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# Finley's Rigging Shack

"Classic"



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## This Day:

**D**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 pick-up. 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

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 trail 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 be-

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

cause there was no one, no one at all, available for pulling us out.

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 our way.

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 stores.

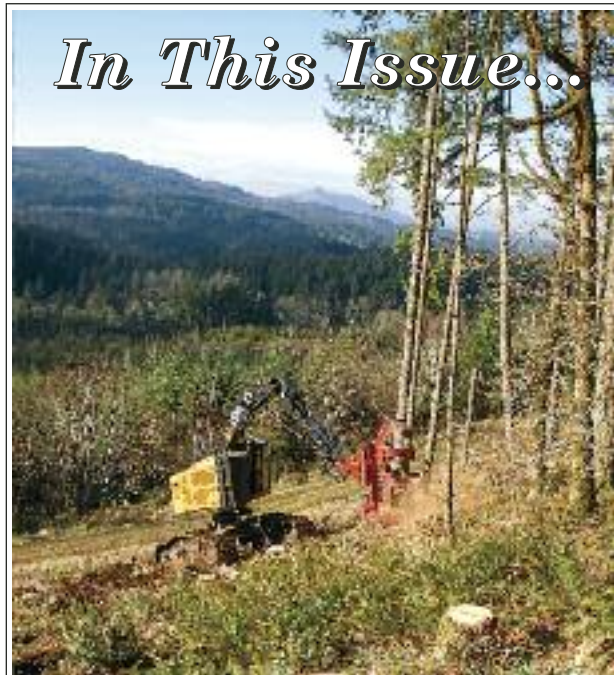
Next morning pushed on, thru Prince George and a rainstorm at 1:00p.m., headed downhill on



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**FRONT COVER PHOTO: JEREMY HEESACKER** harvesting on modestly steep ground with A-1 Logging's TimberKing 722 feller buncher with the Cat HF201 hot saw they added to the equipment mix a few months ago. The TimberKing is a leveling machine and the HS201 Heesacker said could pivot left or right giving relatively good control. "It's strong and works really good...it's an animal." A-1 Logging has a Madill 071 tower side in addition to a shovel logging side or more depending on the circumstances.

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## Rigging Shack

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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 Washington State out of Toutle. Bought some property in British Columbia, moved his family up there over a 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.

Fine trip filled with beautiful scenery and meeting lots of good, friendly logging men. Would like to

do it all again. And will-sometime.

### Logging camps

Those people who think the days of logging camps are gone, ought to visit the Nass River. At the mouth of the Nass, in Iceberg Bay, is a logging camp. Across the river and upriver is the Portier Logging Company Camp. Farther upstream is the Skoglund Logging Company Camp. Then next, on the south side of the Nass, is a camp for Tower Logging Company. Farther upstream, and all on the south side, is the Twin Rivers Kseaden Camp and next is the big main Nass Camp. About 25 miles upstream from the Nass Camp is one for Williamson Logging Co. Another ten miles and you come to one for a construction company. Go upstream another 25-30 miles and you come to the camp owned and operated by Hal Timber Limited. Even then I don't think that's all of them. Just all of them I

know about.

### Future:

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Thru this area was where the first telegraph line was laid out to Siberia. Also thru this area is a trail

known as the "Grease Trail". Was told that it got its name because the Coast Indians caught the oily fish known as hooligans. They rendered out the oil and took it upstream as far as they could go and then overland on a trail and traded with the inland Indians. So that trail became known as the Grease Trail.

Was also told the Indian people here are of the Nishga tribe. Many of them work in the woods and on the river. The ones I met are fine and courteous people. There are several good sized Indian towns or villages around and about. Greenville, Canyon City and Aiyansh (pronounced I-anch) to name a few. There are and were actually three Aiyansh villages. The first one was down along the river on flat ground. It got flooded out. It was rebuilt on higher ground but this also got flooded out. They moved the town again, this time to the other side of the river and up on mighty high ground. Some people now live in Old Aiyansh and some in New Aiyansh.

Close to New Aiyansh is the famous big lava bed. They tell me this overflow of hot lava came about three hundred years ago and destroyed an Indian village. Covers a lot of territory and most of it doesn't raise a blade of grass. Other areas have some shrubs on them, and a coating of soft moss. Maybe in another three hundred years the silt and leaf mold will put a layer of soil on top of the lava bed and it will be hidden.

Then people will come and live on it. They'll be surprised when they go to drill a well.

### The way you look at it!

A trucker will look at a hill and estimate the gear he'd use to pull the hill when loaded; as a pilot flies along he's keeping an eye on the open fields and will calculate how he'd land his plane in it if he had too; a faller will glance at a tree and note the lean and the side the limbs are heavy on; the buckner needs only a glimpse of a tree on the ground to calculate how many logs in it and where the bind is and what cut he'd make first; a hook tender needs a few seconds to look over a setting to decide on his yarder setting and where the tree should be and where he'd start logging.

I guess it's the mark of the professional that makes them look at things in regard to their work and how they'd tackle the job. For instance a climber and a faller will look at the same tree and be looking for different things. They see what they are trained to see.

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## A Century Later... Alaska siezes private property

by William Perry Pendley

Not all land grabs begin with the federal government despite its “insatiable hunger,” to quote Ronald Reagan, for people’s private property. (“Is there a concerted plan by [the federal] government to quietly gain control of land in America either by outright ownership or through regulation of private property?” declared Governor Reagan back in 1977.) That is what Americans, of all political stripes from Maxine Waters to Rush Limbaugh, discovered to their horror with the Supreme Court’s infamous *Kelo v. City of New London* 2005 ruling, which let a local government seize private land to give to another taxpayer whose use might generate more tax revenues. Sadly, no government—not even one whose citizens are the boldest defenders of property rights—is free of the taint of covetousness, not even Alaska.

Douglas Trucano, through two corporations he created, owns land along and beneath Lemon Creek in Juneau, Alaska. That land and the surrounding property was surveyed by the federal government—by the General Land Office (GLO), the predecessor to the current Bureau of Land Management—in May 1908, at which time the land was recognized as the “Homestead Claim of Louis Lund,” under the Homestead Act of 1898. A plat was issued for the land in February 1909. In surveying the property

the federal government meandered around, that is excluded from the platted land, all navigable streams. Lemon Creek, as well as several other small streams shown on the plat, were not meandered around in the GLO’s survey because the GLO surveyors determined they were non-navigable.

In 1913, the land underlying Lemon Creek was patented and, over the years, has been treated as fee simple private property and developed extensively. From 1913 through 1959, when Alaska became a State, wide-ranging gravel mining occurred in Lemon Creek; as a result, Lemon Creek bears little resemblance to the 1909 GLO survey plat. In addition, over time, the land was subdivided and today is owned by several different private interests.

In 2011, Mr. Trucano made plans to mine, develop, and then sell his various properties on Lemon Creek. That was when the Alaska Department of Natural Resources notified Mr. Trucano that the Department claimed title to a

portion of his land. The documents the Department provided to him showed new property lines cutting across private property and even splitting buildings! Mr. Trucano was not alone; the Department also made similar ownership claims throughout the State, either whenever a land owner exercised his or her property rights or as a result of the Department’s ongoing “navigability determinations.”

It seems that, back in 1980, Alaska instituted a “comprehensive navigability program” in response to federal land conveyances and land management activities under the Alaska Statehood Act, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). According to Alaska, its plan is to use “proper criteria [to] determin[e] navigability” and to make “accurate navigability determinations . . . as disputes arise.” Alaska believes that, back in the early 1900s, the federal government did not apply proper surveying criteria in Alaska unlike what it did in other States. Alaska has reasons to be paranoid given the manner in which it has been used as the Nation’s federal park, preserve, and playground set aside; however, in this case Alaska is wrong and private citizens are being victimized.

Mr. Trucano does not intend to be a victim. He and another named plaintiff sued the Department officials responsible for implementing the navigability pro-

gram in a class action lawsuit filed in Alaska federal district court for themselves and others who are under attack, charging that Alaska is violating federal law by claiming ownership of streambeds patented by the federal government prior to statehood. Thousand of property owners all across Alaska could be affected. Every day, we learn that Ronald Reagan was right, not just about land grabs, but also about the need to fight for freedom.

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**LARRY HEESACKER** started his woods career by cutting and selling firewood as a second job, which led to owning a small logging operation, then worked as a timber faller a number of years before starting A-1 Logging in 1993. He's seen logging cycles before. "We're in an upswing," he said with certainty. "This looks to me like it will be the best year in 10 years."



## YAMHILL, OREGON

by Mike Crouse

**A**fter several years of economic turbulence, a pretty good year in 2012, and the combined lifetime experiences in the logging business, Larry Heesacker's "optimistically cautious" for the coming years business. He's seen business cycles before in his 31 years of logging: learning about timing, vision, proper mix of equipment, and assembling a good team preparing for the cycles rebound. Heesacker strongly feels were on the rebound.

Heesacker, who's grandparents had logged, was born and raised in nearby Banks, Oregon, raised on a 80-acre farm his father worked on the side, with his primary job working for the state highway department. He was the oldest offspring with two brothers and a sister.

Following high school graduation in 1975, he continued working on the family farm, making use of the rounded knowledge base required to

keep things operational.

A year out of high school he married Donna Herbert who he'd met through a friend, both of them were young but all these years later they remain a strong couple.

He left farming for the mobile home business that was thriving at the time explaining, "...it paid better than farming," and became an electrician, working for Rex Homes (although ownership and the company

name changed a few times). "I did all parts of electrician's work through four years, the last three years I was the final check to make sure everything was right before it left the factory." That began to change in 1982, Heesacker explained. "We were in the 1982 recession, and I'd been making \$18/hour and by November I'd only made \$11/hour: a third of my wages were gone, so I had to do something different to feed the family." The previous five years, "I was doing firewood on the side," and he decided to move that direction full time.

### Firewood

**H**e found wood from a local logger, "...who was land clearing," Heesacker explained. "I met him by answering an ad for a wood splitter." A short time later, "...I'd bought a Lafont wood splitter, with a 4-way head, one of the better wood splitters back then, and he supplied me with the wood the first year."

The second year that same logger noted, "I've never seen anyone work

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**MIKE PORTER** brought a variety of skills to the operation when he started in July. "My position is everything," Porter laughed elaborating that, "...he has me do timber sales, log sales, quality control in the woods (from my scaling years), knowing what mills are looking for, all that stuff. Who wants what, merchandising the logs, making sure safety operations are observed, along with hiring, and firing." In addition he runs machinery as needed.

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so hard and make so little for a year's work. I'd grossed around \$80,000 but netted just \$11,000," he said shaking his head at the memory, then noted, "But he saw the potential."

In 1984, "...he sold me a Cat, I logged for him by the thousand," Heesacker explained. "I cut it and decked wood for him all summer, made the Cat payments and made money that year. All my bills were paid and I had \$3,000 in the bank, better than I'd done before." And he was on his way.

Heesacker paid \$10,000 for an S8 International line skidder, "and it was very used." He'd thought things were going well, but explained, "I didn't have a bookkeeper, I had a shoe box, and didn't have a clue," he laughed, "and by the end of 1985, I found out I was broke." Lesson one: understand your business and obligations. "After logging all summer I owed \$10,000 to SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund). I had two employees at that time," hadn't kept up with federal withholding, "...and it all caught me. When those people write you letters,"... he noted they wanted the funds immediately. "When I found out I was broke I called an attorney. I wanted to pay the

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**SHARON BJORN** joined A-1 Logging a year ago, officially as bookkeeper and office manager, but she's become valued member of the leadership team bringing cash management skills Heesacker highly values. They run the company using QuickBooks and Office Equipment Company's logging software. "We put it in place in February of last year and like it really well," in addition to using Excel spreadsheets.

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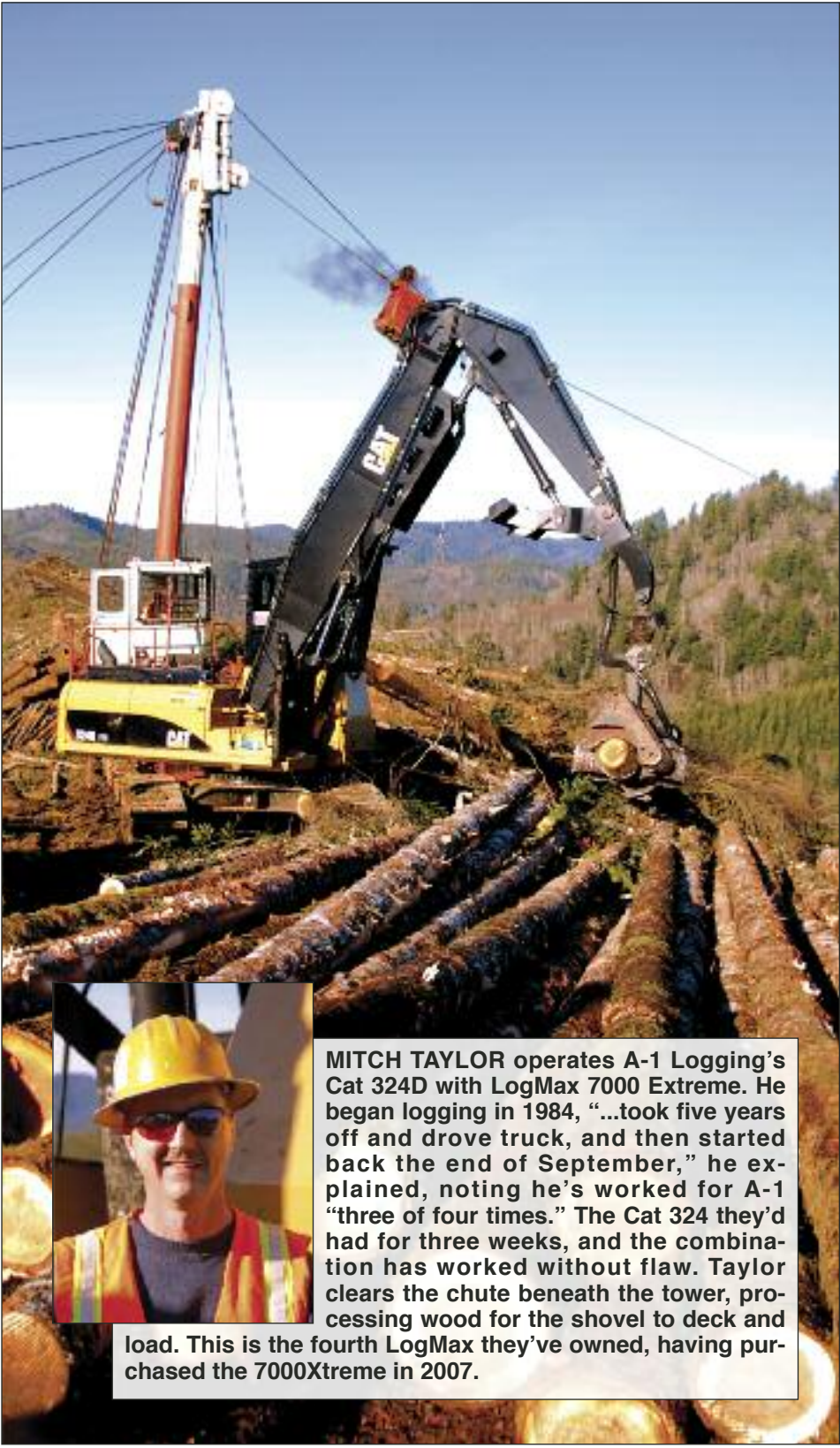


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**MITCH TAYLOR** operates A-1 Logging's Cat 324D with LogMax 7000 Extreme. He began logging in 1984, "...took five years off and drove truck, and then started back the end of September," he explained, noting he's worked for A-1 "three of four times." The Cat 324 they'd had for three weeks, and the combination has worked without flaw. Taylor clears the chute beneath the tower, processing wood for the shovel to deck and load. This is the fourth LogMax they've owned, having purchased the 7000Xtreme in 2007.



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**STEVE BUNDE** is A-1's Madill 071 yarder engineer although most of his career was on the rigging, he switched to yarders, "...3-4 years ago. Easier on the body." He's been part of A-1 the past seven years. They were hanging out about 1,000 ft. on this job, using a Boman Mark V skycar, and two sets of Fortronic electronic choker bells on this setting. He makes his home in Sheridan.



"**ROOSTER**" is the hook tender for A-1 Logging, who started in the brush at 18 and has been hooking the past 15+ years, and joined the crew two years ago. Officially he's Greg Atkinson, but the first six months he was only known at Rooster, a name that's stuck to him for decades. He does the layouts for the tower. This side runs Fortronics electronic choker bells, which keeps the landings safer and dramatically improves turnaround times.

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bill, and intended to, but they needed to drop the fines and charge reasonable interest," Heesacker explained. "I agreed to pay them if they'd give me a chance to, and I paid it off in nine months." Quite a lesson.

## Timber falling

In the fall of '85 Heesacker went back to working two jobs. "I took a job timber falling with Luoto Logging," in addition to logging on the side when he wasn't cutting. That continued on for a number of years, and by '91 or so he was contract cutting. "I'd been timber falling between Luoto and Lofland Logging."

Then came the spotted owl. "The spotted owl was a big deal," he recalled, "and a lot of loggers went to tree-lengthing (rather than cutting and bucking performed by the fallers) so timber fallers would be laid off three weeks at a time because we were well ahead of them. Plus the trees got smaller as well."

In the Spring of '92, Heesacker made the leap. "I went and rented a small John Deere 450 crawler, and started logging small patches," he explained. "Three months later I was fully booked up, and he noted with his typical smile that, "... people remembered me," and the jobs he'd done, his strong reputation and

treating people well: he'd proven himself trustworthy and did a good job. "That (being remembered) was a surprise I didn't see coming, but it worked out well and I've been here ever since."

## A new company

A-1 Logging, Inc. Heesacker established in 1993, initially as a tree service, "...but the logging came to me, so we went to where the work was." The end of '92, "I started out with a rented John Deere 450 crawler," but he didn't stop there. "We instantly tried to get as mechanized as we could for a small logger. We bought a Cat 518 with Esco swing grapple skidder (short frame: one of the first ones, quick turn and quick tip over). In addition they purchased a Danzco delimeter box, and a Cat 225 track loader, which Heesacker explained was all used equipment. "I tried to get ahead of the (other) entry level loggers at that point, because I was really at that point myself again. To compete had to be automated."

They started out lean, just a couple of guys, subcontracted the cutting, and "... once we had the loader I was on it all the time," and continued to grow from that point with their cornerstone being with private landowners. "Export helped as well," Heesacker noted. "The '93 export

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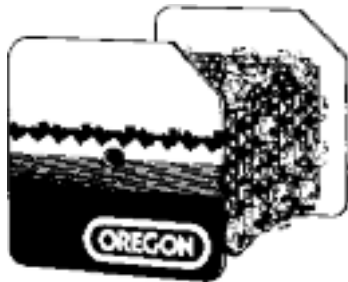
JACE GOODWIN using eight sorts and decking wood with A-1's Caterpillar 322C shovel logger with Jewell grapple. "It's a good shovel...they're quick! I've never run a 322C before but its' got a lot of power, gets around good, travels good, good swing power, and travel power," he said. Goodwin is a third generation logger, growing up in Baker, Oregon, beginning his career right out of High School. He'd worked in Alaska recently, and with things being slow in E. Oregon he found this position. "I enjoyed being in Alaska, but this is closer to the family, and year around work, I couldn't pass Larry up." He's operated machinery the past 9-10 years.



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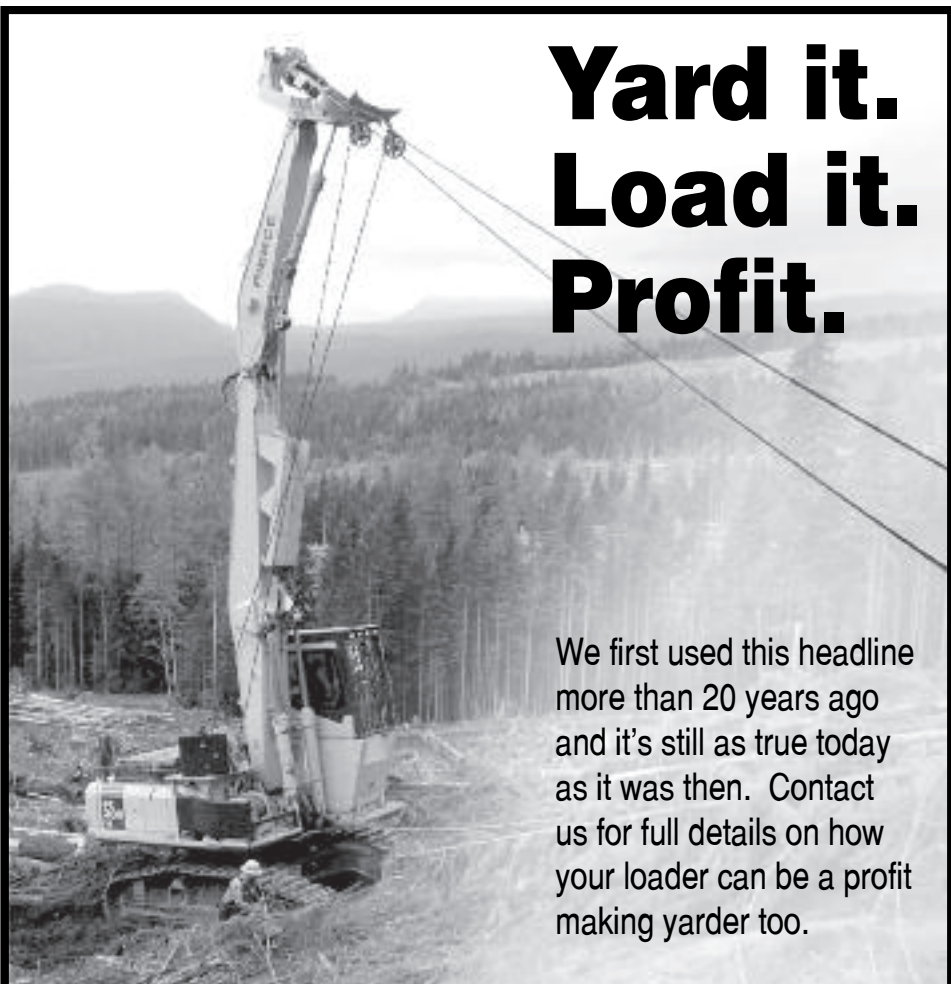
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COLTON BEFUS is a second generation logger and has been on the A-1 brush crew the past two years, and smiled explaining, "I like it a lot." Living next door to Heesacker helped land him the job.



LUKE VAN LOO has logged about five years, "...in the brush the whole time," and is a third generation logger. Before logging he'd framed houses. His father is Greg Van Loo who is the truck boss for A-1 Logging.

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was one of the peak years and that helped fuel our ability to buy the equipment we needed."

**Tower logging**

**T**heir first big contracts came from Miama Corp and Simpsons around '99. "That grew the company," Heesacker explained, "and we got our first yarder: an Eco Logger mounted on a 668 Clark skidder, which we needed to log those jobs," combining that with a Eaglet motorized carriage, along with the Cat shovel they'd purchased in '98, which was used on that side too. The addition of the tower gave A-1 Logging its second side. "The mills and their demand for us, they allowed us to grow our company at that point."

Heesacker had no tower experience at that time, but there were experienced men who could fill the knowledge gap, and Caleb Lincoln did that for A-1. "He's from McMinnville and helped us put our tower show together, and made the operation work. He was a big part of drawing the people too. We had up to 30 people at the time. A logger's only as good as the people he hires, and he helped get us going."

In 2000, A-1 Logging was recognized as the Northwest Oregon Region Operator of the Year, "...which

was nice."

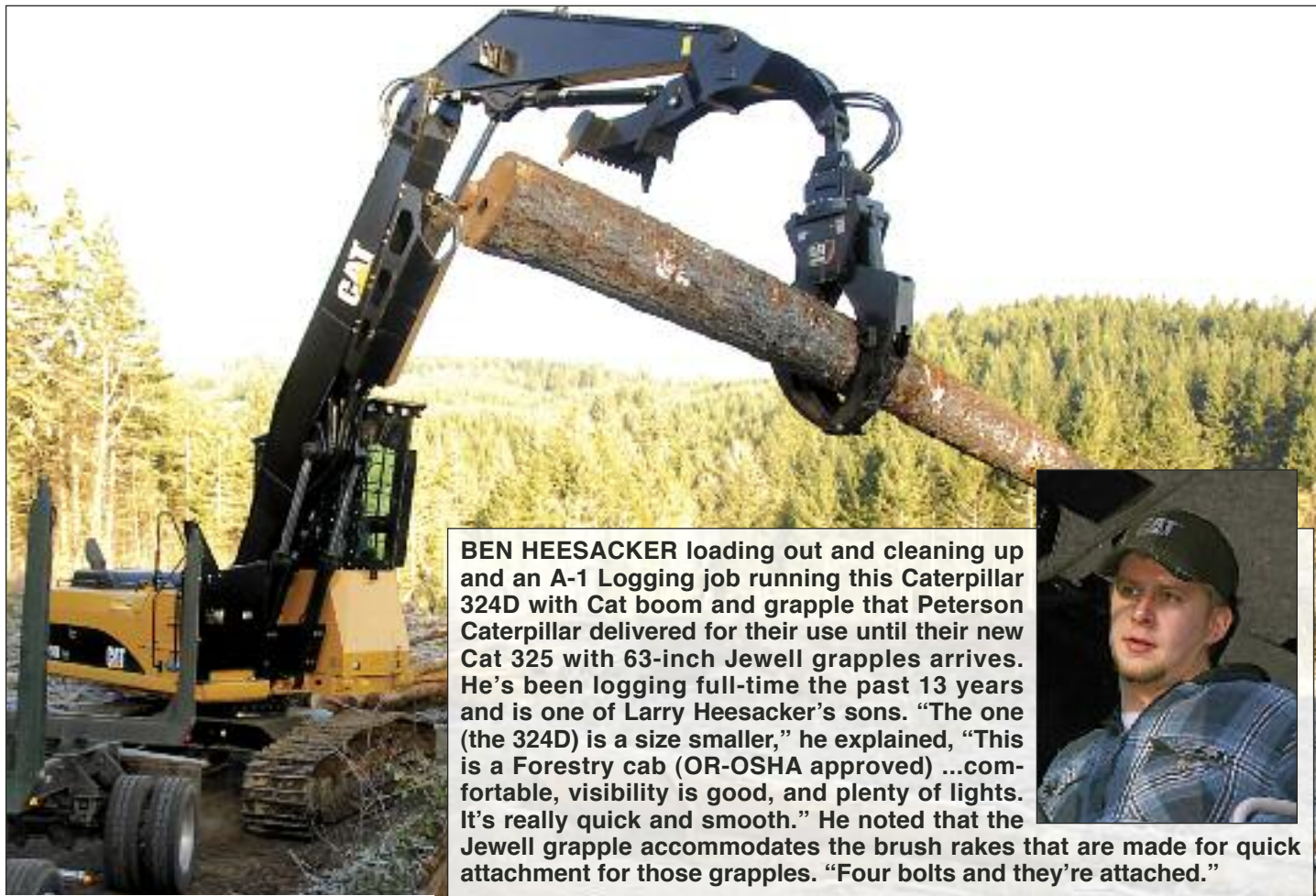
Around 2003 they sold the Eco-Logger and purchased a Madill 071 for its strength, speed and versatility. "We try to keep under 1,500 ft. yarder jobs," Heesacker said. "if we go longer the big yarders and big

transmissions beat us."

In addition they've run yoders a number of years and presently are on their third machine, a '95 Cat 330B, they use with an Eaglet carriage. "It's used as a loader when not doing yoder work, and we use it

often," he smiled. "It's a great corner machine. The crew likes to use it between yarder settings, and will pick it up (turns) within 600 ft. as they

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**BEN HEESACKER** loading out and cleaning up and an A-1 Logging job running this Caterpillar 324D with Cat boom and grapple that Peterson Caterpillar delivered for their use until their new Cat 325 with 63-inch Jewell grapples arrives. He's been logging full-time the past 13 years and is one of Larry Heesacker's sons. "The one (the 324D) is a size smaller," he explained, "This is a Forestry cab (OR-OSHA approved) ...comfortable, visibility is good, and plenty of lights. It's really quick and smooth." He noted that the Jewell grapple accommodates the brush rakes that are made for quick attachment for those grapples. "Four bolts and they're attached."

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move the Madill between jobs.”

### Cut-to-length systems

**H**eesacker purchased his first cut-to-length harvester in 2000, “...a Prentice self-leveler with a squirt boom and a LogMax 750,” dangle head processor, which was used. “We’ve never done the forwarder,” he said about their CTL system, instead, “...we’ve always done long logs, because they pay better.” Their approach reflects that. “We first moved with a Cat 518 swing grapple, then Cat HD4 track skidder with swing grapple. We’ll pre-bunch, if it was a clear cut. We’d CTL the first 300-ft. back from the road, and then we would tree length the remainder, and use the CTL as just a feller/buncher further back. We’d use it as one machine that could do everything. It allowed me to clear cut, and during the harder times go into thinnings. We’d always thinned during the tougher times, when the demand’s there.”

His approach was to find a niche

that would pay. “We found a middle of the road niche between the big and the little guys,” in how they operated their CTL system. “We tried to lay in there,” then explained, with his characteristic smile, “We always

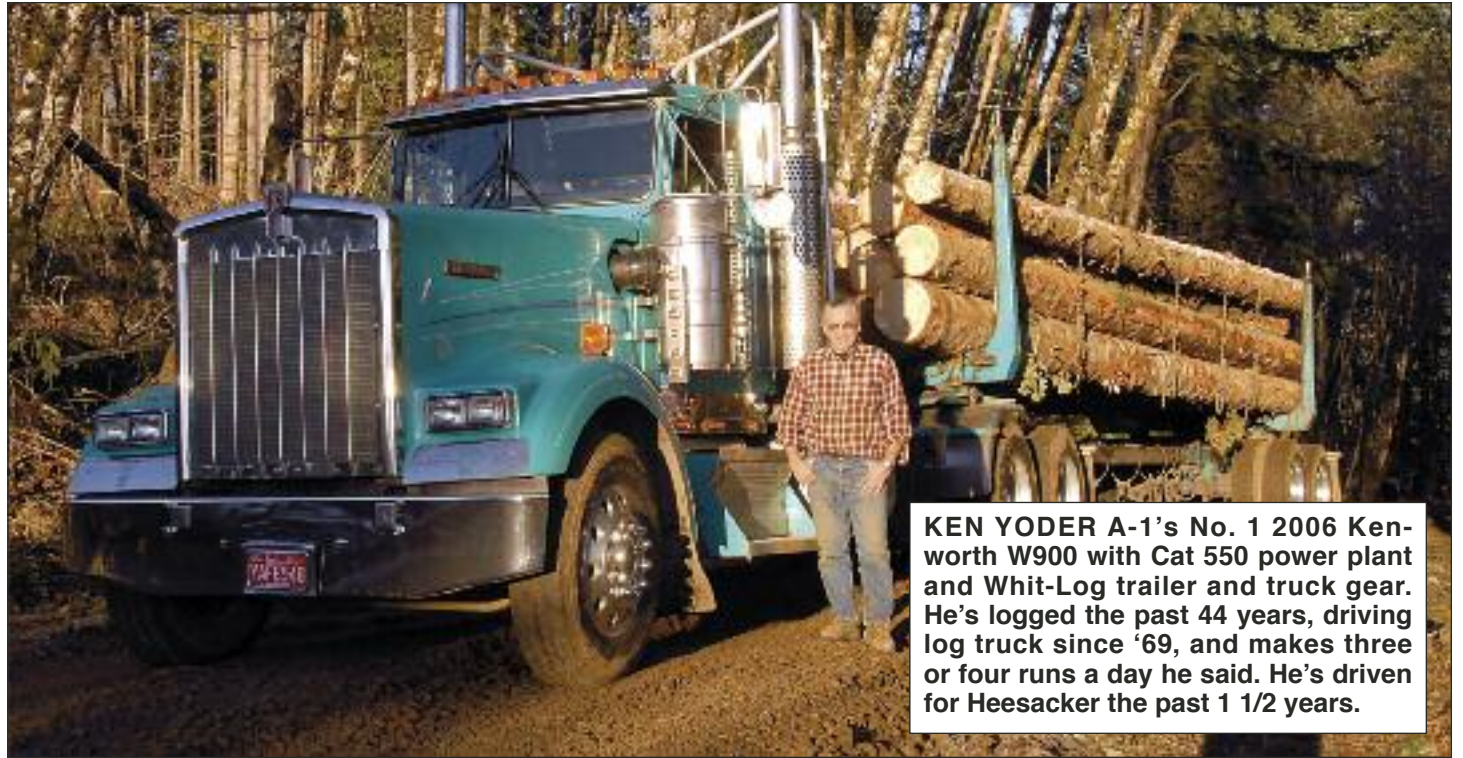
tried to be the biggest of the little guys.”

### Challenging times

**T**he crunch that began in 2007 fell on most logging companies

with ferocity. “When that ‘07 winter hit and it snowed,” Heesacker ex-

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**KEN YODER A-1's No. 1 2006 Kenworth W900 with Cat 550 power plant and Whit-Log trailer and truck gear. He's logged the past 44 years, driving log truck since '69, and makes three or four runs a day he said. He's driven for Heesacker the past 1 1/2 years.**

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**BUCK LOMMEN** was cutting the oversized and challenging ground for A-1 seen here using his Stihl MS461 with 36" Stihl lightweight bar and Oregon chain, noting, "...they're stiff for a light bar." This is the second MS461 he's had explaining, "It like it. It's a good saw." He's been a timber faller the past 13 years, and contracting on his own the past eight years. He credits Butch Walty, who he'd worked for years ago, for teaching him the trade.



**JEREMY HEESACKER** harvests on the side hill with A-1's TimberKing 722 feller buncher with a new Cat HF201 hot saw, which they've had a few months that replaced the LogMax 7000 Xtreme (now used beneath their tower). "I've been logging since I was a kid," as he is Larry Heesacker's son. "I liked it," then he added that, "...officially I've been here full time since '97." The saw pivots not quite 180 degrees either way he said, which gives him good control on the tree. "I'm pretty happy with the hot saw. It's an animal and works really good."

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plained, “we had no job for six months. Two of us (Heesacker and Mike Lutrell) went to work every day and we tried to figure out how to solve our circumstance, how to deal with the circumstances, and find a solution. He was my manager at the time, and we worked on solutions. Some days we worked on efficiencies, and plugging holes.”

Ultimately the solution was finding financing to stay the course. That allowed us to totally reorganize the company, selling some

equipment, consolidating our long term debt, selling the debts we couldn't afford, and controlling operating capital.”

Lutrell joined A-1 in 2000 as loader operator, who came in organizing the stock room on his own over the course of three days, “...proving he had organizational ability,” which ultimately grew to his being the company manager. “He created his own spot with us by going that extra mile and we noticed him, which points out that you're not in a box. Do something beyond your job description. We noticed and worked him into management.”

## Prepared for the future

**T**oday's company completed a very good 2012, with very high expectations for 2013 being even better, and Heesacker's confidence is bolstered not by the 30 pieces of primarily Cat equipment, attachments, and trucks, but by the team they've assembled from their strong mix of veterans and younger guys, to the management both on site and in the office.

Office manager Sharon Bjorn joined the firm the end of 2011. “She has a corporate bookkeeping background that brought a lot of value to our company,” Heesacker explained.

“She's a quality money manager, which helps in our decision making. The decisions now are made not just by myself alone but by Mike (Porter), Sharon's input, and sometimes my sons as well.” He then smiled and added, “I have a chair and a desk, but I don't spend much time here. My office is in the woods. I sneak off and get in equipment. The office is work, the equipment is a vacation so I try to get there as often as possible.”

Mike Porter manages the logging

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**DICK HORLYK** is a second generation logger, whose career includes owning his own outfit, working for Von's Logging “20-some years, and now I'm harassing Larry as much as I can.” He does road building as needed, describing himself as “...retired but still working.”



**LARRY AND DONNA Heesacker** were married in 1976, and have a family of four offspring, and two of their three sons working for the company.



**MIKE HICKS**, Boise Cascade Wood Products LLC, was in the vicinity and stopped by Heesacker's site. He's a second generation forester, and an Oregon State graduate, well known and active within our industry.

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sides and does a bit of everything. "He runs equipment, and oversees the crews more than I do, and has a corporate background so understands the rules, regulations, prescreens potential applicants, also involved in negotiations, safety program, quality control details, and finding work as well."

Two of Heesacker's sons work and are getting more involved in operations each year. Ben Heesacker operates their new Cat 325 shovel logger with Caterpillar boom, and 63-inch Jewell grapples. Jeremy Heesacker has been running feller bunchers the past dozen years; the current machine is a TimberKing 722bs with a Cat HS201 hot saw. "Each year they've been taking a greater interest in the business beyond machine operations," their father added.

"We're in an upswing," Heesacker said with conviction. "This looks to me like it will be the best year in 10 years. A lot of the economic indicators are looking better."

Heesacker's have 66 acres of reforested lands in addition to their home, shop, and other assets. They have four grown offspring and eleven grandkids total, from a year old to eleven. "Christmas was fun," he smiled.

He emphasized, to aspiring loggers that, "...business is tougher than you think. There are no free lunches, and there are a lot of sacrifices. One guy told me early on, if you want to be a logger, you have to

marry it," which he finished with his typical smile.

"I'm three to six months out ahead with my attitude," Heesacker said, adding, "I never live the right now. You have to be out front. The whole focus currently is on summer and next winter's work as well, out 8-9 months all the time."

"It's coming, and every time I talk to people I talk to them in an upbeat manner. We have to stick together that way," he said then added, "...even as solid as it feels now, I've had the rug pulled out from me a couple of times. So we're still optimistically cautious."



**JOE CLUM** pulling the chains for his wrappers getting ready to bind the load on the Freightliner No. 15 Siletz Logging Truck he drives, one of some 50-70 trucks under their management, Heesacker explained. Clum has driven log truck the past 15 years.



**JASON BUSCH** bought his first log truck in 2007, and he's now on his third truck, this 2012 Kenworth with a Tier Four Cummins ISX 525 HP engine, he'd purchased from Pape Kenworth, with Whit-Log Equipment.



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by Mike Crouse

“Turning the corner...” was the theme of this year’s Associated Oregon Loggers Annual Meeting, and it was apparent from the conversations amongst the members that the vast majority, who experienced a pretty strong showing in 2012, are not only working, but actually are scheduled well ahead. They’re coming out the end of the long tunnel at last, can see daylight, and are finding their services in demand.

The meetings were held at Eugene’s Valley River Inn, and the attendance was stronger than it’s been the past several years. While the annual meeting’s official start was Friday, the previous day presented too additional meeting both well worthwhile: the Council of Forest Engineer’s (COFE) Northwest Region annual seminar and later in the afternoon a seminar on the Oregon Forest Practices, all of which have credits that apply for logger’s continuing education credits for Professional Loggers ongoing certification.

All of this contributed to the strong turnout, of some 250 loggers, and others in attendance.

President Bruce Zuber presided over opening ceremonies gaveling the meeting to order, noting “...seriously, I believe things are starting to shape up for 2013 and hope it’s the beginning to the road to recovery. I’m optimistic on our future.” He added, “...there are challenges we need to address,” then continued,



**GRAHAM SLATER** from the Oregon Employment Department speaking on persistent unemployment numbers in Oregon and the importance of those- looking for work matching the businesses actual needs.

“...we’re going to discuss the political landscape. It is what it is and we’ll deal with it.”

The scheduled keynote speaker, Rich Lowry, Editor of The National Review, was not able to attend (personal emergency) sending instead Kevin Williamson in his place, and while a bit dour in his outlook, he was living proof that not all journalists (especially those from the east coast) drink from the same Kool-Aid glass. He then gave a short review of what he described as “the dependency agenda” and “what is and what’s not happening in the nation’s capital”

“Thinking what the election

means,” Williamson explained, “...think about the Obama Administration’s relationship to the environmental industry. The good news is you’re not at the top of the environmental hit list; you’re about third. It used to be coal, but right now top of the list is natural gas,” and the hysteria over “fracking,” a long used practice to release supplies from the Earth. “It’s amazing, the hysteria over fracking, which has gone on the past 100 years,” but presently that’s finding a lot of attention.

Similarly he noted there are two environmental movements. The main one is concentrated primarily on the conservation ideals of Teddy

Roosevelt, national parks, open spaces, and people who are campers, hikers, and “tread lightly,” orientation. The other movement, “...has little to do with the environment: its political ideology. They have little to do with former (enviro group’s) views. You won’t find them hunting, fishing. Their natural environment is Starbucks, miles from the nearest tree.”

### The Lorax effect

Similarly he noted “...we live in a juvenile culture where people

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 don't realize where things come from." He then added, "...we have a generation of people who've only been in a classroom or in an office. To explain to them there are natural trade-offs, they just can't appreciate it. They can't understand why you make these tradeoffs," and he concluded, "...it really shapes the environmental debate."

As an example, he pointed to electric cars. "Try to explain an electric car is a coal car: that's what gener-



**KEVIN WILLIAMSON**, writer for the *National Review* was the keynote speaker at the recently completed AOL Annual Meeting.

ates electricity! They think electricity comes from a plug in the wall. That's the power of the Lorax there! It shapes the culture in huge important ways."

He noted a changing paradigm that's helped shape the election as well. "Business groups, and conser-



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vatives in general spend money on commercials to change minds, but in these juvenile times money's better spent getting people to the polls. If the turnout for Romney had been what was expected, he'd have won the election. He lost the election because he didn't get his people to the polls!" His advice: "If you're going to spend money build up a get out the vote operations. It's hard to change people's minds. They don't respond to facts, reasons, logic. They respond to the Lorax."

Williamson noted the record fines issued by the beloved EPA, and their zealously of the past several years. "The Obama Administration has some sympathies with the enviros at least. We also know this White House is petty and vindictive."

A large share of the policy problem Williamson explained, is "...not just the president, but half of the congress thinks you're not just the problem but at best a part of the past. This is old business, they think it's primitive, a throwback to less

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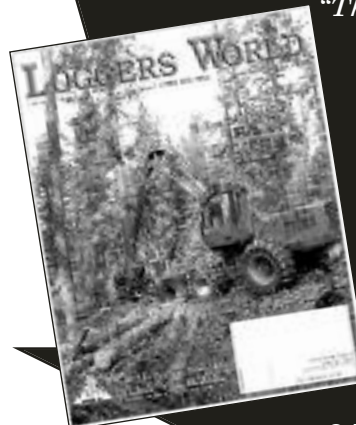
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**CONGRESSMAN KURT SCHRADER (OR-D)** from Oregon's 5th Congressional District outlined some of the issues facing the country in this congressional session. He noted that our current fiscal issues not having a clear black and white solution. "It's about choices," Schrader said. "There is no nirvana."

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enlightened times."

He noted that in an unusual sort of way, our countries continued slip towards bankruptcy has some good news in that, "... the ore fiscal pressure DC's under, the less time they have to interfere with things (in general)." And that the better place to have an impact is at the state level.

In the short term Williamson advised caution. "The Obama Administration will do something to make your life miserable."

In the long term he reminded us that, "We're still the most productive economy in the world so far. As long as no one messes up the shale boom, we'll be the largest exporter of petroleum in the world. When you're the largest exporter you don't care about the Saudi Arabia's of the world."

He finished in typical journalistic fashion noting, "...there's no reason we can't do well. In the future government will be less in our business because it will be broke."

**Other programs**

**G**raham Slater, with the Oregon Employment Department outlined some of the structural changes in the economy that have resulted in long term unemployment. "The reason businesses aren't



**DR. JOHN DIPAOLO** noted how injured workers (patients) are treated makes a tangible difference in their recovery and return to work.

hiring," said Slater, "is uncertainty overall."

"Connecting training (and preparation) to the work force needs is not all about degrees," he said noting you have to machine the busi-

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**MICHAEL ANTHONY's** Saturday morning motivation session emphasized a "total mental makeover," revolving around one's attitude and expectations, demonstrated by him and three members from the audience lifting this man with just fingers, added to "belief, tenacity, and the expectation" it could be accomplished.

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ness needs with those who have the right skills and attitude.

The change in executive leadership of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) brought long time head Rick Cantrell to review the changes and success of SFI, and introduce their new Executive Director Gregor MacIntosh.

Congressman Kurt Schrader (OR-D) was a refreshing breath of fresh air conveying a grasp of some sanity from the Democrat chamber in DC. He spoke about the ongoing issue on O&C Lands and changing policies how to approach that, and the financial mess in the nations capital. On the spending and taxing question he emphasized, "...it's all about choices. There is no nirvana."

"I'm optimistic, not pessimistic," Schrader explained.

The annual AOL membership meeting followed that afternoon, with a strong turnout, and some lively discussion.

There was a special presentation on AOL's "Job Costing Project" that brings together a format for considering all your costs when bidding a logging job. The project is ready for presentation in the near future, with classes available that will include the costing handbook, the log cost program, and the training session itself. It promises to be very

worthwhile for our industry.

Saturday started with motivational Michael Anthony, on "The Total Mental Makeover,"

Demonstrating throughout that one's attitude sets the course in your approach to life.

Physician, Dr. John DiPaola, outlined the big difference in outcomes for injured workers when the physician works positively with the injured worker. "Communication is critical," he noted and his "efficiency based management" support program has a record of helping workers return to work faster and with far more positive attitudes.

What corporate structures fits your company best brought attorney's John Hickey and Brad Erickson to explain the options. The issue surfaced over a case in which an LLC whose individuals were determined to have personal liability in the injury of one of their workers, putting other LLC's members in potential jeopardy. They outlined some options and ways to restructure one's company.

The final presentation was on the latest logging technologies, which closed out the session. Presentations were made by Madill, Koller, John Deere, and Ponsse.

Overall the AOL again delivered on a great group of programs that have been the hallmark of their annual meeting.



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CLIPS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

## US Forest Service announces Rural Schools Funding Details

In January, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that over \$323 million will be paid to 41 states and Puerto Rico in two distributions to support local schools and roads as part of the Congressional one-year reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

"These payments are part of the Department of Agriculture's long-standing commitment to rural communities, schools and American youth," said Vilsack. "Our century-long support of America's public schools and roads is one of many ways in which the Forest Service, as a good neighbor and partner, contributes to rural communities becoming self-sustaining and prosperous." - *USFS press release*

## Greenpeace withdraws from Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement

On December 6, Greenpeace announced that it was withdrawing from the Canadian

Boreal Forest Agreement, a com-

pact calling for collaborative management of 76 million hectares of Canadian public forest for a combination of benefits, with the emphasis on conserving caribou habitat. Signed by 9 green groups and 21 forest products companies in May 2010, the Agreement divided the 76 million-hectare expanse into three designations, with stipulations on the degree of management intensity allowable within each zone. Greenpeace's announcement alleged that it had detected evidence of road building in areas in Quebec province it claims had been designated as being withdrawn from management, under the terms of the Agreement, and that otherwise, throughout the lands covered by the Agreement, signatories had met only one quarter of the "milestones" agreed upon.

Resolute Forest Products, the signatory which seems to be Greenpeace's main target, neither disputes nor affirms the specific allegations in Greenpeace's statement but points toward the extensive commitment it has made toward achieving the Agreement's sustainability benchmarks, noting progress made "in protecting the environmental,

social, cultural and economic values that make the boreal so important to the world and the forest products industry." For Resolute, "It is our sincere hope that this development"-Greenpeace's withdrawal-"does not prevent the agreement from achieving its full potential."

The Canadian Globe and Mail provides a fairly balanced account.

- *FRA Bulletin*

## Green Schools: long on promise, short on delivery

LEED-certified schools currently account for 45 percent of new school construction, adding 2 percent to 10 percent to construction costs, yet do not always realize significant energy savings, according to a USA Today special report. For example, two Houston elementary schools built to green standards in 2007 received poor rankings on a recent energy consumption report. The U.S. Green Building Council, supported by teachers unions, school designers, environmental and health advocates, and the Department of Education, says LEED-certified schools will provide long-term cost savings and better student performance. One report of Washington schools found that 65 percent of 12 green schools were more energy-efficient than conventional schools, although in one case a LEED school consumed 19 percent more energy than a conventional school. A review of test records did not show a correlation between green schools and student performance. Many states have required school buildings to follow green building practices for years, such as using low-VOC materials and installing efficient heating and cooling systems. Although USGBC created a rating system for schools that focus on creating a healthy indoor environment conducive to learning, districts must balance the additional cost of the re-

quirements with the possible benefits. California's Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) developed its own rating system with an emphasis on the indoor environment of schools rather than the outdoor environment that is used in a dozen states. Several states now mandate green construction for schools. New York City has the most rigorous mandatory standards, which combines features from both LEED and CHPS. - *USA Today*

## SFI marks Milestones

At the close of 2012, Sustainable Forestry Initiative President Kathy Abusow summed up some significant signs that SFI is expanding and gaining credibility as a guarantor of sustainable forest management, pointing out:

\* 200 million acres of land are now certified to the SFI forest management standard, "roughly the size of California and Newfoundland/Labrador combined" or to choose a different comparison-exceeding the total acreage managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

\* During 2012, SFI received 6,000 requests from companies, agencies, and conservation groups to use the SFI on-product label. Abusow notes that six years ago, SFI was receiving fewer than a dozen such requests annually.

\* SFI marked the third year of its SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships grant program, having grown from a modest beginning to a total cumulative investment of \$4.8 million in relevant conservation research projects.

Also noted is that the number of U.S. Congressmen and Governors supporting the LEED green building standard's acceptance of the SFI standard has grown to 105.

- *AF&PA Bulletin*

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By the time that this editorial goes to press in February, a delegation of the American Loggers Council will have already made its way to Washington, DC to measure the mood of the members of the new Congress, or in better words, their willingness to try and accomplish things that will help to return this great nation to sound fiscal policy and to become a nation that leads in job creation and prosperity.



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There is a lot of unfinished business, including the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the NPDES permitting requirement for logging roads, and designing a road map that will lead us to energy independence, including the use of woody biomass as a renewable energy resource.

There is still a lot of work needed to improve the offerings from the federal timber sale program that would benefit the logging industry and timber dependent communities. There is not much reason to offer a biomass component in a timber sale if those markets do not exist, and even less need to tally firewood removals as a part of a viable timber sale program.

Regulatory uncertainty is still a major concern for our industry, and the administration has yet to release any indicators as to how many new regulations might be promulgated during the upcoming year, but you can be assured that we will be working closely with other organizations, federal agencies, legislators and their committees to ensure that the voice of the professional timber harvesters are once again heard and that our unique perspective on our industry is understood by all.

If you have yet to join up with your state and/or regional logging association, there is no better time than now to become active. There is a lot of concern over the decline in logging capacity as we begin to see an uptick in housing markets, but access to credit and a sustainable workforce need to be addressed, as do the need for long term contracts to help stabilize businesses.

We are beginning to see a swing in the mindset of many of those en-

titles that need the goods and services that we provide, and by being active in your association can help you stay better informed of the changes and opportunities that may be coming your way.

The American Loggers Council will continue to be the voice in 2013 for professional timber har-

vesters across the country, and your commitment and actions for this industry will help us to attain the level of recognition that you so justly deserve. Please visit our web site at [www.americanloggers.org](http://www.americanloggers.org) to find out more about what this organization is doing to serve you and our

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### Where the conversation should be

“One obvious theme to strike is that people didn’t vote for, and don’t support, higher taxes and bigger government. But conservative statesmen have to get better. Calvin Coolidge once said that great statesmen are “ambassadors of providence, sent to reveal to us our unknown selves.” What that means is that great statesmen are not going to be around very often. I’d say that the standard of conservative statesmanship today is improving, but too few prominent conservatives are skillful at explaining the problem of the modern bureaucratic state. This form of government proceeds by rules, and rules upon rules, and compliance with those rules becomes a key activity of the entire nation. That results in bureaucracy, and in the inefficiencies of bureaucracy. Constitutional government, on the other hand, proceeds by clearly stated laws.

“Not grasping this is an important failure of conservative statesmen today. During the first presidential debate I stood up and slapped my leg, and my wife said to sit down and be quiet, when Mitt Romney said that business and prosperity require regulation. What he should have said instead was that of course we require

laws in order to be productive and to live safely, but that laws are different than regulations. Laws are passed by elected (and thus accountable) representatives, they cover everybody equally, and we can all participate in their enforcement because they are easy to understand. Not one of those three things is true of the regulations imposed by independent boards such as those established under Obamacare and Dodd-Frank. Romney was not able to make that distinction, and yet that distinction is at the heart of the choice Americans must make about how they will be governed.”

- Larry P. Arnn, President  
Hillsdale College

### U.S. at No. 16 on Best-Place-to-Born List

A new listing of the best countries to be born in next year places the United States at only No. 16.

One reason cited for the lower-than-expected listing: the federal debt.

The list was compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a sister company of The Economist, and “attempts to measure which country will provide the best opportunities for a healthy, safe and prosperous life in the years ahead.”

Among the factors considered are wealth, crime, trust in public institutions, demographics, health, geography, and economic forecasts to the year 2030, when children born in

2013 will reach adulthood.

Switzerland ranks at the top of the list, followed by Australia, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

Rounding out the top 10 in the list of 80 places are Singapore, New Zealand, Netherlands, Canada, and Hong Kong.

“America, where babies will inherit the large debt of the boomer generation, languishes back in 16th place,” The Economist notes.

Germany is tied with the U.S. at No. 16, ahead of Japan (No. 25), France (26), and Britain (27).

At the bottom of the list is Nigeria at No. 80.

The lowest Western Hemisphere country is Ecuador at No. 65, and the lowest European nation is Ukraine at No. 78.

China comes in at No. 49, while Taiwan is No. 14. Russia is down the list at No. 72, just behind Indonesia.

### Forest Health Assessment

A significant report has been released titled “National Forest Health Restoration: An Economic Assessment of Forest Restoration on Oregon’s East Side National Forests.” The report prepared for Governor John Kitzhaber and Oregon’s legislative leaders was funded by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Sustainable Northwest, Association of Oregon Counties, and the Oregon Business Council.

This assessment looks at the question posed by Governor Kitzhaber and other legislative leaders “If

Oregon doubled the average number of acres treated on its east side National Forests annually to benefit and restore forest ecosystem health on Oregon’s dry-side national forestlands, then what would that cost and what would be the benefit?” The report showed that every \$1 million spent on forest management treatments will generate \$5.7 million in economic returns, and equally important, the forests will become healthier.

The study area focused on all National Forests east of the Cascade Crest (excluding eastern portions of the Mt. Hood and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forests). While this report looks only at eastern Oregon Forests, it could be easily argued that all interior forests throughout the western United States would have similar dynamics.

The main take away from this study is that forest health restoration activities have the potential to save millions of dollars in state and federal funds by creating jobs and by avoiding costs associated with fire suppression, social service program and unemployment benefits.

The report should be mandatory reading for anyone interested in our interior forests, our rural communi-

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ties and our decimated forest products industry that is trying to hang on and survive. - *AFRC News*

**Malheur 10-Year Stewardship Contract**

The Malheur National Forest held three public meetings, two in John Day, Oregon on January 11 and one in Burns, Oregon on January 17 seeking public comment on their proposed 10-year stewardship contract. The timber action plan on the forest is to offer 55 mmbf in FY13 and FY14 and ramping up to about

75 mmbf in FY15 and beyond. The percentage of volume to be included in the 10-year stewardship project on an annual basis will be between 20 and 80 percent of the annual volume offered from the forest with the actual percentage of volume yet to be determined. The timber sales included in the 10-year contract will be located forest wide and the contract will be awarded to one successful bidder for the entire 10-year term of the project. The forest is seeking public input on:

- What percent of the annual program volume should be in the contract?
- What is the definition of "local" for best value criteria?

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Information and comment forms can be obtained at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/home/?cid=STELPRDB5403809> or by contacting Pattie

Hammett, Public Information Officer, at 541-575-3000. - *AFRC News*

**Shasta Trinity Defends Projects**

For some environmental groups the Shasta Trinity National Forest apparently can't do anything right.

Every NEPA document signed by the forest is challenged and almost every decision made for the last several years has been appealed and/or

litigated.

Conservation Congress has filed litigation on four projects recently. Two of these projects received no bids, while the other two were awarded and contain a total of 63.9 mmbf. The latest projects to be challenged are the Algoma Project and the Porcupine Project. The Algoma Project is being litigated by Conservation Congress and the Porcupine Project (23.1 mmbf) has been appealed by Conservation Congress, KSWILD, and EPIC.

All of the projects that have been

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challenged on the Shasta Trinity are commercial thinning projects designed to reduce dense stocking levels. These sales were well designed with the intent of protecting communities, reducing the risk of insect and disease outbreaks, maintaining forest health, ecosystem restoration, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. All of the projects propose responsible forest management in order to meet all the stated objectives. It is becoming apparent these groups have no desire to implement responsible and necessary land management activities on the Shasta Trinity, which includes the need to control stocking levels, especially in the eastside pine type. They state they want responsible management as long as the projects only remove small trees. What they don't understand is removing only small trees does nothing to protect long term sustainability of the national forest land base. Their goal to stop necessary projects will ultimately end up destroying the very forests they think they are protecting.

- *FRA Bulletin*

## EPA reissues Boiler MACT Rule

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released the much-awaited "new" final version of its Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology ("Boiler MACT") rule, governing emissions from industrial boilers, including those used in pulp and paper manufacturing, as well as certain other forest products processing.

A preliminary evaluation of the new rule indicates that, although concerns remain, the Agency has made several improvements in response to points the forest industry had raised during the comment period and in subsequent contacts:

- \* treatment of emissions produced by biomass-based fuels generated as byproducts,

- \* the rule's stipulated compliance deadlines, and

- \* unachievable emissions targets in a few categories.

The complexity of the rule and difficulty of building a defensible cost/benefit analysis of its provisions has delayed the American Forest & Paper Association's releasing a final evaluation of it, although AF&PA

has praised EPA's "time and energy" in addressing the points brought before the Agency and acknowledged that the new "final" rule reduces compliance costs substantially from those of its predecessor.

Apart from whether an in-depth review of the rule reveals unacceptable exposures, AF&PA and other industry sectors may make decisions about possible further litigation or legislative responses in view of actions Earthjustice and other so-called public interest groups may take. Earthjustice has indicated dissatisfaction with the rule and has threatened to sue EPA over it.

- *FRA Bulletin*

## Polar Bear Critical Habitat thrown out

On January 11, Alaska District Court Judge Ralph Beistline issued an Order granting Summary

Judgment in Alaska Oil and Gas Association and American Petroleum Institute v. Salazar, in which the plaintiffs challenged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) designation of 187,157 square miles as polar bear critical habitat.

The Court found that the FWS failed to show that the areas design-

nated contained "physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species," as required by the ESA, and failed to properly respond to input from the State of Alaska.

In his conclusion, Judge Beistline noted "There is no question that the purpose behind the Service's designation is admirable, for it is important to protect the polar bear, but such protection must be done correctly. In its current form, the critical habitat designation presents a disconnect between the twin goals of protecting a cherished resource and allowing for growth and much needed economic development. The current designation went too far and was too extensive."

The ruling vacates the critical habitat designation and sends it back to the FWS, which can revise and reissue, if they choose. The plaintiffs may appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

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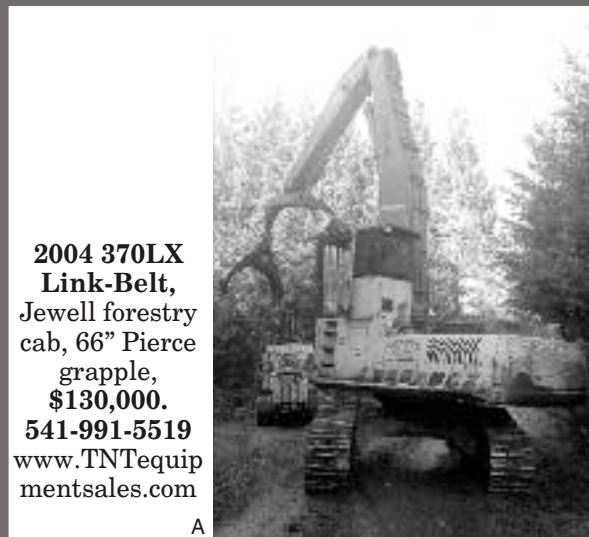
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