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(This column originally appeared in the April 1974 edition of *Loggers World*.)

Seventy four is slipping away like greased time. By the time I remember to put 1974 at the tops of the letters a third of the year is history.

Have some great personal plans for this year. We are changing our operations so that my wife and I can be gone from the office for greater and greater periods of time, and do more work and more writing and visit more logging operations.

We have our travel trailer. We are getting a newer and better pick-up truck. The plan is to be able to spend more time where logging is happening and less and less time chained to the desk at headquarters.

Our planned way of working will be to locate for a couple of weeks in a particular logging area.

Each night I send in the exposed film to John Fuqua for development. He will also print a contact sheet at that time. Then he will return the contact sheet so that I can choose the possible pictures we will use and write the information that goes with the picture. This information we call "picture captions".

Each night also I will bring my notes up to date and put this information on cassette tape. Each day that I am out in the woods shooting pictures my wife will be taking the words off the tape and putting them onto paper. This will be the article on that particular logging company or whatever. This will be sent back to the office and Jean Curtis will set it in type and have it for the paper.

So we are in the field taking pictures and doing the writing. Our good people are back at headquarters processing film, setting type, laying up the next paper and taking it to the printer at the proper time.

One of the big ideas behind this way of accomplishing the work is to save the use of gasoline.

Our mail will be forwarded to us periodically so it can be answered when on the trips.

Due to the gas shortage, we intend to spend much of our time in Canada getting acquainted, and thus acquainting you, with more Canadian loggers and logging. Understand they have no gas shortage.

The only danger about this new and slicker arrangement is that our people will likely find out that I wasn't doing much around here.

This day

Didn'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.

Another good by-product is that more people will be involved with the creation and appearance of *Loggers World*. I will have more time for pictures and words and less time spent on what I laughingly call "administrative duties".

The key to this, as in most of my activities, is that my girlfriend Jean will be there to do the work.

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 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 because there was no one, no one at all, available for

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FINLEY HAYS

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FRONT COVER PHOTO: ERIC FREEMAN thinning a stand with Dave Williams Logging's 2005 Timbco 445 EXL with LogMax 7000 dangle head processor. Williams has two Timbcos and a Valmet processors with three LogMax 7000s dangle heads, and a Valmet 860 forwarder used in their thinning shows, as well as shovels, for shovel logging, and a yoder for odd corners, in addition to six trucks.

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Summary Judgment....

It's still Obama's Department of the Interior

by William Perry Pendley

In the 1970 western, Monte Walsh, Lee Marvin plays the title character, a tough cowhand who ekes out a living in the last days of the old west hiring out for anything he can do from a horse. Barbed wire and railroads, however, close up the wide open prairie Walsh loves and condemn cowboys like him to obsolescence. After his partner (Jack Palance) and paramour (Jeanne Moreau) die tragically,

Walsh goes on a drinking binge and rides an unbroken steed, destroying main street in the process. The owner of a wild west show watches in amazement and offers Walsh fame and, if not fortune, at least steady pay to wear fancy buckskins and perform for city folks. Walsh refuses with a snarl. "I ain't gonna spit on my whole life."

Monte Walsh comes to mind

with President Obama's nomination of Sally Jewell, president and chief executive officer of Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), to replace Ken Salazar as Secretary of the Interior. The media mentions often that the English-born and Seattle-raised Jewell is a mechanical engineer whose first post graduate job was with Mobil Oil in Oklahoma. After three years, Jewell hired on with a bank interested in the oil boom that needed engineers "to understand the value of the collateral in the ground." That bank was acquired by another; Jewell ran its business-banking activities. In her last role in a 20-year banking career, she led Washington Mutual's commercial-banking business. In 1996, she joined REI's board, in 2000 became its chief operating officer and, in 2005, its CEO. Neither Jewell's engineering degree nor her long ago and limited years in the oil patch define her as

Monte Walsh's cowboying defined him.

That Jewell contributes almost exclusively to Democratic candidates is irrelevant; a president's nominee should support his party's views. Of concern, however, is REI's funding of the Conservation Alliance whose grantees brag of killing energy development in Arizona, Colorado, and Utah, for example. Also worrisome is Jewell's receipt of the Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Award for Environmental Conservation, unlikely had she, as an engineer, noted Carson's sloppy science, obvious overstatements, and dubious documentation, not to mention the human impact of Silent Spring's inspired DDT ban. Finally, despite the December 2009 collapse of the house of cards that was the purported scientific basis for climate change doomsayers, REI pushes a "climate change" regulatory agenda and Obama, who called her a "climate expert," would not have nominated her were she a climate change skeptic, let alone a "denier."

The bottom line is Secretary Jewell serves Obama whose views on oil and gas are well-known, especially since a Wall Street Journal report on his meeting with oilman Harold Hamm. Obama cut short Hamm's briefing on the revolution in the oil and gas industry, which would enable America to replace OPEC, "[W]e need to go on to green and alternative energy." Even had Jewell the inclination, let alone knowledge not three decades old, what luck will she have persuading Obama?

Obama brags about the revolution Hamm sought to discuss; however, the majority of hydraulic fracturing occurs on State and private lands (96 percent of the growth in oil production from 2007 to 2010 was on such lands), not federal lands, notwithstanding that the federal government owns a third of the Nation's onshore acreage. Worse yet, Obama's Interior wants to require federal approval of fracturing-the activity has been regulated by States for nearly 60 years-at a cost of \$1.6 billion annually. Meanwhile, Obama's Fish and Wildlife Service cites oil and gas operators for the occasional and accidental bird death while ignoring wind energy's regular avian slaughter. Finally, most of the billion acres the federal government owns on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is closed to energy development.

The frequency with which Jewell's oil patch days are mentioned demonstrates an eternal hope that is uniquely American, but at Obama's Interior, there will be no change.



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"IMPROVING..."



DAVE WILLIAMS (left) with his oldest son, and crew member **Sean Green**, in front of their 20-ton capacity 2006 Valmet 860 forwarder with CRF 10 squirt boom. Williams started the company in 1973 as a ground skidding show, then tower logged a number of years before starting thinning in the early 90s. Green joined the company seven years ago and typically runs both forwarder and loader.

BUT STILL RISKY OUT THERE"



by Mike Crouse

Over the span of his 41 years in business, Dave Williams has run the gamut of logging shows, from skidding, to towers, clear cuts, thinning, cut-to-length systems and trucking as well. He's changed systems with changing times, and willing to take a new opportunity, research it, and commit when the situation is right. First and foremost, he's a professional explaining "I've had enough practice, and I don't do this for a hobby." He and his crew takes great pride in doing their job

right. "We give the thinnings a lot of attention to give the customer what they want."

Williams explained that his background in logging goes back to, "...my grandfather was a gypo logger out of Tillamook, Oregon." William's father graduated from Washington State in Forestry, and worked in that capacity all of his life, also serving as a friend and advisor until he

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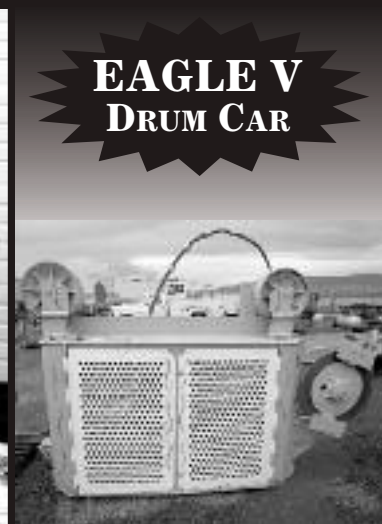
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Dave Williams

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died in July of 2012.

There was little doubt of Dave Williams interest in logging, although the fall after graduating from Hoquiam High School in '67 he enrolled at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon for one year then served in the Marine Corp. for two years, returning to Washington state. Then he went to work for Elmore Boom Company in Port Angeles, working on a boom on the river, rafting logs, breaking bundles, and sorting out there on the water. He returned to Hoquiam, and working on land, "...working on the rigging and a chokerman for \$3.86 an hour," in 1971 and launching his career, learning by doing."

Dave Williams Logging

When in 1973 Williams decided to start his own company he passed the idea by his father, whose only question was, "...are you sure that's what you want to do?"

Williams answer was launching Dave Williams Logging, "...Cat logging at the time," with a D7E Caterpillar and a model 4L Northwest heel boom line machine, gradually making his mark and growing as the opportunity presented itself.

He was prudent buying equipment always conscious of his debt levels and paying attention to his father's counsel. "My dad always said, '... if you cannot afford it don't buy it. If you need it, save for it.'" It was a habit fostered in his youth, which carried forward to his business practice. "I'd give up a lot of things being in debt, and I'd work extra hours and extra days, six day a week, Saturday by myself then," all aimed at getting out of debt quickly. "I'm careful with money and careful with our debt. We keep close track of it and I work a lot of hours on my own to get ahead." It's a habit that's served him well both in good and bad times, in each of the business cycles he's been a part of in his now

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THE LogMax 7000 is a staple of Dave Williams Logging. Williams bought the first LogMax 750 dangle head processor in 2000, pairing it with their first Timbco T-445D processor. In 2005 the upgraded, buying the first LogMax 7000 for the 445D, and second 7000 with a new Valmet Timbco 445XL, then a third 7000 for the third 445EXL purchased in '09. "Having all three heads the same is pretty good for having spare parts on hand: it cuts our parts inventory down by a third," Williams said.

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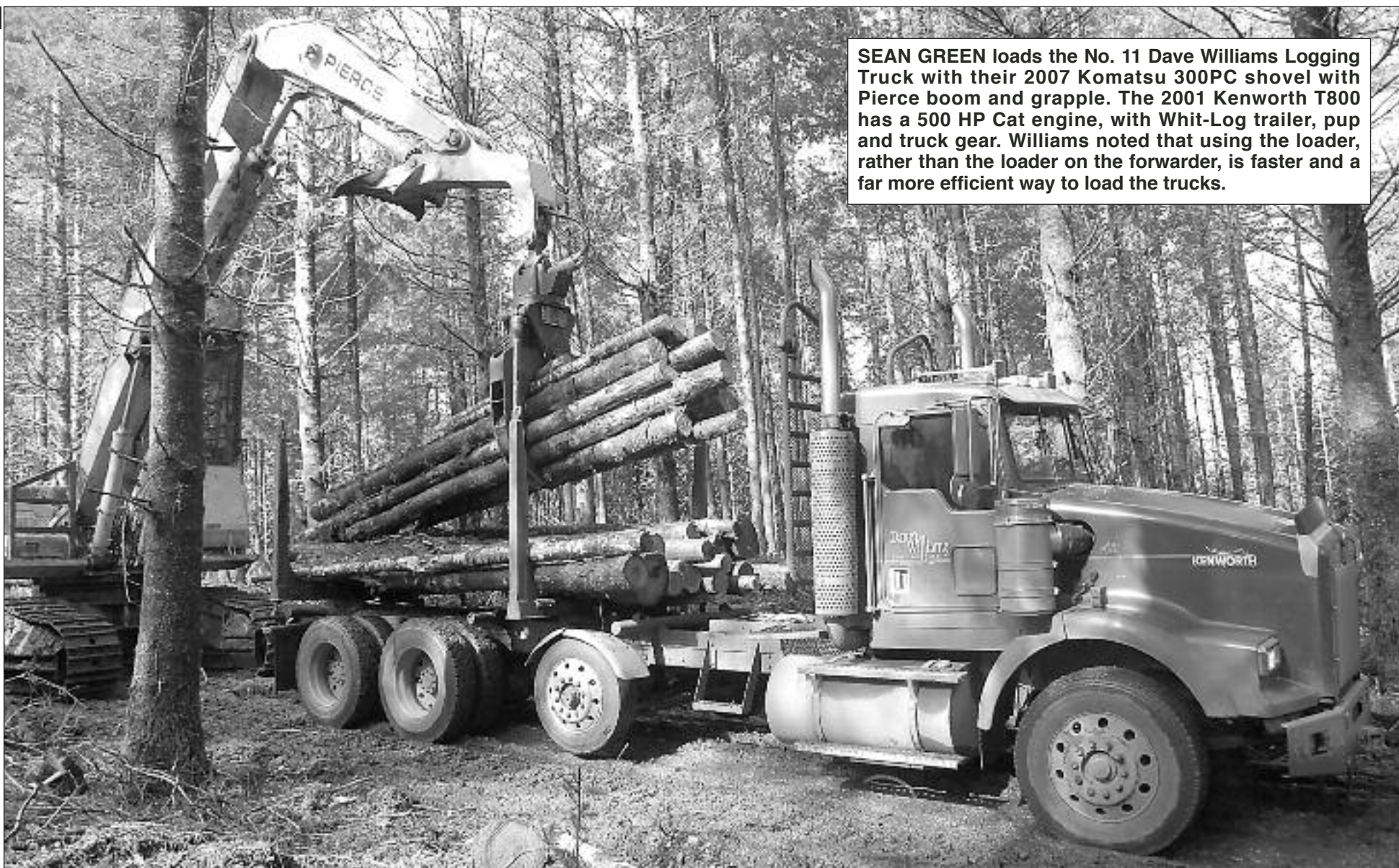
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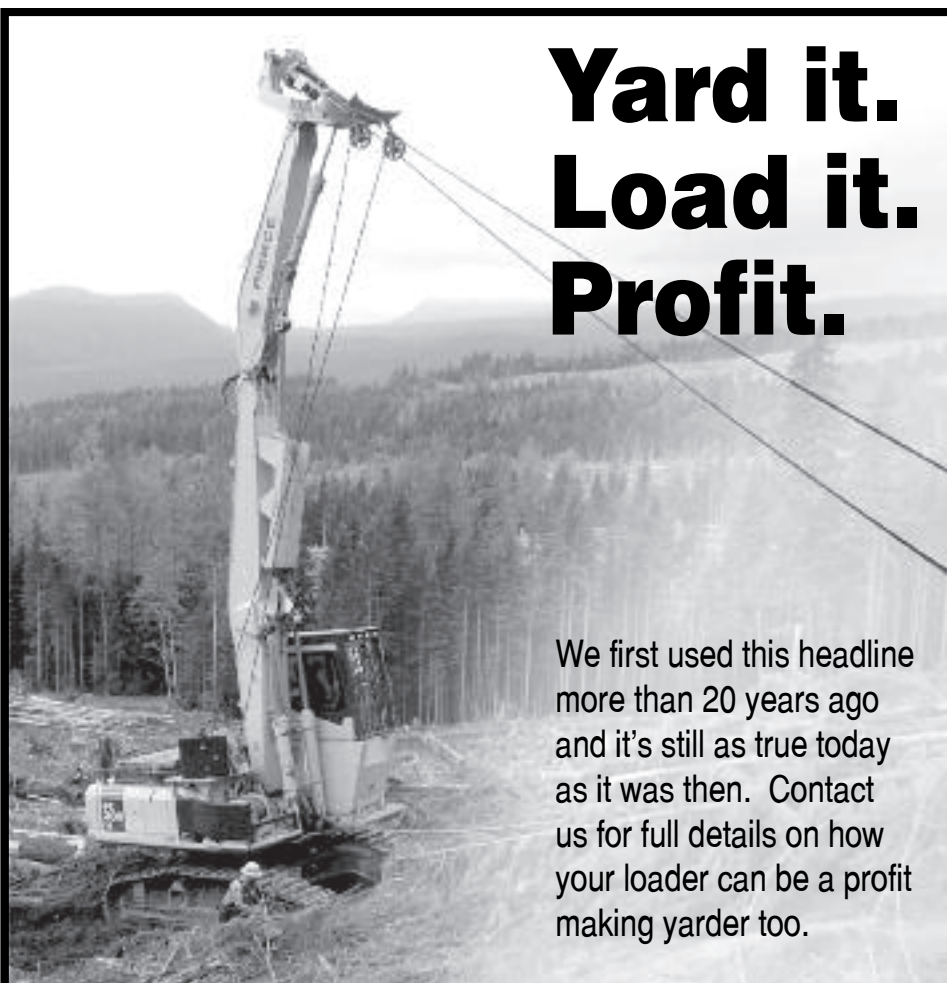
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DAVE WILLIAMS at the controls of his 2009 Valmet 445 EXL with Log-Max 7000 dangle head processor. Williams explained, "...we have two different computers: the other two machines have the 400 computer, this one has the 402, which is a difference in how many wires go from the cab to the head. This has six wires where the other ones are 23-24 wires," a big improvement in reducing the number of wires that might short out, and being able to troubleshoot should problems arise.



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drum, adding to their versatility, and at one time had four tower sides running. In addition he had an assortment of loaders, both to support the tower sides and for shovel logging.

Around 1978 he'd seen some advertising on Pullmaster drums that

sparked his interest, especially after he'd seen a logger down in Eugene who'd installed those drums on a Caterpillar 235 shovel logging with it, "...and I really liked it," which convinced him to add a "yoder" to his operation as well. "I thought it would be dandy for corners, and we

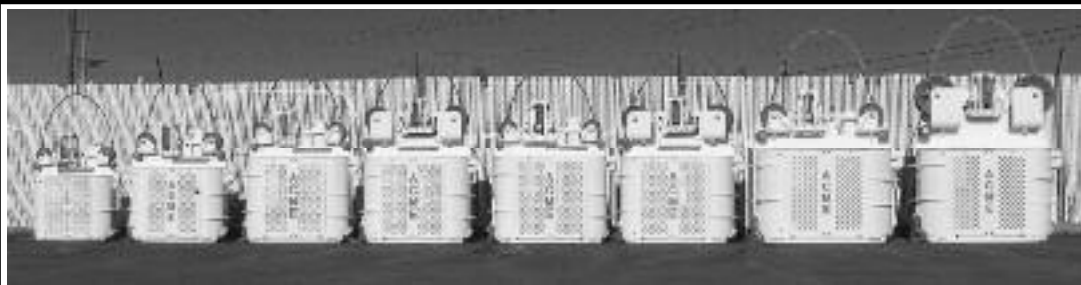
did a lot of cable thinning with it as well." Williams bought a Christie mechanical carriage at the same time, that gave him a drop line as too, and the system performed very well. "Quick set up and quick

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ERIC FREEMAN thinning and processing a patch of alder with Williams' '05 Timbco 445EXL and LogMax 7000 dangle head processor, which has 12,000 hours on it. "This will do 25-inches," Freeman said of the 7000, "but you can cut bigger ones." Freeman started logging right out of high school working for Williams seven years at first, then returning to the company having now been working with him a total of 15 years.



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moves," he explained, and they've had a yoder since that point in time.

He purchased his first log truck in 1984, and has purchased and sold several in the ensuing years depending on their needs at the time. At one point they had 13 log trucks, although at present they have six used both for his own hauls in addition to contract hauling for others. "We've done a lot of hauling for a lot of different people," Williams smiled

The '89 crunch

Logging in the west took a dramatic turn in 1989 with the release of the Northern Spotted Owl report, which essentially brought logging on public lands to a standstill. "The timber supply had come to a stop," Williams said. Some two weeks prior to the reports release Williams "...sold a ton of equipment... and I did get enough to pay just about everybody off," he recalled.

Dramatically pared down, Williams said, "I was still doing shovel logging," and continued

working on private timber sales for the next several years."

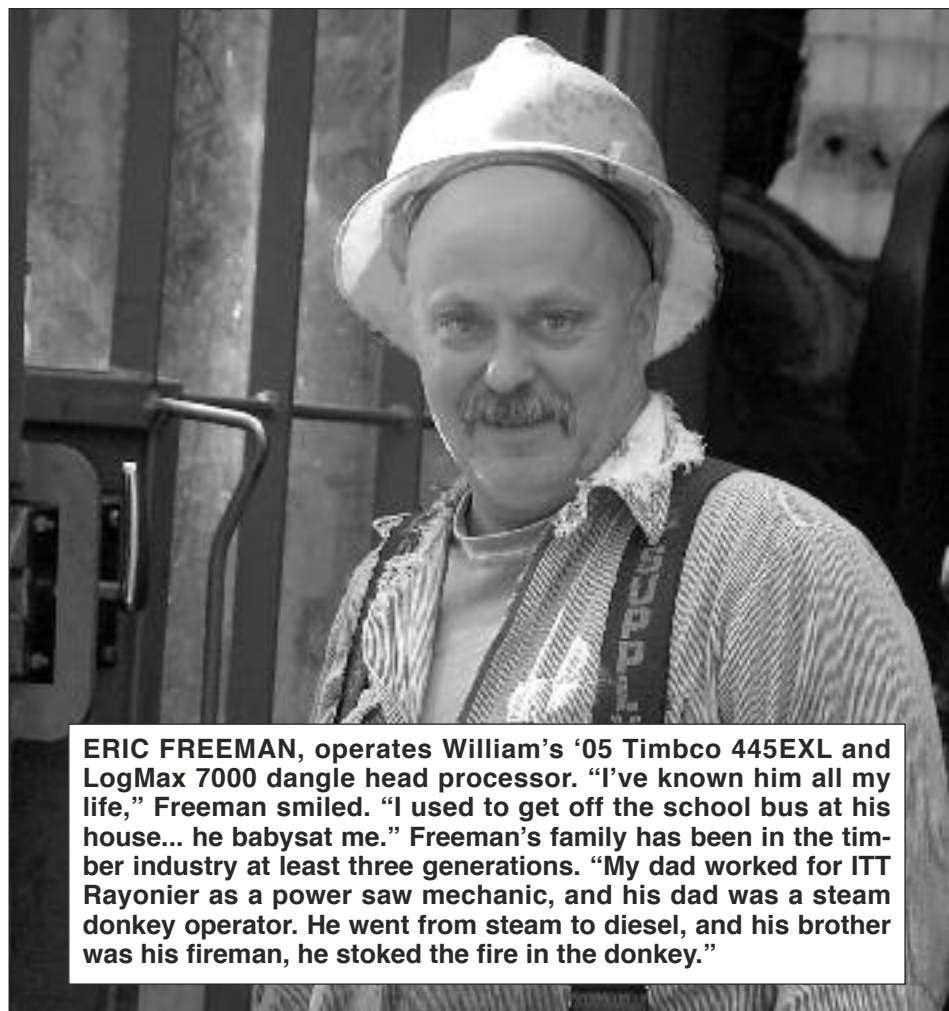
In '94 he added a Timberjack 2618 feller buncher with an Ultimate 5300 processing head, in response to the smaller wood direction of the industry, and shifting his direction towards thinning operations.

Cut-to-length operations

While Williams continued shovel logging during this time, an opening presented itself in '94 when Rayonier needed a thinning operator on their tree farm. Williams purchased a new cut-to-length system buying two Timberjack 1270 harvesters with 762 processing heads, and a Timberjack 1210 forwarder. "I was nervous as hell," he said smiling at the memory, "but the opportunity was there, and they were keeping me busy."

Cut-to-length systems were new to this part of the world at the time, which Williams noted explaining, "...it was a real learning curve, and a tough one to straighten out," but they eventually managed that with a capable crew and perseverance,

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ERIC FREEMAN, operates William's '05 Timbco 445EXL and LogMax 7000 dangle head processor. "I've known him all my life," Freeman smiled. "I used to get off the school bus at his house... he babysat me." Freeman's family has been in the timber industry at least three generations. "My dad worked for ITT Rayonier as a power saw mechanic, and his dad was a steam donkey operator. He went from steam to diesel, and his brother was his fireman, he stoked the fire in the donkey."



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and Williams operating one of the 1270s. Once they adjusted to the system, the thinning operations continued to improve up to present day.

When Williams updated equipment in 2000, he purchased their first Timbco feller buncher pairing it with a LogMax 750 dangle head processor. The switch from the harvesters to the Timbco was far easier than their start with CTL systems, "... because the Timbco had so much more power," Williams said. "I'd seen LogMax at the (OLC) log show," working with Jim Wark at Pape Machinery, "... but Jim (Hay) was instrumental with getting the Log Max head put on it."

The Timbco/LogMax became the processor for their shovel side, "... and then if we didn't have a shovel logging job, it could be used in the thinnings," he said with a smile then added, "It was not orphaned." The Timbco 445-D remains in operation to this day, although in 2005 they update from the LogMax 750 to a LogMax 7000.

The combination worked well, so much so that he added a Valmet Timbco 445 EXL with LogMax 7000 in 2005, and another in 2009. "We're running all three of them," Williams said. "Having all three heads the same is pretty good for having spare parts on hand: it cuts our parts in-

ventory down by a third."

They also updated the forwarder in 2006 to a 20-ton capacity Valmet 860 with a CRF 10 squirt boom, which has a 27-ft. reach fully extended.

The next generation

Both of William's step sons joined the company roughly seven years ago, having been raised in and around the business as they were growing up. The older of the brothers, Sean Green logged for a while right after high school graduation in 2002, then, "...went to the motorcycle institute in Phoenix," Williams explained. "The school itself was 18 months. He graduated first in his class then worked for a high performance custom bike shop in Phoenix,," for five years, before finally getting tired of the hot weather, "...then came back up here and went to work for me," some seven years ago. He runs their Valmet 860 forwarder most the time, in addition to operating loader when he loads out the log trucks. Williams said it is both faster and more efficient using a loader for the trucks than using the forwarder.

The younger son, Jamie "Coug" Green started his logging career right out of high school and starting out running the forwarder, before

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JAMIE "COUG" GREEN runs the oldest of the William's Logging processors, this 2000 Timbco T-4445D, with a 2005 LogMax 7000 dangle head processor, and is William's youngest stepson. At seven foot, he's one of the tallest loggers we've met. Coug started logging out of high school operating forwarder a few years before switching to the Timbco five years ago. "I have fun," he said, but noted when operating the forwarder he'd get to talk with other people at times.

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switching over to the Timbco T-445D with the LogMax 7000 processor five years ago. "I like it," said Coug noting "it's fun," but he does miss having the occasional contact with others when he ran the forwarder versus the somewhat solitary environment of running feller bunchers.

The rest of today's crew is a mix of skilled veterans, all experienced in thinning operations, in addition to the expertise and versatility to log in a wide array of circumstances.

In addition to the four-man logging crew, there are two log truck drivers, and Williams wife of 21 years, Melody, handles the book-keeping. Typically they work a five day week, with the occasional sixth, "...but not often." All of the crew has company paid Medical, dental and vision insurance.

Looking ahead

With a dedicated, versatile, knowledgeable crew, and strong mix of equipment, Williams remains optimistic on his company's future, working for both commercial and private landowners. He still

loves the business, which shows through as we drive through the forests they've thinned recently as well as stands they've worked on in the past, describing what was done and the clear evidence of the quality in the stand that remains.

We asked him where he sees himself in five years, and he answered, "...still sitting on machines, commercially thinning and going hunting during the winter (November, December, January)," Williams emphasized with a broad smile. "I wanted the license plate saying 'work to hunt' but it was already taken in Washington. Can u imagine that?"

He credits his love of the outdoors and hunting as a gift from his father saying "...a great hunting partner and my friend," again with a smile.

Business is improving, Williams noted. "Housing has gone up for now, but not enough to get real enthused, at least not yet. The political situation is still uncertain with too many ups and downs." And with 41 years as a logging contractor he's earned his and learned through out to be cautious and bold based on what he sees and what his life experiences have taught him. "You've got to live learning from your mistakes" and making the most of your opportunities.

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JAMIE “COUG” GREEN processes logs with William’s 2000 Timbco T-445D with a 2005 LogMax 7000 dangle head processor. He started his logging career right out of high school seven years ago, and has been on this processor the past five years. Williams has three LogMax 7000s.



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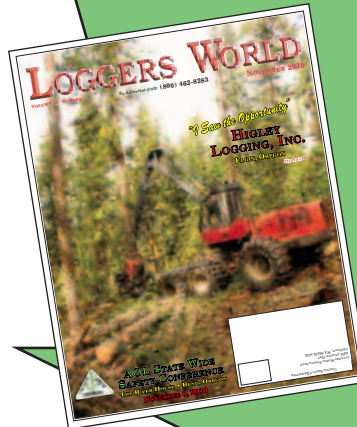
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On Tuesday, February 26, 2013, ALC Past President Matt Jensen carried the loggers' message to Washington. Matt testified before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and

Environmental Regulations, primarily about the differences that exist between Federal and State timber sale programs.

Matt not only represented the American Loggers Council, but also the voices of the nation's profession-

al timber harvesters throughout the country.

His testimony included the need for timber sale programs in which the forest products industry could rally around and make the needed investments to provide jobs and eco-

nomie opportunities for rural Americans dependent on the forest industry.

Matt cited lack of management, forest health issues and no real concern for generating revenues as reasons why the federal government should consider placing the management of the federal forests into state trusts which have a much better track record of taking care of the forests and generating real value to the general public.

Matt was able to provide real time, on-the-ground information to the subcommittee on the implementation of a federal timber sale contract and the issues that logging businesses across the country have when working with a federal timber sale contract



**ALC PAST PRESIDENT
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as compared to a State timber sale contract.

Members and leadership of the American Loggers Council intend on making themselves available for hearings in Washington as well as other parts of the country that are pertinent to the timber harvesting community and are already making plans for their Spring Fly-In and Board of Directors meeting to be held April 11-13 in our nation's capitol.

To learn more about the positions that the American Loggers Council is taking on the nation's loggers' behalf, visit www.americanloggers.org and look on the advocacy page. You will also find contact information for your state representatives.

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The 75th edition of the Oregon Logging Conference (OLC) opened to a better than average crowd during its four day run from February 20-23rd at the Lane County Fairgrounds. While the Oregon Women In Timber's (OWIT) Auction was the opening event at the Eugene Hilton on Wednesday evening. The main conference and equipment show began with the 7 a.m. Opening Session Breakfast Thursday morning, which led into the opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. brought to order promptly by OLC Conference President Don Hardwick.



DON HARDWICK
2013 PRESIDENT of the
Oregon Logging Conference

Pacific Logging Congress President Graham Lasure spoke on their upcoming annual meeting in Las Vegas this November, and the 2014 Live in the Woods Show being held on the Port Blakely Tree Farm outside Mollala, Oregon.

The OLC Program update came from OLC Vice President Milt Moran, and the resolutions were read and explained by AOL's Jim Geisinger, followed by President Hardwick's address.

The Keynote Speaker at this year's conference was Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR), a member of congress since 1986. He began reading a recent letter to the editor printed in the Eugene Register Guard, whose author noted, "...as the timber industry steps aside," (in favor of our Oregon forests best usage being a Carbon Sink), he had a plan for loggers. "In his view of the world we'll retrain all of you as "carbon traders," and of course continuing on with more lunacy.

DeFazio noted, "I had a problem with that."

The thrust of DeFazio's presentation was around, "...we need to move towards balance," speaking not only on forest management but public policy from the federal government as well.

While the congressman is not a spellbinding speaker, he holds a breadth of institutional memory in having seen many plans come and go, and witnessed the goal posts, with balance in the middle, being moved and compromised closer to a

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CONGRESSMAN PETER DeFAZIO delivered the keynote address to the 75th Oregon Logging Conference.

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far more socialist point of view over time, and at times appears to understand balance requires flexibility from the left as well as the right.

New technology

There's always a good crowd at the new technology panel at the OLC, which proved to be true this year as well. First up was Ed Bruser, with Bendix Brakes, presenting their Bendix Air Disc Brake System and demonstrating the technical aspects of disc brakes on truck trailers. Immediately following him was Bill Hermann (Hermann Bros. Logging & Const., Port Angeles, WA) outlining his companies practical application with this braking system. Hermann was enthusiastic in explaining their experience. "There are no adjustment issues with disc brakes," Hermann noted, and added

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Next up was Lindsay Tanner with Kiddie Fire Systems, on equipment fire protection systems, concentrating on the newer "liquid/wet chemical" performance in fire protection, and in use on some of their systems. He explained this system

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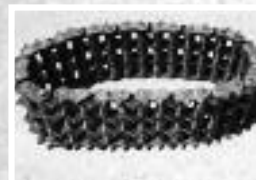
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The last presentation came from Komatsu Forest's Rod Hunter, and Frank Chandler, Jr. (C&C Logging, Kelso, WA), on Komatsu's GPS mapping system. Hunter covered the



BILL HERMANN, Hermann Bros. Logging and Construction speaking during the New Technology Panel, about their experience with disc brakes on their log trucks and trailers.



BECKY PAPE with Samaritan Health in Lebanon, Oregon at a Seminar on Current Issues in Healthcare, from "Obamacare," insurance exchanges and benefits of life choices that help keep one healthy.

technical aspects of the system, while Chandler spoke on his company's experience with this system in their company. "With GPS," Chandler said, your operators "...know where they're at with the GPS. There's no guessing. Map reading is not always good" he noted in that reference points are not always clear, whereas, "GPS pinpoints your position," saving time, avoiding errors and downtime, and knowing where you're at.

Many, if not most, forest landowners have electronic maps that, "...can be downloaded onto your GPS device, even onto some smart phones," in that accuracy is in everyone's interest. "All the operator's we've started with this were re-

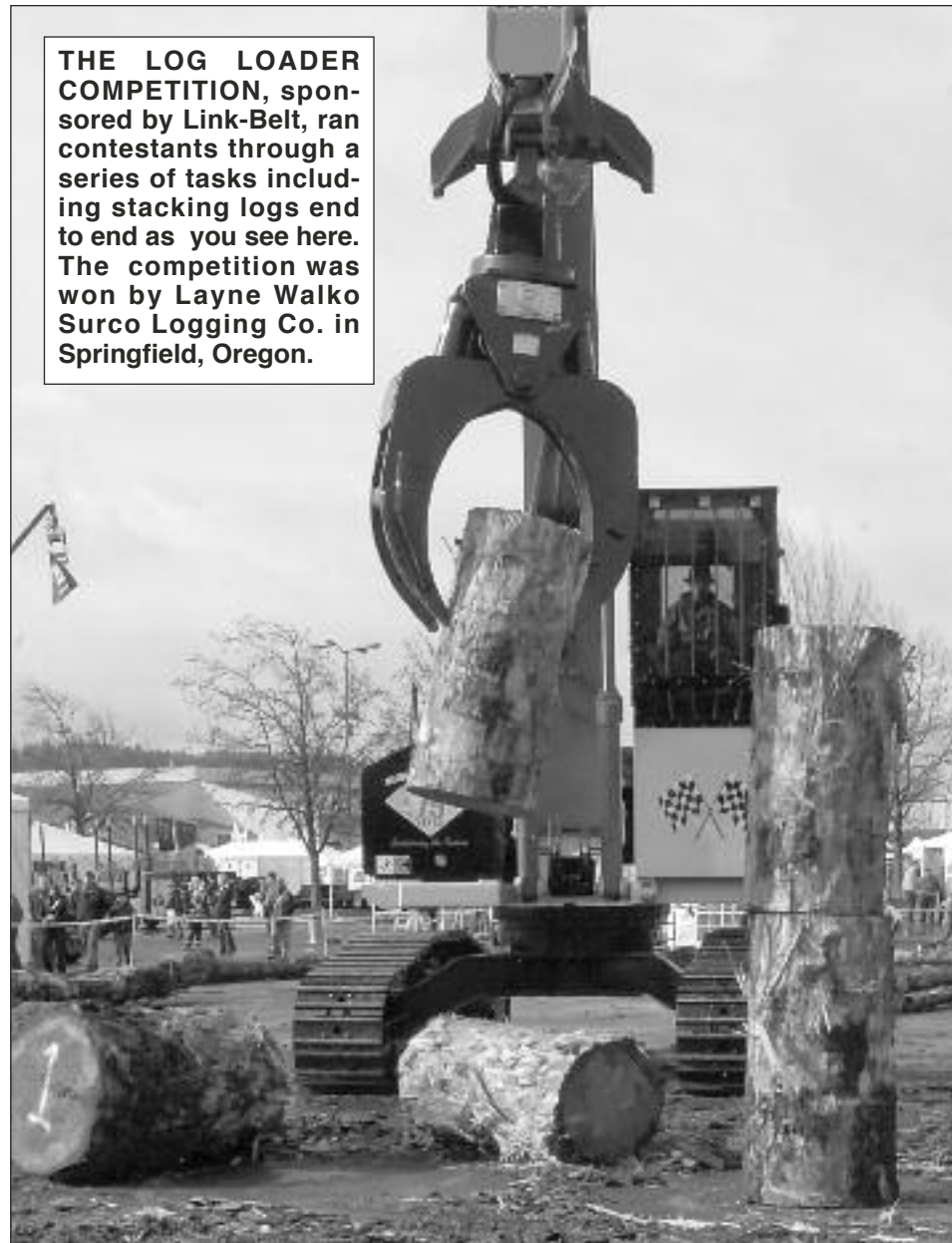
sistant," Chandler was quick to add. "But when they got used to it were far more productive."

There were a number of other classes and panels throughout the conference as well, from individual state Forest Practice Acts seminars, to other technical sessions, all with credits to keep loggers current with their professional logging certification.

Attendance and participation in this year's conference was up and the weather was a bit more cooperative than in many years. What was notable to most of the vendors was the more positive overall attitude, and sales at the show, another indication that the business climate is on the upswing.



THE LOG LOADER COMPETITION, sponsored by Link-Belt, ran contestants through a series of tasks including stacking logs end to end as you see here. The competition was won by Layne Walko Surco Logging Co. in Springfield, Oregon.



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Individuals who live in or plan to go to college/school in the following: Arizona, Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia Canada are eligible to apply.

The recipients will be selected by the PFF scholarship committee in May of 2013. The deadline to have the completed application returned to the PFF office is April 20, 2013.

The Pacific Forest Foundation scholarship application can be downloaded by following this link: www.pacificforestfoundation.org/Education.html Please feel free to make several copies of this application and give to students you that you feel would be worthy of a PFF scholarship.

The guidelines for the Pacific Forest Foundation application for student aid are as follows:

Students who are in the following areas of study: forest and wood-related areas, welding, cat-skinning, diesel mechanics, choker-setting and etc.

- *Pacific Logging Foundation*

MOU to promote Healthy Watersheds Initiative

EPA, The Nature Conservancy, and the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) have jointly signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that formalizes a mutual collaboration between these groups as they strive to develop and implement healthy watersheds programs in states and with regional aquatic ecosystem programs to help sustain an integrated network of healthy watersheds across the country. EPA, The Nature Conservancy and ACWA agree to meet periodically to track progress related to developing and implementing healthy watersheds programs in states and with regional aquatic ecosystem programs, as well as promote the sharing of educational and scientific information such as data gathering and sharing of watershed health assessments

and healthy watershed implementation projects. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds> - *EPA Office of Water*

Supreme Court reverses 9th Circuit on forest roads

The National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) today welcomed a U.S. Supreme Court decision reversing a May 2011 ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (NEDC v. Brown) that forest roads used for timber harvest require Clean Water Act (CWA) industrial stormwater discharge permits typically applied to factories and other facilities.

"The Supreme Court did the right thing by reversing the Ninth Circuit on forest roads," said Dave Tenny, NAFO President and CEO. "The Court's decision validates EPA's longstanding policy that rainwater runoff from forest roads is best addressed through state adopted best management practices."

Although the decision overturns the Ninth Circuit ruling, federal, state, county, tribal and private forest owners nationwide remain vulnerable to new litigation, such as a recently filed case in the Ninth Circuit challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) December 2012 amendment to its stormwater discharge rule clarifying that forestry operations do not require CWA permits.

"We are clearly not out of the woods on litigation," Tenny said. "The plaintiffs have already teed up the next round of lawsuits and told the Supreme Court they will not stop until permits are required. The best way to break the litigation cycle and resolve this issue is through legislation clarifying once and for all that forest roads are not point sources."

In January of 2013, plaintiffs filed a lawsuit in the Ninth Circuit challenging EPA's new rule, con-

tending that forest roads are point sources under the statute. NAFO has intervened in the case, along with several other groups, to help preserve EPA's 37-year policy defining forestry and forest roads as non-point sources most effectively addressed at the state level through best management practices.

"Congress must give clear direction that the Ninth Circuit may not legislate from the bench. Because EPA's new industrial stormwater rule applies nationally, the Ninth Circuit's decision on the rule will apply nationwide, causing considerable uncertainty for state and local governments and forest owners throughout the country," Tenny concluded.

NAFO is working with a broad coalition of groups and bipartisan leaders in Congress to enact permanent legislation that will preserve the existing EPA regulations and provide long-term legal certainty to federal, state, county, tribal and private forest owners.

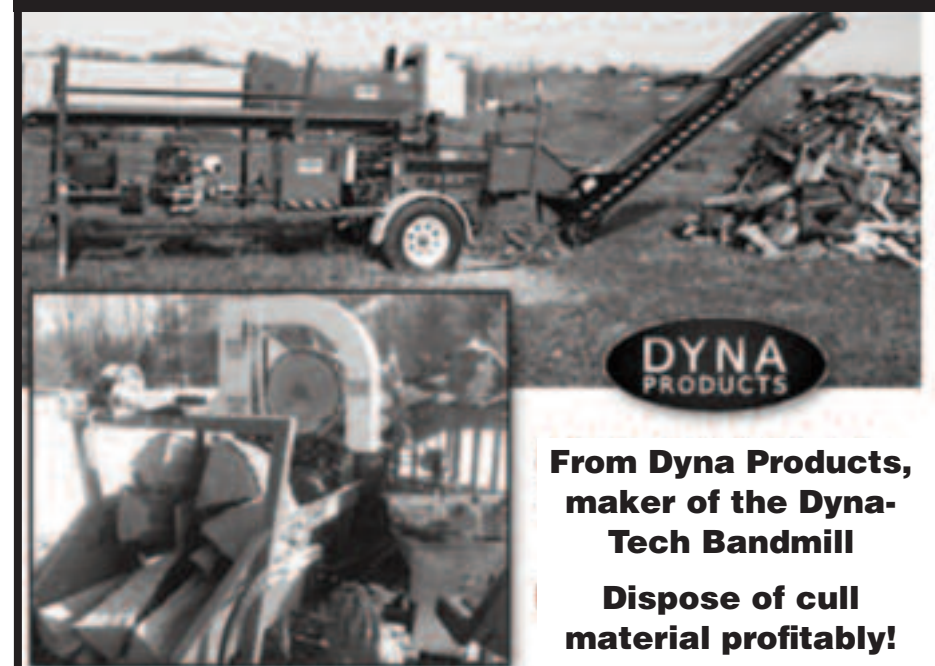
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"Carbon Tax" proposal unveiled

Senators Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) and Barbara Boxer (D-California) have released controversial legislative text for a "Carbon Tax," which they propose to levy on fossil fuel producers and importers, as an incentive to improve the United States' "carbon footprint." From the legislators' statement: "While setting a long-term emissions reduction goal of 80 percent or more by 2050 as science calls for, the legislation would enact a carbon fee of \$20 per ton of carbon or methane equivalent, rising at 5.6% a year over a ten-year period." They cite a Congressional Budget Office estimate that, if applied only to "2,869 of the largest fossil fuel polluters," the

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APRIL 2013 measure would raise \$1.2 trillion over ten years. The proposal also includes measures to discourage natural gas development through "fracking."

LOGGERS WORLD The proposal would apply most of the revenues it raises to assistance for low-income families, renewable energy research and development, displaced worker training, and similar measures, with the remainder—an estimated \$300 billion—to be applied to the public debt.

The proposal seems to accept the validity of carbon cycling, since it exempts biomass-fueled energy production from the tax and includes bioenergy development among the technologies in which it proposes to invest the revenues.

Since the Constitution stipulates that revenue measures must originate in the House, it's not clear whether or how this proposal will move forward. We feel it is unlikely that the House will even agree to hold hearings on a bill that proposes to extract \$1.1trillion from the productive economy through a new tax. The proposal may simply be intended as a "shot across the bow" to launch the dialogue about climate change action the President called for in his State of the Union Address.

- FRA Bulletin

Green fatigue sets in: the world cools on global warming

Worldwide concerns about climate change have dropped dramatically since 2009

Public concern about environmental issues including climate change has slumped to a 20-year low since the financial crisis, a global study reveals.

Fewer people now consider issues such as CO2 emissions, air and wa-

ter pollution, animal species loss, and water shortages to be "very serious" than at any time in the last two decades, according to the poll of 22,812 people in 22 countries including Britain and the US.

Despite years of studies showing the impact of global warming on the planet, only 49 per cent of people now consider climate change a very serious issue - far fewer than at the beginning of the worldwide financial crisis in 2009.

Worries about climate change first dropped in industrialised nations but they have now also fallen in developing economies including Brazil and China, according to the survey by GlobeScan Radar.

The declining interest in climate change comes amid a backlash against costly green energy investments in an age of austerity. David Nussbaum, head of WWF UK, said "sustained pressure" was required from political leaders to combat climate change. He said it was only when "real indicators" of climate change came, such as floods and droughts, that public perceptions changed.

He told The Independent: "Of course people's concerns about climate change changed in 2009 when economic pressures were rising... [But] the problems haven't gone away... There are longer-term concerns that may not seem imminent that are extremely serious. A skilled political leader has got to grapple with how you act and respond to the immediate pressure people feel while helping [to take] account of the wider concerns and interests."

Campaigners said the "perceived seriousness" of climate change had also fallen sharply since the unsuccessful UN Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen in December 2009. The summit ended in what was described as "confusion, disagreement and disarray" as political leaders failed to agree a legally binding deal to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Graham Thompson, a spokesman for Greenpeace, said: "The public can see that the response of our politicians is completely inadequate to the threat scientists have revealed, and that dissonance is reflected in these polls."

Doug Miller, chairman of GlobeScan, said: "Evidence of environmental damage is stronger than ever, but our data shows that economic crisis and a lack of political leadership mean that the public are starting to tune out."

The Department of Energy and Climate Change reiterated the view of Ed Davey, Climate Change Secretary, that "the basic physics of climate change is irrefutable".

The GlobeScan survey found that water pollution is viewed as the most serious environment problem worldwide with 58 per cent of people polled saying it represents a very serious concern.

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US Supreme Court grants review of Plan

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed March 18 to review a long-running battle over a 2004 management plan for 11 national forests in California's Sierra Nevada Range (U.S. Forest Service v. Pacific Rivers Council, U.S., No. 12-623, 3/18/13).

The Forest Service had sought review of a February 2012 ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that was reaffirmed

by the court in June. The appeals court held that the Forest Service failed to adequately evaluate the management plan's impact on fish species.

Increased Logging, Increased Grazing Under Plan

The petition for Supreme Court review comes in a 2005 lawsuit filed by the Pacific Rivers Council challenging an updated forest plan that covers 11.5 million acres. The plan called for increased logging and eased requirements for grazing permits.

Federal attorneys representing the Forest Service asked three questions in their petition to the court: whether the Pacific Rivers Council had standing to sue when it failed to establish that any updated elements of the plan posed an imminent threat of harm to any of its members, whether the challenge was ripe because the plaintiff failed to identify any site-specific project that would be authorized by the updated plan, and whether the National Environmental Policy Act requires an analysis of every type of environmental effect for amendments to the plan when any project authorized under the plan would require a separate environmental analysis.

The Ninth Circuit panel held the Forest Service did not take a "hard look" at the effects of the 2004 amendments on fish, as required by

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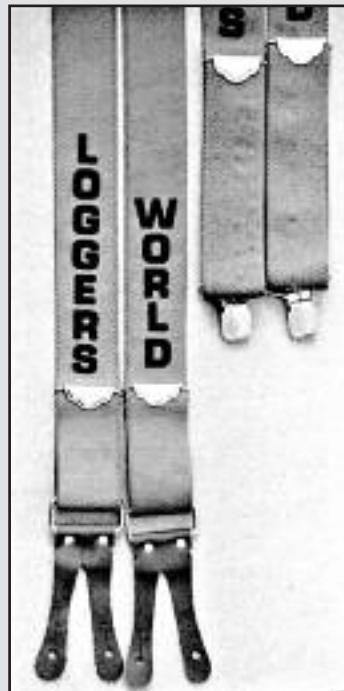
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In its March 18 order, the U.S. Supreme Court also granted the motion by the Public Lands Council and National Cattlemen's Beef Association to file a brief as friend of the court.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to hear oral arguments in the case before the end of its term in June.

An affidavit attached to court pleadings stated that members of the Pacific Rivers Council are "harmed" by the current management direction of Sierra Nevada National forests. Bob Anderson, chairman of the board of Pacific Rivers Council, stated in the affidavit that he had witnessed dramatic declines in species such as salmon and steelhead due to harmful past management practices.

Anderson stated that the 2004 framework "builds on the mistakes of the past."

"Curtailed fishing and recreational opportunities due to the loss of native species such as bull trout and salmon have also injured me," Anderson swore in his affidavit.

The Ninth Circuit opinion was written by William A. Fletcher and joined by Stephen Reinhardt.

The dissent was by Judge N.R. Smith, who said, "I would appropriately defer to the Forest Service's

reasonable decision and affirm."

Attorneys for the U.S. Forest Service included Donald B. Verrilli Jr., solicitor general, and Justice Department attorneys Ignacia S. Moreno, Edwin S. Kneedler, Sarah E. Harrington, Andrew C. Mergen, Jennifer Scheller Neumann, and Barclay Samford.

Ramona E. Romero, general counsel of the Department of Agriculture, also participated.

Attorneys on the brief in opposition were James A. Feldman, Stephanos Bibas, and Nancy Bregstein Gordon, of the University of Pennsylvania Law School Supreme Court Clinic.

Additional attorneys on the brief in opposition were Scott L. Nelson, of Public Citizen Litigation Group, Washington and Brian Gaffney, of Lippe Gaffney Wagner LLP, San Francisco, Calif.

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USFW near decision on hundreds of animals under ESA

Having been wait-listed two years ago for a spot on the Endangered Species Act, the Pacific walrus may soon be awarded its dubious distinction: The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department is on the verge of designating it and dozens of other species as endangered, as it catches up from a backlog.

The walrus is one of hundreds of

animal genre that have been waiting for as long as two decades to be officially added, even though scientists have generally agreed that their numbers are dwindling and that they should be on the list.

Fish & Wildlife has until 2018 to rule on the more than 800 species that have been in limbo as the Pacific walrus has, The New York Times reported on March 6, under the 2011 court settlement of two lawsuits brought by conservation groups. Once that backlog is erased, the Times reported, more than 550 other potential candidates can be evaluated, since the department has finished preliminary work on them.

By September, 97 animals are scheduled to be evaluated by Fish & Wildlife, the Times said, 70 of them from the list in the lawsuit.

"It is the most feverish activity on imperiled wildlife in two decades, an improbable feat amid ferocious attacks from conservative critics and in an economy with little money to spare for environmental frivolities," The New York Times story said.

The Times mentions a litany of political, economic and departmental management factors influencing the slow-moving nature of the act's designative powers. Designating most or all of these species as endangered could augment the full list by 60 percent, the Times said, greatly expanding the territory as well.

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"The threats to the walrus are very real, as evidenced by this 'warranted' finding," said Geoff Haskett, the service's Alaska region director, in a statement reported by ICTMN at the time. "But its greater population numbers and ability to adapt to land-based haulouts make its immediate situation less dire than those facing other species such as the polar bear."

Soon, the wait may be over.

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Largest U.S. dam removal releases huge amount of sediment

Scientists tracking the aftermath of the largest dam removal in U.S. history say the dismantling of a dam in northwestern Washington state has unleashed about 34 million cubic yards of sediment and debris

While about one-third of the 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam on the Elwha River still stands, vast amounts of sediment are already flowing

downstream, allowing University of Washington (UW) scientists a rare opportunity to track the discharges and study their ecological impacts. Scientists say it is unclear where much of the sediment will end up - or what the environmental consequences will be. In an ongoing study, they will use sophisticated technology to track particles in the water and monitor their accumulation on the ocean floor. "Our focus is looking at what's happening very close to the seabed - how it's going to move, where it's going to get to," said Andrea Ogston, an oceanographer at UW. Scientists say the sediment - enough to fill 3 million truckloads - could create murkier water conditions, threatening the reproduction of salmon and blocking light for marine life. Experts are hopeful, however, that the dam removal will ultimately boost salmon populations. - <http://e360.yale.edu/digest/>

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Forest Service may let more fires burn

After coming in \$400 million over budget following last year's busy fire season, the Forest Service is altering its approach and may let more fires burn instead of attacking every one.

The move, quietly made in a letter late last month by Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, brings the agency more in line with the National Parks Service and back to what it had done until last year. It also answers critics who said the agency wasted money and endangered firefighters by battling fires in remote areas that posed little or no danger to property or critical habitat.

Tidwell played down the change, saying it's simply an "evolution of the science and the expertise" that has led to more emphasis on pre-fire planning and managed burns, which involve purposely setting fires to eliminate dead trees and other fuels that could help a wildfire quickly spread.

"We have to be able to structure (fire management) this way to help all of us," Tidwell told The Associated Press. "So that we're thinking about the right things when we make these decisions."

The more aggressive approach instituted last year was prompted by fears that fires left unchecked would quickly devour large swaths of the drought-stricken West, Tidwell said. New Mexico and Colorado reported record fire seasons in 2012, and with dry conditions remaining in much of the region 2013 could be another bad year in the West.

In all, the agency oversees about 193 million acres in 43 states.

But the "kill all fires" approach

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angered watchdog groups and environmentalists, who said it was expensive and ignored fire's natural ability to rid the landscape of dangerous fuels and bolster forest ecology.

"This new policy gives a lot more flexibility. It takes the blanket policy where every fire was treated the same and gives fire managers more options," said Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology.

"Chief Tidwell's move should re-

store the confidence of the fire management community that all the training and technology that's been invested to give fire crews the ability to work with fire to restore ecosystems will not be wasted by a return to yesteryear's all-out war on wildfires."

While all federal agencies operate from the same federal wildfire management policy, each has its own goals and ways of interpreting it. The National Parks Service, for example, allows more fires to burn on its lands.

But letting fires burn also has its dangers, even in remote areas.

Last year, the Parks Service al-

lowed a fire to burn that started as a half-acre blaze in remote Lassen Volcanic National Park in Northern California. What became the Reading Fire eventually required firefighters and ended up charring 42 square miles of forestlands as it spread outside the park's boundaries to lands managed by the Forest Service and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fire damaged the region's timber industry and cost an estimated \$15 million to suppress. No structures were harmed.

While each agency involved had a different approach to managing

fires, the confusion during the Reading fire hammered home the need for agencies with different approaches to talk more often about their expectations, a review of the incident found.

Knowing that the Forest Service is stepping back from 2012's more aggressive approach helps different agencies plan how they will respond to fires that have the potential to spread, said Eric Hensel, a National Parks Service fire management officer at the Lassen park.

"What we learned with the Read-

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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 Highway 97. At Prince George called friends to have lunch with us but no contact.

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Fine trip filled with beautiful scenery and meeting lots of good, friendly logging men. Would like to do it all again. And will-sometime.



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ing fire is that, even with USFS going a little bit further toward (allowing fires to burn), we can't assume anything," Hensel said. "Now we've got some common ground here in terms of our approach, but let's be up front about where we are and work together." - Abcnews.go.com

What congress could learn from history

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Name (Please leave one space between each word. Please print or type)

Name of Firm or Company

Address

City/State Zip

Phone (Include area code)

Check the category best describing your company's business:

- Logging Operator
- Timber Cutting Contractor
- Mill Owner
- Log Trucker: 4a. Operator/Owner
4b. I own _____ Trucks
- Road Builder
- Other (Specify):

What best describes your primary job?

- Owner/Operator
- Foreman
- Supervisor
- Jobber
- Other (please specify):

My purchasing budget this year is:

- \$0-\$50,000
- \$50,000-\$100,000
- \$100,000-\$200,000
- Over \$200,000

How many people will read your magazine?

- 1-2 People
- 3-4 People
- 5-6 People
- More than 6 People

How many people does your company presently employ:

- 0-2 People
- 2-5 People
- 3-20 People
- More than 20

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