tent and do a lot of loading because it was all in the way. Figured that I'd had room enough to come back and get straightened out and come ahead. Better work that way because there was no one, no one at all, available for

One of the things I had built at our camp that

was a source of pride and satisfaction to me was our outdoor fireplace. I had hauled some of the rock in that superior fire pit some fifty miles. Unfortunately the trailer bumped into it and scattered rocks and fire more than a little bit. After putting the fire out had to tear down the fireplace and throw the carefully selected rocks into a pile. Then with no further trouble we were out and on

We deliberately wasted time going out. We had about 25 miles to go to the junction and then 52 miles from the junction to Kitwanga, all on private road. Didn't want to meet a flock of those big trucks coming at us on some narrow stretch with us dragging a trailer. Made it to the junction with only one hold up. After progressing about ten miles a four wheel drive pick-up with three young loggers inside passed us. They were in a hurry-going home after a week in the woods. Fifteen miles later we met them parked along the road. Jakubowski Contracting had loaded and shot a wall of rock alongside the road about 10 minutes before we got there. There D-9 Cat came along and soon had a road thru the shot rock for us. While waiting found the three young fellows had their own outfit, logged for Twin Rivers and their logs went to the States

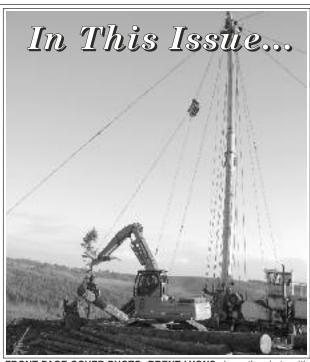
We made the drive slowly and carefully. Got to Kitwanga and then had thirty more miles of county road, most of it worse than the Colcel private road, to get to the Yellowhead Highway and on the blacktop.

On the way up the Yellowhead road, coming in, we had stopped for lunch at a combination motel and restaurant. We had remembered it as not being very far away. After we hit the blacktop and headed east we hungrily watched for this particular motel. We kept driving and it kept getting later and later and after about three hours and over a hundred miles, there it was. They had a vacancy, but the restaurant was closed. Enjoying the luxury of the motel and hot water and bath tub and flushing sanitation system, we enjoyed a belated supper of cheese and crackers from our own

Next morning pushed on, thru Prince George and a rainstorm at 1:00p.m., headed downhill on Highway 97. At Prince George called friends to have lunch with us but no contact.

Wanted to stop and contact Max Searls at Williams Lake. Max logged for years in Washing-

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FRONT PAGE COVER PHOTO: BRENT LYONS clears the chute with Buck's Logging's new Doosan DS300LL shovel logger with Doosan boom and grapples as Skagit 737 yarder engineer Devin Dailey brings a turn into the landing with an Eagle VI motorized carriage. Buck's was runing two shovel sides in addition to this tower side, and has 30 employees including shop crew, truck drivers, cutting crew and machinery operators.

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As We See It

OUR PRIORITY ISSUES

s we begin a new year, I Awould like to recognize all of you who have weathered the storm in 2012 and are still keeping faith and hope that 2013 brings needed changes to this profession that we call logging.

There are many unresolved issues in both the political and practitioner arenas that warrant our attention again this year. The priority issues that members of the American Loggers Council have identified include the following:

• Passing legislation that would permanently exempt silvicultural operations from the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permitting process,

• Promote policies and appropriations that would strengthen the Federal Timber Sale program to increase the allowable sale quantity to 3 Billion Board foot, not including volumes of biomass and firewood removed from federal forest land in that target and recognizing sale volume that was awarded, not just offered, in those vol-

• Supporting legislation that would re-establish timber of federal lands,

• Allowing state legal weight toler-

ances for unrefined agriculture and forest product on the Federal Interstate Highway System, making routes safer and increasing the efficiency of trucking operations,

• Allowing young men and women, ages 16 and 17, the opportunity to work in their family businesses, learning the trade and obtaining skills necessary to car-

ry on these businesses that are generational in nature, and

• Working with other like-minded organizations to help bring new markets to the industry for the goods and services that our members and those we represent pro-

Our industry is still struggling to rebound from the recession, and until we see significant improvement in housing markets, or new markets developed such as energy markets for woody biomass, we will continue to see unemployment rates in timto see unemployment rates in timber dependent rural communities hover in the double digit percentile range. These six issues alone will not lead to economic prosperity for the timber harvesting community alone. It also needs to be recognized by industry leaders that the current model for wood procurement also needs to be fixed.

If we can have an impact on these issues over the course of the next twelve months, the result will be to help speed up the economic recovery that is so desperately needed by the industry and the communities that support them. The American Loggers Council intends to continue to support the work needed in all of the above listed areas, and with your continued support and the coordinated support of other organizations, there will be a brighter future for all involved. We plan on going the distance.

Travis Taylor is the President of the American Loggers Council and owner of Travis Taylor Logging and Chipping, Inc., located in Goldonna, Louisiana.

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The 9[™] Circuit Court... **Humpty Dumpty** reigns

by William Perry Pendley

The Karuk Tribe of California The Karuk Tribe of Calling is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe that engages in environmental litigation involving streams and rivers in the Klamath National Forest. In October 2004, the Karuk filed a lawsuit in California federal district court charging that the manner in which the Forest Service reviews Notices of Intent (NOIs) by miners to use suction drilling to mine their claims is "agency action" under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and triggers the agency's duty to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The miners whose NOIs were challenged intervened.

In July 2005, the district court rejected the Karuk's contention that the Forest Service's receipt and review of a NOI triggered the ESA's consultation requirement; the Karuk appealed. In April 2011, a divided panel of the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's decision. After granting the Karuk's petition for rehearing, an en banc panel held 7-2, in June 2012, that the Forest Service's NOI process, even when it results in a determination that a plan of operations is not warranted, constitutes "agency action," and thus requires consultation. In so ruling, the majority relied primarily on evidence in the record that Forest Service employees and the miners characterized the NOI process to be an "authorization" of mining operations. The Ninth Circuit panel issued its ruling over a scathing dis-

Specifically, the dissent criticized the majority for issuing a ruling that departed from Ninth Circuit precedent and for the disastrous impact the ruling will have on miners: "Most miners affected by this decision will have neither the resources nor the patience to pursue a consul-

tation [regarding the ESA]; they will simply give up, and curse the Ninth Circuit. As a result, a number of people will lose their jobs and the businesses that have invested in the equipment used in the relevant mining activities will lose much of their value." Unfortunately, decried the dissent, "this is not the first time our court has broken from decades of precedent and created burdensome, entangling environmental regulations out of the vapors." The dissent then discussed three recent rulings and described their impacts: one decision "decimat[es] what remains of the Northwest timber industry;" another "dramatically impede[s] any future logging in the West;" and, yet another decrees "less, perhaps far less water for irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley's \$20 billion crop industry.'

In August 2012, the miners sought Supreme Court review. In October 2012, hours before the Court was to conference on the miners' petition, the Northwest Mining Association, a 117-year-old nonprofit, non-partisan trade association with thousands of members urged the Court to hear the case. The association argued in its amicus curiae brief that the Ninth Circuit failed to recognize the statutory right of miners to mine, failed to apply U.S. Forest Service's regulations, and issued a ruling that both

conflicts with the Supreme Court's interpretation of "discretionary agency action" and arbitrarily expands the definition of "agency action" to include agency inaction. The Supreme Court cancelled its conference to permit more briefing.

Subsequently, on behalf of the Forest Service, the Solicitor General advised the Court not to grant the petition because the ruling would have a "limited impact." The miners filed a reply brief advising the Court to the contrary; indeed, environmental groups are already attempting to use the Ninth Circuit's ruling to kill mining in Oregon.

If the Supreme Court does not reverse this ruling, the ability of miners—and others to whom it will be extended—in the West to earn a living will not be the only adverse impact of the Ninth Circuit's Humpty Dumpty ("When I use a word[,] it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less.") view of statutory interpretation. In the words of the dissent, the ruling will "undermine public support for the independence of the judiciary, and cause many to despair of the promise of the rule of law."

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

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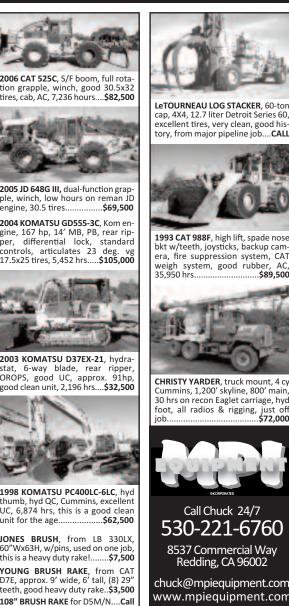
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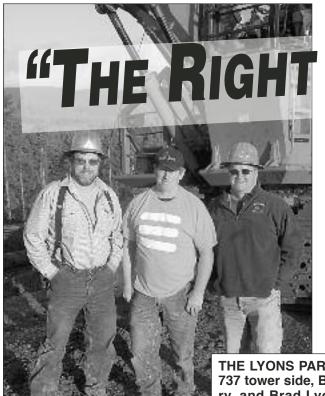
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By Mike Crouse

The search for better opportunities for his family brought William Lyons, his wife Maggie,

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and their eleven offspring from the Dust Bowl in Nebraska to Onalaska, Washington around 1940. "They were dry land farmers," explained Brad Lyons, and they packed up the entire lot moving out in a "Grapes of Wrath" style trip escaping the dust bowl. "Back then families had to work together just to survive." His grandfather went to work for the Carlisle Mill, which at the time was, "...one of the largest inland mills in the world," and on their arrival, he and his older sons "went right to

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work in the woods," eventually landing in and running one of the ing in and running one of the "tie mills" making railroad ties.

They ultimately wound up with their own tie mill, with logging being an extension of that mill, ...buying sales, and setting up their own logging crews," Lyons added. "It was mostly family and they'd hire others as well. They got involved in the logging in the early 50s."

All of William's 11 kids were raised "...in and around logging," Lyons explained, "and they all logged in and around it all their lives."

The second youngest boy, of the eight boys and three girls was Willard "Buck" Lyons, born in 1934, and by the time he was old enough the Carlisle Mill was no longer operating, but he joined his father's company, W.M. Lyons and Sons, "...driving a short logger by the time he was 16 years old, a little International of some sort."

Following his tour of duty with the armed forces, he purchased his own International log truck with a gasoline engine and a tandem axle, "partnering with his brother Ralph," Lyons explained. While the rest of the family were loggers, Buck really loved driving log truck.

In the mid-50s he met and married his true love, Beverly (Jones), making their home in Onalaska, adding three boys and two girls to the family over

a span of several years.

While he loved trucking, he'd been raised around and knew how to log as well. "He'd done a little Cat logging borrowing one of the brother's Cats, and there was some other work coming along." His break came when he

got a contract with Scott Paper in

Buck's Logging

7ith the Scott Paper contract, he purchased a John Deere 440 line skidder, and coupled that with a Northwest "dipper stick log loader," working alone at first. By that time he owned two log trucks: a White and a diesel Kenworth hiring drivers for

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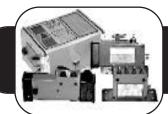
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them. Once he was up and running he hired a skidder operator cutter. "Dad did the loading, chasing and a lot of the Cat work."

"He ran a single skidder side for a few years," oldest son Brad Lyons, who was 10 when his father started the company at 31, explained. When the logging side got slow he'd go back to trucking, "...but kept his equipment and would still do some private logging on the side. Trucking was the main part of the business."

Also in '68 he purchased the gas station in Onalaska, providing some diversity, about the same time he bought the '64 Kenworth log truck (which they still have as a show truck). "We were raised around that

PAT BOWEN loading Buck's No. 8 log truck with the Kobelco SK290LC with Jewell boom and grapple he's run the past four years. He's logged the past 27 seasons, spending 4-5 years in the brush, and the last 10 years on the shovel. He's a fourth generation logger, and a cousin to the Lyons, who he's worked for on and off a few times.

gas station," Brad said noting the social connection in small towns. "It's a beer hall without the beer."

The two oldest boys, Brad and Bart are 11 months apart, and when they were old enough loved going to work with dad. "He had no choice but to take us with him from when we were very young, at least one of us if not both," Brad said smiling. "We were raised in trucks pretty much. We couldn't wait to drive trucks and be a part of the logging world...and

dad was ok with that."

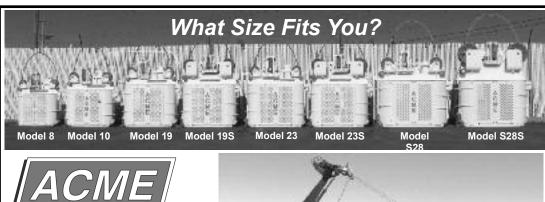
As they grew, "we could set chokers, knew where to stand, how to run a saw." Bart added with a smile, "We may have been more in the way early on. They'd pay us a milkshake coming back in that evening."

'There was no doubt we'd be loggers from early on, and dad was ok with that too," Bart added. "Where else can a young man go out and make a man's wage being 18 years

Brad Lyons graduated from Onalaska High School in '78 and began his logging career driving the '78 Kenworth, one of the trucks owned by Buck's Logging at the time. Two vears later brother Bart started on the same truck, which he added, "...I ended up driving that truck nine years myself!" Then laughing at the

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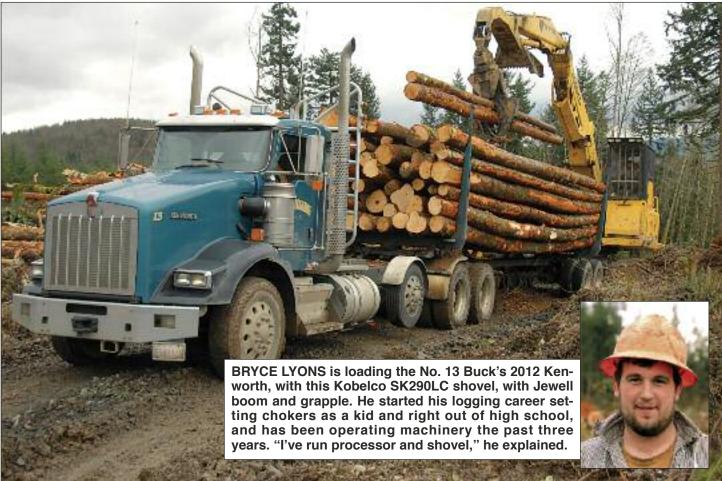
memory, "...not a good experience driving log truck and being 21. It was

Buck's Logging was primarily a skidding show its first several years, but around '83, "...trucking was slowing down," and the overall trend favored tower logging, Bart noted. "You had more opportunities

with," which also meant a longer logging season. "There was work for a tower."

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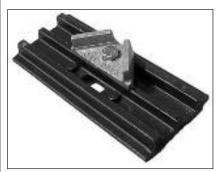


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"We'd just looked at a few jobs where you needed a tower to do those jobs, so we knew," Brad said, "to genjobs, so we knew," Brad said, "to generate work at that time you had to go out and get a yarder, and dad was progressive enough to see what was needed."

With a line on a tower, Bart made a daily vigil to visit the head operation manager (Steve Bernstein) at the Rayonier district office telling him they had a tower. He was in that office on a day a job was available, "...and that got me the job!" Lyons then laughed, "...it was the only way he could get rid of me."

With the contract Buck's Logging purchased the used Edco BU-75 tow-

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JOHN MEEK was subcontracting some of the shovel logging for Buck's Logging with his 2005 Komatsu PC220LL with Pierce boom and 52-Inch grapple, which has 15,000 hours on it. "I've worked with them off and on the past four months," he explained.



11 years ago. "I learned it from the bottom up," Lyons explained, "shovels, Cat, processors, to get a feel of everything, and cross trained somewhat," he laughed. He noted the 2954 is also plumbed and set up for a quick change from the grapple to a Waratah HTH624 dangle head processor, "...in about 20 minutes with help," which adds a

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er from H&S Logging's owners Jim Sabin and Earl Hagseth, and while the tower was used, with it came the experience of the former owners, and a host of other similarly experienced tower guys, to



ERIN DUE with her young helper, daughter Ragen, is the office manager for Buck's Logging and "the heard of the business," according to her father Brad Lyons. She's been office manager the past seven years, working with both QuickBooks and Office Equipment Company's logging software for trucking, which "...we've had the past three years. I like it a lot. Makes everything easier." She noted that prior to her, "...all my aunts did it before me."

help them learn the fine points of tower logging.

Brad Lyons has worked with them when he had time off trucking. "I'd go to work with some friends who had experience tower logging. All those guys started out with (Roy) Filla and had been through that program. They had the knowledge, especially Sabin." He laughed explaining, "It was like our being the S&H side two at the time!"

"When we had the contract the tower was purchased," Bart said. "The tower and the partnership came at the same time," which brought Buck, sons Brad, Bart and Brent (who was still in school) together. They already had the loader, cat, power saws, skidder and trucks.

The Edco had a 70-ft. free standing tube, truck mounted on a '64 Autocar, and was a pretty good buy, particularly considering the education available from H&S. "We learned that in a hurry from them. We gained a lot just having them show us what had taken them years to learn," Bart explained.

Another plus was having an experienced hook tender. "We had Mort Binnion as a hook tender, who took care of the tower," Brad explained, "and I started loading under the tower." They were gravity logging at the time, running on 1 1/8th inch mainline. Dad took care of the trucking."

The addition of the tower meant not only could they bid on more sales, but they could get work year around, "... and there was a lot of work at that time," Brad added.

It also gave them a second side with their existing skidder side. "We learned a lot on the bidding process," Brad explained. "Sometimes we didn't make much and other times we made more. Plus we learned to read the ground and have a feel over time too, on what to do and what to bid."

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MECHANICS JOHN HAZEN and COLTON TAL-LEY keep things running. Talley's been wrenching the past 14 years and joined Buck's 2 1/2 years ago. He's the head mechanic and said they work on, "... a little bit of everything." He graduated from Centralia College's mechanics program, "..a good program" and is a fifth generation logger, originally from Aberdeen. Hazen's been a mechanic the past 25 years and been with Buck's the past few weeks. "I drive truck for them, lowboy and all that as well," he said.

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In '88 or '89 they bought a newer Skagit BU80 mounted on a T100, to replace the Edco. "It was newer, more power, a better drum set, and better production," Brad explained. "Just having the extra height and power upped production considerably and increased our capabilities in logging."

Buck retired from the operation in '94, and the boys bought his interest. "We were stepping up the game at the time and he was ready to step back," Brad said.

When Buck went to an auction in Woodland hoping to buy a new mainline for the tower, he wound up buying a complete Skagit T120 yarder with that mainline for \$10,000! "At that time," Brad explained, "everyone thought the day of the big tower was done, and not many of those (old towers) were purchased. It was built in '67, telescopic tower and a BU94 hoist, with increased Horse Power and capabilities (beyond their existing tower)," which they then logged with the next six years.

Later in '96 they had the opportunity to work for two different companies and elected to go with Champion (which has since sold a few times

ENLYHOUSE.

KEN ARNOLD drives the Buck's No. 10 truck, a 2008 Kenworth T800 with Cummins ISX, dragging a North Forks trailer. He's a 3rd generation logger with 38 years, the past 20 with Bucks. "I'm the senior driver," he smiled.

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In 2008 they were looking to add a third drum, and found a Skagit 737 and mounted that with their existing T100. "It was built in '76 but it was new for us. They still log with the 737 today.

They've used motorized carriages the past 10 years, the first one being a Thunderbird, which they used two or three years, "til it fell out of the sky one day and was totaled," Brad noted shaking his head. That was replaced by a Boman, then they added an Eagle three years ago. "They each have their place," he explained.

Today's company

66We're a three-side program now," Brad Lyons explained

adding, "two shovel sides and a tower side. You have to have the right tools in the tool box for these jobs. We've worked with Port Blakely the past seven years and on the same tree farm since '96." On the logging side of operations, "we have 30 employees, including trucks, sawyers and crew."

In addition to logging they still own the gas station in Onalaska, a second convenience store/gas station in Silver Creek, and the Winston Quarry rock pit they've owned the past nine years with a crew of six.

Their crews are a strong mix of

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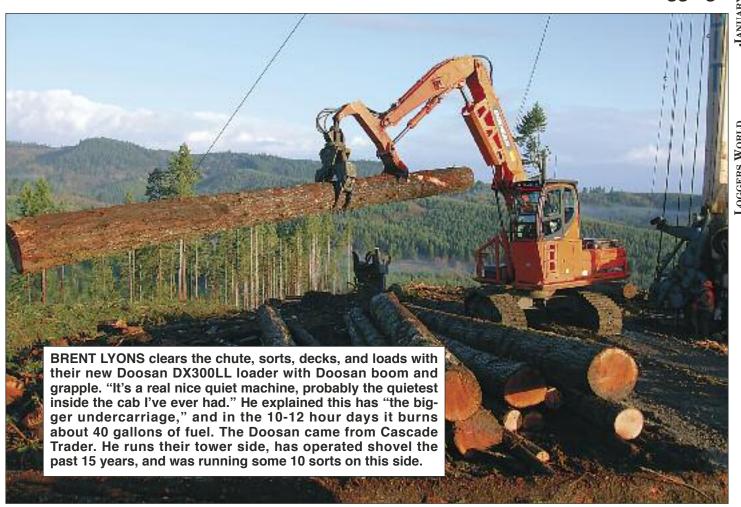
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"We're making a career for them rather than just a job," Brad explained their change in approach. "We just got thinking between the three of us of our kids growing up and how to get a better employee and

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DEVIN DAILEY is Buck's 737 Skagit yarder engineer and is a 28 year veteran logger, who noted he's "...run about everything." He's logged in Alaska and worked nearly 20 years for Weyerhaeuser, and joined Bucks seven months ago, and likes the 737 Skagit. "This machine will pull." He makes his home in Toledo.



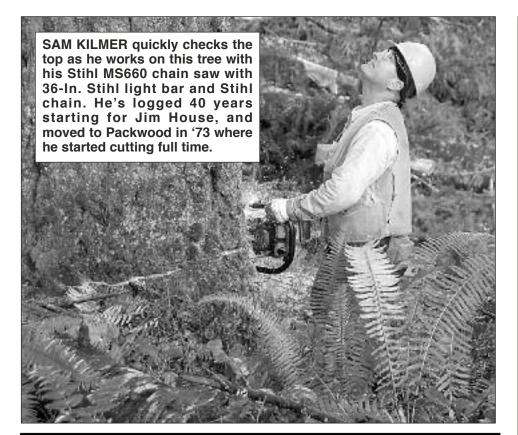
RANDY HADALLER is a third generation logger with 35 years under his belt, the past 28 with Bucks, "...mostly chasing and pulling rigging," he explained. He was operating a Stihl MS460 with Stihl chain. He makes his home in Cinebar.



RUBEN FARIAS and BRYOR McGEE were the brush crew on Buck's tower side. Farias started logging in the brush for Buck's eight years ago, and is rigging slinger, chaser or "...whatever's needed," he said smiling. McGee is a third generation logger who joined the crew a year ago, and is a choker setter who explained, "...I love it!" He also works in the brush on their yoder side.



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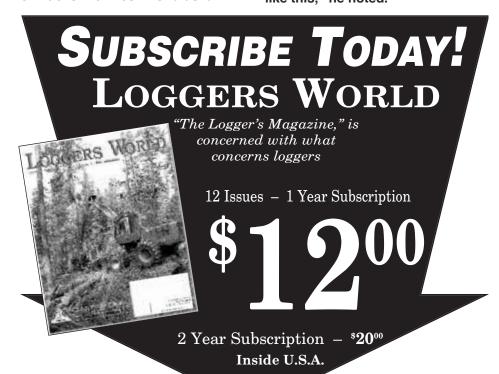
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ROBERT SMEALL bucks a top with his Stihl MS660, with a 36-Inch bar and Stihl chain. He's logged the past 18 years, cutting most of that time and the past seven or eight for Bucks. He lives in Onalaska.



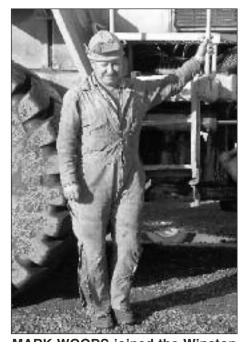
BOB RUSHTON started logging at 18 working in the brush, and has been cutting nearly 30 years. He's a third generation logger, makes his own eye-guards with fine mesh stainless steel, which works well except for in the rain. He was cutting with an MS660 chain saw and 36 inch bar. "I'll run a 32-inch bar a lot, but we usually don't cut wood like this," he noted.



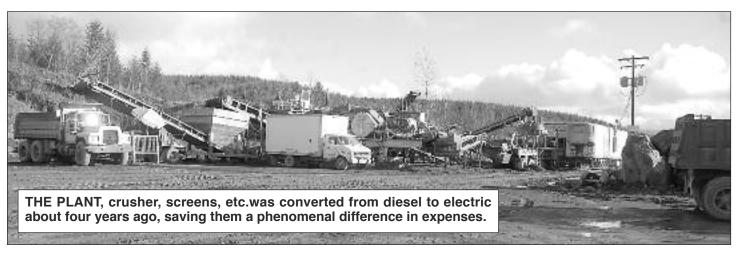
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MARK WOODS joined the Winston Quarry two years ago and does a bit of everything, including running the plant, maintenance, running excavator, and loader, even running the scales.



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BRISTEN RHODES has worked at the quarry the past seven years, "learning it from the ground up," she said. They added scales about that time and have since computerized the operation, which runs using QuickBooks that she manually enters in. She's Bart Lyon's daugh-

and a bonus for production and how long they've been with us.'

We always get a kick out of people telling us there are no good men out there," Brad smiled then added, "here we have them."

The brothers split the responsibilities: Brent takes care of the tower side, Bart handles the rock pit, and Brad oversees the logging operations, does the bidding and finds other work. "We set up all the machines the same so all our operators can go to any machine, and make them run.

What we've learned is you treat people right and they treat you right," Brad emphasized. "We surround ourselves with good people. It's all about who we want to meet. We choose the people we meet to make our lives a little better."

The reason we're here today is because my kids grew up with those boots and White Ox (gloves) by the wood stove. Our fifth generation's now seeing these."

They're deeply appreciative of the many loggers who they've known and learned from such as Jim Sabin and his example helping and teaching Buck's crew even today. "Like our hook and the rigging crew, they learn so much from them," Lyons said. "We're just blessed with good friends in this logging world. We've known them all

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His Friends Just Call Him

by Sherrie Bond

o you ever stop and consider the number of people who have walked through your life, each leaving a bit of themself with you forever? Maybe it's a cute joke they've told, a silly expression, or a glow of friendship each time they cross your thoughts? Boy, I sure have (and some of 'em I'd just as soon forget), but one person comes to mind immediately as sit here at my desk. Tall and lanky, decades of experience etched on his face, but with an ever present twinkle in his eyes and a grin that welcomes you into a conversation. This is the mental image of my dear friend, Eldon Olin.

Many of you have made Ole's acquaintance at the Oregon Logging Conference where he and his wife, Bunny, tended a booth filled with his artwork for years on end. His work is renown and his talent unlimited, but I'm a little ahead of my story. You see, Ole didn't "train" as an artist. He didn't go to a fancy school or rub elbows with the "nouveau riche" nor did he envision a future artistically depicting day to day life of a logger, the beauty of dense forests nor the history of the timber industry in the great

Born in 1921, Ole was typical of guys his age. He learned the meaning of common sense, recognized his responsibilities, pitched in however he could help out and set his course for a life in the timber industry. Times were tough back then. In 1929, the Great Depression struck down any plans or fantasies one might have imagined and everyone hunkered down, taking any kind of work available and age wasn't a factor. The Nation was brought to its knees as unemployment rose to over 25% and rural industries (cash crops, mining and logging) suffered the greatest hits. In the U.S., unemployment and financial hardship remained status quo from about 1930 through the mid-1940s.

Amid efforts to provide jobs, Roosevelt's administration introduced the New Deal, creating several federally sponsored work projects. Among those was the Civilian Conservation Corps. Ole jumped at the chance to become a "CCC Boy" and the ability to provide financial help to his family along with three million other young, unmarried men. Money earned in the regimented camps was divided between the worker and his parents, with the lion's share being sent back home. The Boys received five bucks and their parents got twenty-five. Among the endeavors accomplished between 1933 and 1941, the Cees planted over three billion trees in reforestation projects, they constructed eight hundred parks and upgraded most state parks already in existence. They improved wildfire fighting methods and built a network of service buildings

and roads. The young workers, seventeen to twenty eight years old, truly blazed a trail for today's forest stewardship. Felling cedar was Ole's job and the wood was used for many of the campground projects. Evidence of the construction and repair can be witnessed throughout the Nation even today

It was also during this stretch that Ole's artistic talent was recognized and he became a sign painter at the camp shop and also filled many requests of

'make a picture of me" from the guys who became life-long friends. I wonder how many families still have those hand created portraits with no idea that a young, dedicated timber faller melded pencil and paper into the likeness.

Following his enlistment with the CCCs around 1938, Ole headed home to the Oakridge, Oregon area and took a job cutting brush for his future brother-in-law who was a timber cruiser. Being a brush-whacker wasn't all that appealing and neither was being the "mule", packing the supplies in to the campsite. Our friend knew he could do something better than that and it wasn't long before he learned to "pace" (a term for measuring distance.) From that time on he learned step by step (with no pun intended)

how to accurately pace-out a quarter mile, run compass and eventually learn to map. Unlike the CCC wages, Ole was taking home a "cool" five bucks a day in his new position. A hefty sum in those days, but Ole had his eye on becoming a timber cruiser.

About that same time he also had his eye on a little cutie named Bernice. They married in 1942 (celebrating their seventieth anniversary this year), but it wasn't long before Uncle Sam interrupted the bliss and got his pound of salt from Ole, drafted to join in the fray during WW II. He served in the South Pacific as well as Europe. I recall a story he related to me long ago about his time in the small country of Luxembourg. He and his Platoon were searching for a place to hole-up out of the bonechilling cold of winter when they found a modest 19 pub with family quarters overhead. They settled themselves into a tiny community theater attached to the rear of the building where they found warmth and shelter from the bitterly cold storm. The family welcomed the GIs and generously provided room and board to them, hopeful of the salvation the U.S. Troops would bring them. It wasn't long before the proprietor's daughter took note of Ole's drawings and asked her Mother to request a portrait of her. This was rather out of the ordinary for the young Soldier, but with his Commander giving the nod, he went to work on the picture keeping in mind all the while that his assignment was preventing his troops from personally shaking hands with Old Man Win-

ter!

When victory was declared, Ole headed home to his family and ager to resume his Estimber cruiser; a career which he later enjoyed for forty-three vector over the course of the woods, respectively. the woods, Ole developed a keen eye for nature and wildlife from an artistic point of view, tucking moments in the back of his brain that would later find their way into his drawings. I once asked Ole if he considered leaving his cruising job and becoming a professional artist back then, to which he replied, "Hell no! I had a family to raise! People depending on me!" I smile as I write this as that statement is a true "Ole-ism" and an example of that "common sense and responsibility" I mentioned

There came a day though (a few decades back) when Ole had the time available to begin his calling as an artist. His total recollection of images he saw during his lifetime in the woods flowed out of his heart and onto his canvas. Life-like depictions and circumstances so realistic his audience could smell the pitch, hear the rushing water of a turbulent river, know the danger of a hang-up, the frustration of an over-weight ticket or feel the pain and suffering of the logger portrayed in (my favorite painting) Monday Morning; moments in time, frozen for eternity. It is no wonder his art-



ELDON "OLE" OLIN

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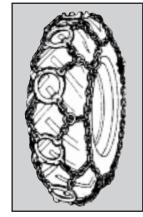
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takes place during the trip is the "Mail Call". It replicates those times in the midst of the War when receiving mail, the young warriors could connect with "home", their loved ones and for just a moment or two in the midst of the chaos, the thick of the battle, could absorb the tender feelings of those who longed for their return. It was a privilege for me to take part in the mail call and thank Ole and his comrades for their dedicated service, commitment and devotion to our country and its freedom.

I have only touched the tip of the iceberg when it comes to telling the story of Eldon "Ole" Olin as he is a man of many "hats" and he wears each one well. He married a wonderful

lady, raised an honorable family and dedicated his working life to the timber industry and its longevity. He is a red-blooded American, a Patriot and a man of his word. He has lived a long and fruitful life as he inches up on his ninety-second birthday. He has seen the best in people and more than likely the worst, but that hasn't deterred him from positive thinking, his accomplished goals or love of life. There is so much to be written about this man who as always reminded me of the actor, Gary Cooper; a tall drink of water with a heart as big as all outdoors! I want to close by adding it has been my pleasure, Ole, to know you, to love you, but most of all to call you my Friend.

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The study found that "like mulch in a garden," woody debris kept the ground cooler and moister, suppressed blackberry and Scotch broom, and boosted soil levels of nitrogen, carbon and other nutrients.

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Forest Service acres harvested

n a November 14 report, the Forest Service disclosed that the total acres of timber harvest on its lands in FY12 was 208,639 acres. Keep in mind the Forest Service manages over 191 million acres; thus, they harvested timber on only .1% of their lands.

The most used harvest scheme was thinning (113,719 acres) followed by sanitation harvest (30,538 acres) and selection cut (16,283 acres). Harvest by Regions from largest to smallest were: Region 9 -

42,847 acres; Region 8 - 42,084 acres; Region 6 - 39,117 acres; Region 2 - 28,433 acres; Region 5 -

21,860 acres; Region 1 - 12,662

acres; Region 3 - 11,014 acres; Region 4 - 9,560 acres and Region 10 -1 063 acres

According to the Forest Service's Forest Restoration Strategy (Increasing the Pace of Restoration and

Job Creation on Our National Forests - February 2012), there are between 65 and 82 million acres of

National Forest System lands in need of restoration. Of those acres, approximately 12.5 million require mechanical treatment. If we stay on this current pace of harvest and restoration, it would take over 60 years to get those acres treated, not counting new acres that become in need of restoration.

Thanks to Bill Imbergamo and the Federal Forest Resource Coalition for sharing this data.

- AFRC News

Tailholds and guylines

Just when you think you have seen everything (and don't want to see any more), the Forest Service is now required to solicit public input prior to allowing an adjacent landowner to use a stump or tree on national forest land for a tailhold or guyline in order to log the adjacent property. Traditionally, special use permits were required for this pur-

pose and the process was conducted 21 under the "categorical exclusion' provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which does not require a public process. Now, due to a federal district court ruling, those permits will now be subject to a 30 day public comment period and be subject to administrative appeals tive appeals.

The new requirement is a result of a lawsuit filed by environmentalists in California (where else?) known as Sequoia Forest Keeper v. Tidwell. While the suit had to do with mineral exploration, the legal issue was in regard to whether pro-NEPA required public notice and comment and be subject to administrative appeals. Up until this necessary of the present the caterial such present the caterial such presents and the cate jects administered under the "catesuch projects, including a request to use a tree or stump for a tailhold or guyline on federal lands, were exempt from these requirements. Now, because of this lawsuit, they are not.

So now, when a private landowner needs to use a stump or tree on federal land for a tailhold or guyline to log adjacent property, the federal

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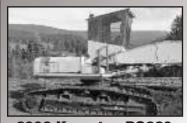
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government must: a) give public notice of the request for a special use permit; b) provide 30 days for public comment; c) allow an additional 45 days for anyone who submitted comments to appeal the proposed decision; d) if an appeal is filed, the government has 45 days to decide the appeal; and e) assuming it is denied, the permit can be issued 15 business days after the appeal decision date.

This court ruling could add an additional 140 days to the current permitting process for using national forest stumps and/or trees for tailholds and guylines.

AOL would like to hear from our members about any experiences you may have with this new interpretation of environmental law. All operators and private landowners whose property is adjacent to federal lands should be concerned about this development. We will be working to form a coalition of interested parties to explore options for diffusing this unworkable development.

- AOL, Oregon, Jim Geisinger

Mendocino Challenges continue

Conservation Congress continues to challenge projects on the Mendocino National Forest. The latest includes lawsuits filed on four very small projects; three were done with CE's, and the fourth was done with an EA.

The Tatham Biomass project contained only 200 mbf of biomass material and the entire project did not cut a tree over 12 inches in diameter. The other two CE projects, M9 and Log Springs were done as separate CE's but combined into one sale offering due to the close proximity of the two project areas.

The Log Springs project involved thinning 70 acres of a 60 year old plantation. The M9 project dealt with 250 acres of bark beetle mortality. The fourth project, Lakeview, was done as an HFRA project containing approximately 1.3 mmbf. The purpose of this project was to reduce stand densities in natural stands and plantations adjacent to private inholdings and homes while protecting them from a catastrophic event. A secondary benefit of the project was to provide a fire break for the communities along Clear Lake. None of these projects had any threatened or endangered species issues and almost all the land base was designated as Matrix.

It makes one wonder what the true motivation for these challenges on soundly developed projects really is; forest issues or securing payment from the Equal Access to Justice Act.

- AFRC News

China illegally dumping plywood

In November, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by rea-

son of imports of hardwood plywood from China that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

All six Commissioners of the USITC voted in the affirmative.

As a result, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its investigations on imports of these products, with its preliminary countervailing duty determination due on December 21, and its preliminary antidumping duty determination due on March 6, 2013.

The subject products in question hardwood and decorative plywood, is a wood panel product made from gluing two or more layers of wood veneer to a core which may itself be composed of veneers or other type of wood material such as medium density fiberboard, particleboard, lumber, or oriented strand board. It is typically made using hardwood species (e.g., oak, birch, maple, and poplar), but may also be made from softwood species or bamboo.

Specifically excluded is structural plywood, plywood made with cork faces or backs, multilayered wood flooring manufactured subject to a CVD/AD order, and plywood further worked beyond basic finishing.

Petitioners in the dumping case are members of the Coalition for Fair Trade of Hardwood Plywood and some of its individual members including AFRC members Columbia Forest Products, Murphy Plywood, and Roseburg Forest Products.

- AFRC News

Supreme Court rules Fed may be liable for flooding

The Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that the federal government may be required to pay damages when it releases water from a dam that causes temporary flooding for a property owner downstream.

The 8-0 ruling carries potential

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significance for future cases involving temporary seizure (or" taking") of property.

The case looked at the politically charged issue of when government activity that affects private property constitutes a "taking" that requires payment to a landowner.

The 5th Amendment states that

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the government must pay owners of private property that it takes for public purposes.

Writing for a unanimous court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said temporary flooding of private land by the government is "not categorically exempt" from liability under the 5th Amendment's Takings Clause.

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as wildlife, water quality, plant biodiversity, and all of the parts that sustain the ecological integrity of our forests!'

Take Action: FRA Advocates Credit Union Reform

RA President Deb Hawkinson and Vice President, Public Affairs Neil Ward spent November 28 on Capitol Hill in coalition with approximately 250 members of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), advocating relaxed rules for Credit Unions' business lending: specifically, to lift a restriction that Credit Unions may make only up to 12.25% of their assets available for business lending and set a new "cap" of 27.5%. Deb and Neil concentrated on congressional delegations-House and Senate-in Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Wisconsin, representing large forest industries. They focused on the difficulties loggers continue to face obtaining credit, loggers' need for more credit options, and the threats that constrained credit access places both on loggers' business viability and in loggers'

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some property in British Columbia, moved his family up the year ago and is now working on his place out of Williams Lake. Only thing wrong is that the weather was really rainy, looked like a Pacific Coast rainstorm. Decided that Max wouldn't like company in this weather and pushed on. Got home handily on Sunday afternoon and started unpacking goods. Brought back a lot of B.C. dust and pounds of their special mud.

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FRA thanks Don Taylor, of Sustainable Resource Systems LLC, for providing an excellent summary, with regional examples, of the types of obstacles loggers face in obtaining loans. Legislative contact teams provided that summary to approximately 150 House and Senate offices. Thanks are also due to the 32 forestry and logging associations and FRA members who endorsed a letter to Senate leadership, urging them to bring the Credit Union Small Business Jobs Bill (S 2231, HR 1418) to the floor for a vote during the current "lame duck" session. FRA will remain in contact with CUNA during the coming weeks, as legislative opportunities emerge.

FRA members-and others-who have not yet sent a message to their House and Senate members expressing their support for expanding loggers' credit options and urging them to co-sponsor the bill can still - FRA Bulletin



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