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Today is Sunday, May the thirty first. It is warm, damned close to Hot.

Today my wife and I went boating. We carried along fish rods and even tried a cast or two. Didn't want to be conspicuous. Seems that legally to have a boat you must either water ski or fish. Towing around seven dollar's worth of hardware sunk in a lake isn't my idea of a walloping good time. We don't water ski but have had a hunch that it might be fun.

We bought a boat. A Rogue River steelhead fishing boat designed by Nulf Boat Works in Gold Beach and constructed by Mike Danielson to Nulf's plans. It is a dandy, flat on the bottom, and sniped in the front like a sled runner. It has a forty horse Johnson hung on the rear end (stern us sailors call it) and it works well. This is just a plain boat, no frills. She's built for a purpose and that purpose is to travel rivers and fish for steelhead. In any other place and circumstance it is as out of place as a preacher in a cat house. But it works on lake, pond or salt chuck.

I like to sort of run around the lake, the Sound or up and down rivers and look around. But they tell me when you get a boat you're supposed to be towing fishing tackle or a water skier. This winter we'll fish out of it and that'll make it legal.

We went boating today and we traveled around the lake and up the rivers and came back home again in the late afternoon. Stopped and had chicken, coffee and raisin bread and cheese. Not a bad way to spend the day.

Then home and unloaded the boat and mowed the lawn in the blistering heat. Sweat some and suffered a little. Each day should have some suffer and a lot of pleasure. This day had both in the

right amounts. Now normally on Sunday I look back over what happened last week and plan what we hope will happen next week. Have done this for years. Never have slept much on a Sunday night for thinking about next week. Can't wait till Monday morning dawns so I can get at it. Due to lying awake most of the night, when Monday morning does dawn I meander around the first half day two-thirds asleep and out of mind are all the grand and glorious plans for the day. So what did happen last week?

MONDAY: Spent this day at the office gathering up some loose ends and catching up on correspondence and planning the July Loggers World. This day our June paper was printed in Marysville at the Marysville Globe. Bill and Vi Iund were up there to help the printer, read proof on the ads and the B.S. and then haul the paper home. They got home at 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning-a full day for them!

TUESDAY: (This is May the twenty sixth). Bill & Vi delivered the paper. I put the camper on the pick-up and headed down to Crown Zellerbach headquarters at Cathlamet. Everett McDaniels took time off to give me a first class guided tour of their two Grapple Logging Sides. In the evening Eric Feasey took over and we stayed out in the woods watching them log at night. After we got back about midnight Eric said he had a meeting at 6:30 in the morning and could show me around their log sorting yard after the meeting was over. Suggested that I sleep in and meet him about 7:30. Everett McDaniels is the ass't Logging Manager and Eric Feasey is the second in command of the forestry department.

WEDNESDAY: Eric, good as his word, took me around the log sorting yard for a couple of hours and introduced me to the hard working men. Then I wandered around by myself shooting

pictures and asking silly questions. They had about a million logs averaging six inches and less in diameter and about 32 feet long they were sorting and bundling and rafting. Ivan Jones said that they'd be thru with these pekker poles about two in the afternoon and suggested I come back then when they had some bigger logs.

Journeyed from Cathlamet to Weyerhaeuser Operation on Grays River and met "Pinkey" Anderson the Logging Superintendent. (All I've ever known him by is "Pinkey" but I'm sure he has a more normal name.) Made arrangements to browse around their job the next day watching some of their Grapple logging. Saw a herd of 10 elk right next to their shops and spent about 15 minutes looking them over close so I can recognize one next fall when the hunting is legal.

Back to Cathlamet and observed log sorting and etc. until about five p.m....

At that time invited myself to Otto Oja's house for a good supper. After supper Otto and I went up to Crown's job on the Nehma and watched Eddie Olson and Kenny Cauthron grapple log under the lights in the night.

Got back to Otto's home about one in the morning. Otto said he'd come out to the camper and wake me up about 4:30.

THURSDAY: Otto was as good as his word and pounded on the side of the camper about 4:30. By the time I got up and shaved he had French toast and bacon ready to be devoured and washed down with coffee. Am sure I'd of enjoyed his breakfast if I'd of been awake.

Then up to Weyerhaeuser job on Grays River where watched a new grapple they are trying on a high-lead yarder. Next down the hill and watched a grapple logging side consisting of a Skagit BU-99 Slack-line yarder with grapple on it. We wrote about this machine and grapple logging when it was new a couple of years ago. They have been grapple logging almost steadily with it ever since.

Then up and over the hill and to Pe Ell thru Weyerhaeuser's Pe Ell logging operations (a short cut to home). Spent the afternoon developing part of the 18 rolls of film that I had taken.

FRIDAY: Worked in the darkroom. Worked in

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FINLEY HAYS



FRONT PAGE PICTURE: COLT WISTI downhill yarding to the landing with Eric Wisti Logging's Link-Belt LS-98 TL yarder Eric Wisti had converted from a loader, and completely rebuilt into a yarder over the span of nine years. Clearing the chute with the Link-Belt 3400 shovel loader is TJ Seekins, a member of the Southside Enterprises who subcontracted the downhill logging with Wisti. The logs will be processed with Southside's Kobelco 235 carrier with Waratah HTH 622B dangle head processor.

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the office. To town to get some more film and then it was lunch time. After lunch we packed the camper with groceries. Loaded up the three dogs and my wife and headed for Cathlamet again. About six in the evening we pulled into Crown's public campgrounds (Abe Creek Park) go and set up for the night.

Got on my trial bike and investigated some logging roads. Drove down to Otto's house (he was surprised to see me riding a motorcycle complete with helmet and dark glasses). Suggested they get some hot dogs, some buns, a jar of mustard and a bunch of wood and come down to have a visit and a wiener roast with us. So Zella and Otto brought the goodies and came down for a fine evening. This surprised Jean (my wife), who didn't know Otto and Zella were within 50 miles of us.

Eric Feasey dropped by to make us welcome and to apologize for the

condition of the park. We thought it was fine the way it was.

After eating hot dogs and drinking coffee Otto took me on a look see trip of some country he was acquainted with. We went afoot and carrying coffee cups full of java. While wandering through the woods I picked some flowers for my wife. Otto got mad and said that now he had to pick some for his wife. So the two of us spent some time in the evening make up a bouquet for our respective wives. Otto's heart wasn't in the job and he accused me of trying to get a better group of flowers than he could. We walked across the highway back to the park. There sat a Sheriff who gave us a little gentle hell for picking flowers on private property. Otto explained that he had permission-sort of. Our wives enjoyed the flowers but Otto was continually afraid that we were going to run into someone he knew. Wanted to keep that flower picking a secret.

They left for home early. Otto explained that Wood Gifford had an operation on his foot in a Portland hospital and Otto was going down to

see him on the morrow.

To me Otto Oja is a very special person and a fine friend. But he does tend to get me in trouble.

SATURDAY: Up fairly early. Built a big fire in the prepared fire-place using Otto's wood. Jean cooked a big breakfast in the camper making my fire sort of useless but I enjoyed it anyhow. Packed up and traveled about three miles west of Cathlamet where we took a self-guided tour of a piece of managed timber as laid out and explained by Crown. Very good and I'd like to see more of these to acquaint the general public of the true picture of our finest natural resource. One of the very few, if not the only one, that we can replenish.

In these days of troubles and different viewpoints one of the most hopeful things there is, to me, is looking over the new growth of timber. Wonderful, full of hope and promise. A heartening, positive enjoyable thing. Thank God for this country and for the people who are harvesting it wisely.

After this tour we went up the Elocoman River (never can spell that right) to look over an old Crown camp that had been turned into a Youth Center. Didn't see much there so parked in a fine spot and went fishing in the river. Never got a strike. Did you ever try to fish in the company of a German Shepard and a young Lab? They both like to get into the water and rattle with each other. I'm no expert but I think this adds to the fishing. Just as I had firmly decided there wasn't a fish in the river a Salmon or Steelhead jumped in one of the pools. That kept me casting and hoping and praying and changing lures for another half hour before calling it quits. Coffee time. Then unloaded the trial bike and went putting up the Cat Creek logging road. Ran into a bunch of men up there who were hunting bear and who had come up three dogs short. Hope they found them.

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by Mike Crouse

At some point in the 1930s, then school teacher Victor Wisti traveled from Michigan to the Pacific Northwest with his bride, "...to show my grandmother the Pacific Ocean," explained Eric Wisti. They were sufficiently impressed to stay and make a home on 68-wooded acres he bought around that same time.

The history's a bit murky, but as Eric related the story, "I'd heard he went to another mill to get lumber cut and it was going to take too long so he decided to build his own mill," and do it himself. There is a decided bend towards independence in the Wisti family and its clear where some of that will comes from. "He paid for this place by cutting firewood off the place and selling it," and starting the Wisti Mill to cut the wood on his property into lumber, "...and that was the start of it," Wisti explained.

The Wisti Mill continued operation, growing from those meager beginnings well into the mid-90s, and was the basis for their logging operations both on their own timberlands and other sources. The mill and logging operations also created the entrepreneurial spark passed on to subsequent generations up to and including Eric Wisti.

Born in 1951 Victor's son, John Wisti, was raised in and around the woods, learning the fundamental of logging by working with his father both in the woods and around the mill, but wanted to break out on his own. He did so by buying his own

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ERIC WISTI is a third generation logger, who started in the brush and running yarder on his father's tower side, branched off as a trucking contractor in '98. He then purchased a Link-Belt 98 in 2001 as a "project" to develop into a yarder, which he put to work a few years ago changing the company name to Wisti Logging.

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STRAIGHTENING OUT THE LINES is Eric Wisti working with Jayson Reynoso in the brush on the Wisti Logging downhill yarding side.



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dump truck when he was 19, then later adding a log truck and establishing his own business. "He started logging in '85," explained Wisti, "...after buying a couple of US Forest Service Timber sales," which he then logged. "He just had a skidder and a self-loader to start with."

Shortly after, he changed his company's name to John Wisti Logging. In '86 he bought his first yarder, a Skagit SJ4, and operated that single side, shifting operation's to Eastern Oregon where he logged for Blue Mountain Forest Products out of Pendleton, Oregon until that mill closed, "...then dad went to work in Idaho and Montana," for the next several years.

Third generation

The Wisti family moved fairly often during those years, with son Eric attending schools in five communities until graduating while they lived in Eastern Oregon from high school in '93, then joined his father's crew as the Link-Belt LS-98 yarder operator. Wisti had been involved and exposed to logging throughout his youth. "I can remember going out on log trucks with my dad as long as I can remember," he said with a smile. "I actually worked for my dad during the summers since I was 12 or 13," where he learned by doing, and loved it. "I worked for him most of the time from high school on," then he added, "I'd intended to be a logger in some form rather I worked for myself or someone else."

An opportunity to work during the spring breakup in '95 brought the younger Wisti west of the cascades. "I ended up going to work in construction for a while, and for

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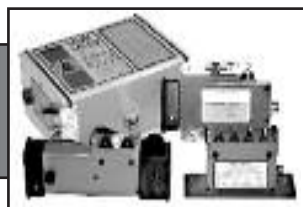
YARDING DOWNHILL with Wisti Logging's Link-Belt LS98 TL yarder is operator Colt Wisti. Eric Wisti purchased the Link-Belt in 2001 at auction then over the next several years essentially rebuilt it from the ground up starting with a heel boom loader and converting it to a yarder and putting it to work the first time in 2010. They were running butt rigging on this job.



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COLT WISTI at the controls of Wisti Logging's Link-Belt LS98 TL yarder. He's a fourth generation logger, having begun his career following high school graduation in 2011, and the nephew of company owner Eric Wisti. "I'd set chokers a few months then got in the yarder and stayed there," he explained. "Maintenance is actually very simple, pretty basic," he explained. "It definitely does the job." He does whatever's necessary to get the job done.



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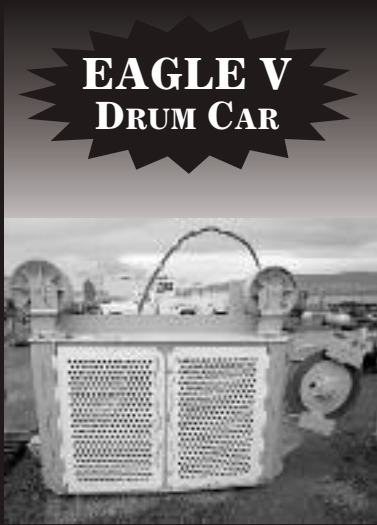
PORTABLE STUMP changes position with the road change on the Wisti Logging tower side. Moving the Cat 517 with Esco swing grapple and 6-way blade is TJ Seekins, who was operating all of the Southside Enterprise's equipment on the subcontracted Wisti Logging side, including this 527 and the Link-Belt 3400 shovel logger.



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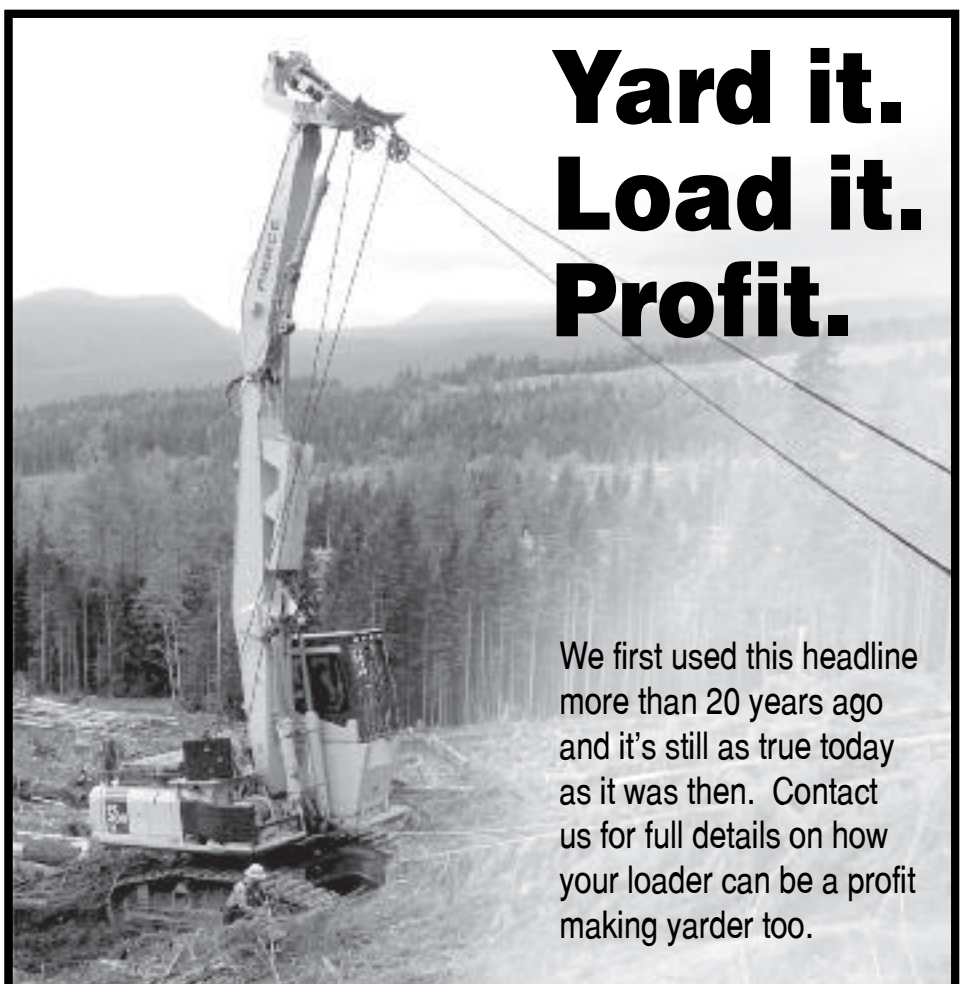
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SOUTHSIDE ENTERPRISES Kobelco 235 carrier with a Waratah HTH 622B dangle head processor run by TJ Seekins, was working on the Wisti Logging side who'd subcontracted their Link-Belt LS98 TL yarder and crew to Southside for the downhill logging portion of this job. "It's very stable," said Seekins, "lot of power for a little guy."



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about 18-months I was running a little dozer and excavator moving dirt." But logging remained his first love.
"In 1996 I was working construc-

tion down in Albany," Wisti explained, "and seeing log trucks go by slopping around in the (weather), and thought "that's what I want to do is drive a log truck."

Wisti found the truck he wanted in '98, purchasing an '88 Peterbilt 379 LH with a Cat 425 HP diesel,

and a '73 Peerless trailer, and established Eric Wisti Trucking. "At the time, I liked trucking so much, put in so many hours I was able to make ends meet," Wisti explained with a smile adding, "...it took lots of time."

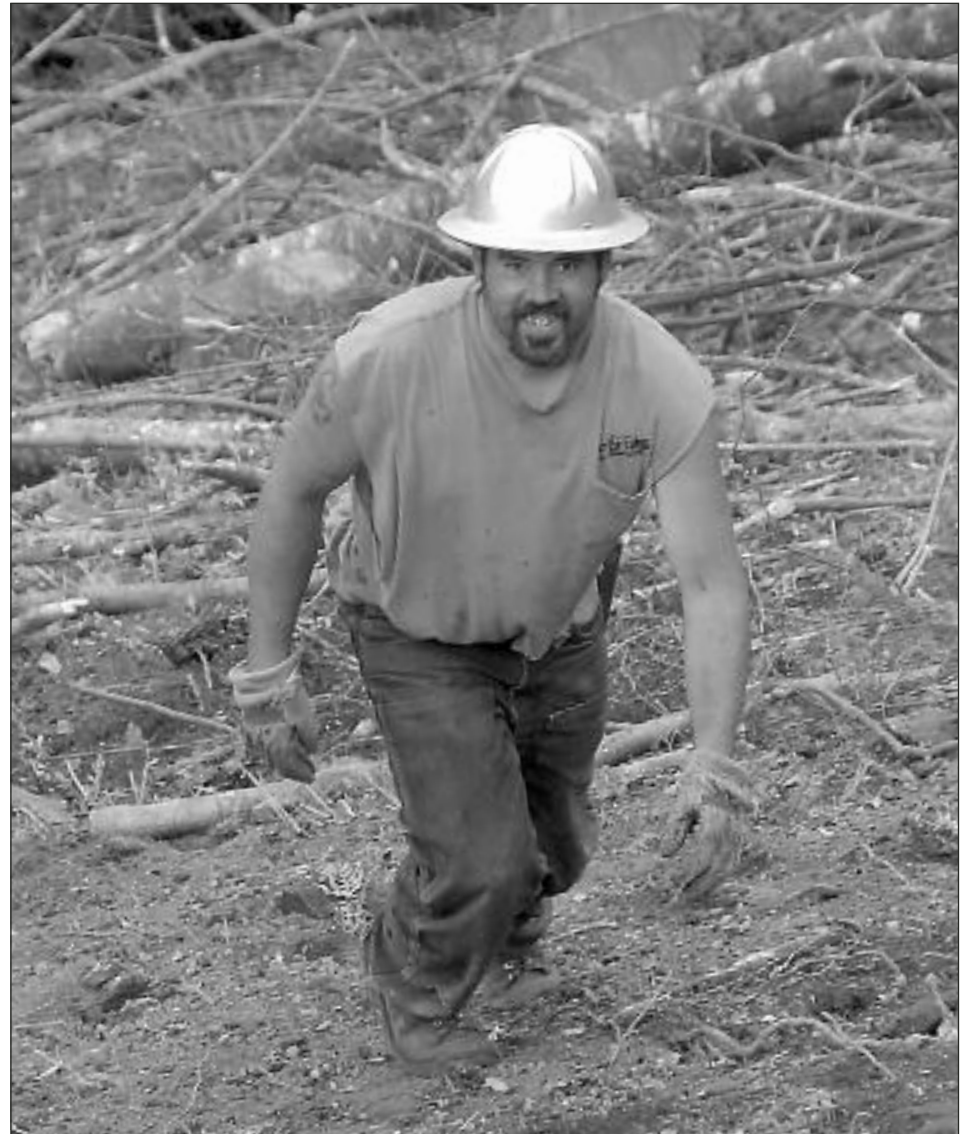
He was hauling full time, in addition to doing some logging, for his father's company headquartered in

Kalispell, Montana until the summer of 2000. "I was hauling for dad and we had a bad fire season in Montana," said Wisti. "My uncle had this (hauling) job maybe two miles east of Battle Ground (Washington)

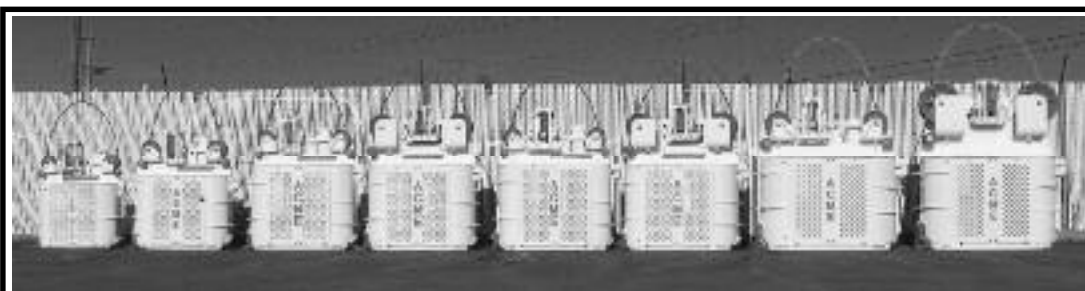
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"I'VE BEEN WORKING ON FISH ENHANCEMENT the past 10 years," explained TJ Seekins explained, noting amongst other tasks he'd be putting trees back in the river in his past job. "At 19 I wanted to be a truck driver," he explained, so he drove log truck for five years, then operated equipment another five years before working construction for a decade then returning to his logging roots this past October. He works for Southside Enterprises who had subcontracted with Wisti Logging for the downhill yarding portion of this job.



JAYSON REYNOSO was working in the brush on the Wisti Logging tower along with company owner Eric Wisti. Reynoso's been logging the past five months, and had worked in construction prior to that. "I've taken out bridges, built roads, taken out dams," he explained, but enjoys the logging a lot more. He's a second generation logger, and works for Southside Enterprises.



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WISTI PURCHASED this Hitachi EX200LC excavator with logging grapples for use in the firewood business he started in 2005, which could also be used on small logging jobs. In the past year Wisti's purchased a Kesla dangle head processor and mounted it on the EX200LC, which should work well on future small logging jobs and add to his current versatility.



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2010 Komatsu PC200, Pierce grapple, 3,600 hrs., exc. cond., forestry cab	\$200,000
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2007 Madill 2850C, new motor, rblt hyd. group & cys., new paint, new u/c, rebushed	\$260,000
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2007 Madill 800, good cond., 5,000 hrs	\$165,000
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2000 Cat 320, w/Pullmaster winch, new u/c	POR
2004 Hitachi 200LL, forestry cab, 13,000 hrs., Young grapple	\$85,000
2005 Komastu PC220LL, 13,700 hrs	\$115,000
2000 Link-Belt 4300Q, Cummins power, 40% u/c	\$40,000
1993 Link-Belt 4300 C-2, rblt Cummins, 60" Pierce grapple	\$27,500
2000 JD 200, recent motor, rotex, resealed pump & rails	\$49,500
2000 JD 270LC, rblt motor, 70% u/c, recent 60" Pierce grapple, 18,000 hrs	\$70,000
2008 Kobelco SK250, 13,000, w/like new tong tosser, new u/c	\$162,500
2005 Kobelco SK 290, recent pump	\$90,000
Pierce 52" Grapples, rebuilt, new legs, also avl. 52" Pierce in good cond.	POR
1996 T-Bird 1238, 13,000 hrs., good cond.	\$49,500
1996 T-Bird 738, 10,400 hrs., good cond.	\$49,500

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2004 Link-Belt 330, w/2004 624, recent drive motor & rebushed	\$156,500
2004 Link-Belt 210, w/04 Waratah 622B, RB front, new pump	\$90,000
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Waratah 624, w/color screen, good cond, w/ controls	\$39,500
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2005 Madill 1236, w/ DM 4400, excellent cond, new paint	\$112,000
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2005 Tigercat 830LX, 23" Tigercat saw, rblt hyd group, new motor & u/c, rebushed	\$245,000
2003 Timberking TK 1161, 24" Cat saw, 13,500 hrs., recent u/c, rblt motor & rblt pumps	\$102,500
1996 Timbco 445B, 33" bar saw, 70 % u/c, Cummins power	\$37,000
1999 Timbco 445D, 2000 hrs. on pump, motor and u/c, bar saw	\$95,000
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and encouraged me to come haul in Washington." It appeared to be a very good option. "My intent was to just do that in the summer and return to Montana, but I never returned," and made the permanent move to Battle Ground.

The LS-98 project

While he enjoyed log trucking, Wisti ultimately wanted to log. Auctions are part and parcel of this business, and it was at a Ritchie Bros. Auction in 2001 he picked up a

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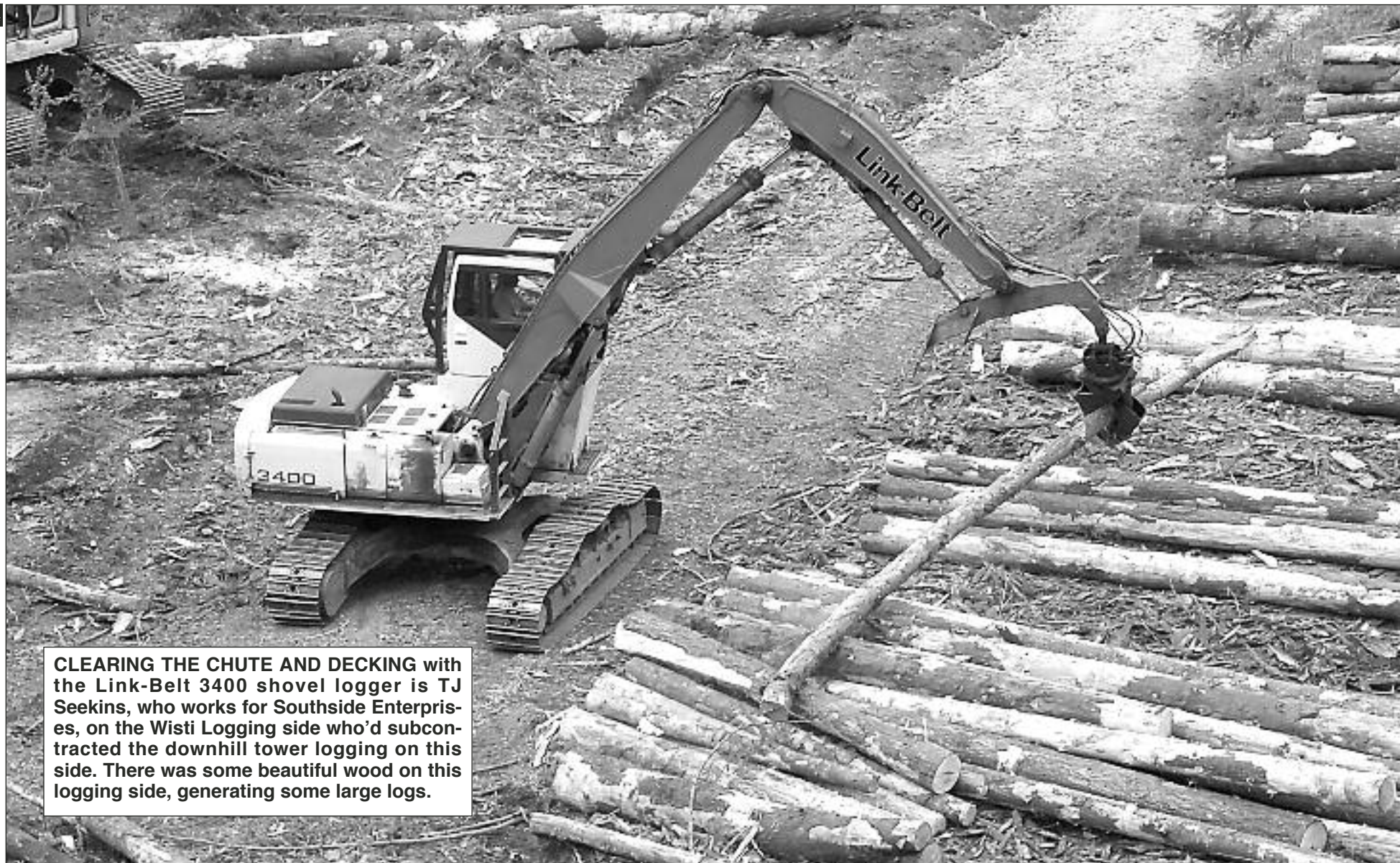
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Link-Belt LS-98 TL, "...as a project. It was a heel-boom log loader with factory drums, and an old Cummins with a torque converter and guy line winches," which he would convert over the next few years to a yarder. He'd operated and worked on the 98 that his father had owned and was both comfortable and familiar with its operation and maintenance. "I got it home and found out the main frame was busted out up underneath where the hook rollers hook on," Wisti explained. "I put it on cribbing, lifted it up off the undercarriage and was going to weld it up," but the frame was beyond repair. Undeterred, he located another 98 with a good frame as a parts machine, then proceeded to strip the original 98, "...all the way down, not one more bolt to take off. Then line bored all the swing bores, put all new seals and bearings in, and started reassembling it with some new parts and good used parts that I had from both machines." It was an ambitious project. "At the time I was still trucking and working on it as I had time."

The machine has noticeably lower profile than the typical Link-Belt 98. Wisti explained at one point a previous owner had replaced the sheet metal. When Wisti was sanding the cab he'd found a BU80 stamp, "... so I imagine it's a BU80 cab."

"By 2009 I saw there was work available for it," said Wisti, "so I started working towards the goal of completion (whereas prior it was just a side project). By late 2009 or 2010 it was ready. I finally had a pretty good machine, which I knew would be reliable too."

Into the woods

"I was working with Leif Kaski (Kaski Logging), hauling for



TEAM RIGGING with rigging slinger Jayson Reynoso (left) working in the rigging of Wisti Logging's downhill logging site next to company owner Eric Wisti.

him," Wisti explained. They were logging an 800-acre private job with some steep ground Wisti knew would be ideal for his yarder's maiden run. "I was hauling for him (Kaski) and (also) did the yarding (portion of that job) with my machine

part-time, working by myself and Kaski would put his guys setting chokers, I'd run the machine. When my brother (from Montana) wasn't working, he'd come over run the yarder then I'd go in the brush." The job was closer to Wisti's shop as well. "It was close, good to start (the yarder) out and fine tune it. I knew it would work. The belt-drive system I'd put on it would slip, so I improved that system and it will not slip anymore," he said. "I went to Ott's Friction for the clutch, and wanted the most aggressive clutch lining system they had, and they took care of it."

When that job's ended, "I wanted to do more logging, and started looking for other jobs," Wisti explained, but recognized he could not "yarder log" alone. "So we set up a payroll and about that time Colter Wisti (his nephew) was graduating from high school, so he came to work for me full time, and hired Randy Schmeusser to drive and take care of my truck. With two of us we could log."

Last year, "I had my own contract on a logging job, and we had four guys on payroll," said Wisti. "I knew I had good guys in the brush, but when I'm out there there's more incentive to get logs up the hill... it's a key job," thus Colt runs the yarder

and Wisti works the brush. "When I'm just subbing out the yarder, it makes more sense for me to be in the brush full-time, not only for production but (to save) the L&I costs as well."

Flexibility

Wisti's company is flexible and is as comfortable with his own job or subcontracting for others bending towards, "...what work and contracts are available," of course.

With wood prices lagging in 2005, Wisti started a firewood business. He purchased a Blockbuster Model 18-20 firewood processor, which cuts then splits the wood, and works very well. "I saw it as something to bring in more income during the winter months, and supplement the truck," he explained adding that, "...it didn't work out that way. We found what we made on firewood I was losing (time) in trucking. There are just so many hours in a day."

"I'd bought it with the idea it'd be more profitable, but as pulp prices went up, the firewood (profit) argument went down."

Now they run the firewood processor, "...to keep the guys busy when there's nothing else to do."

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Adding to his building versatility, in 2006 Wisti purchased a used Hitachi 200 loader, "...to feed the firewood processor and where it could help in other small jobs too." Most recently he purchased a 2001 Kesla dangle head processor. "It takes up to a 16-inch tree for processing," he said noting he's still learning the system.

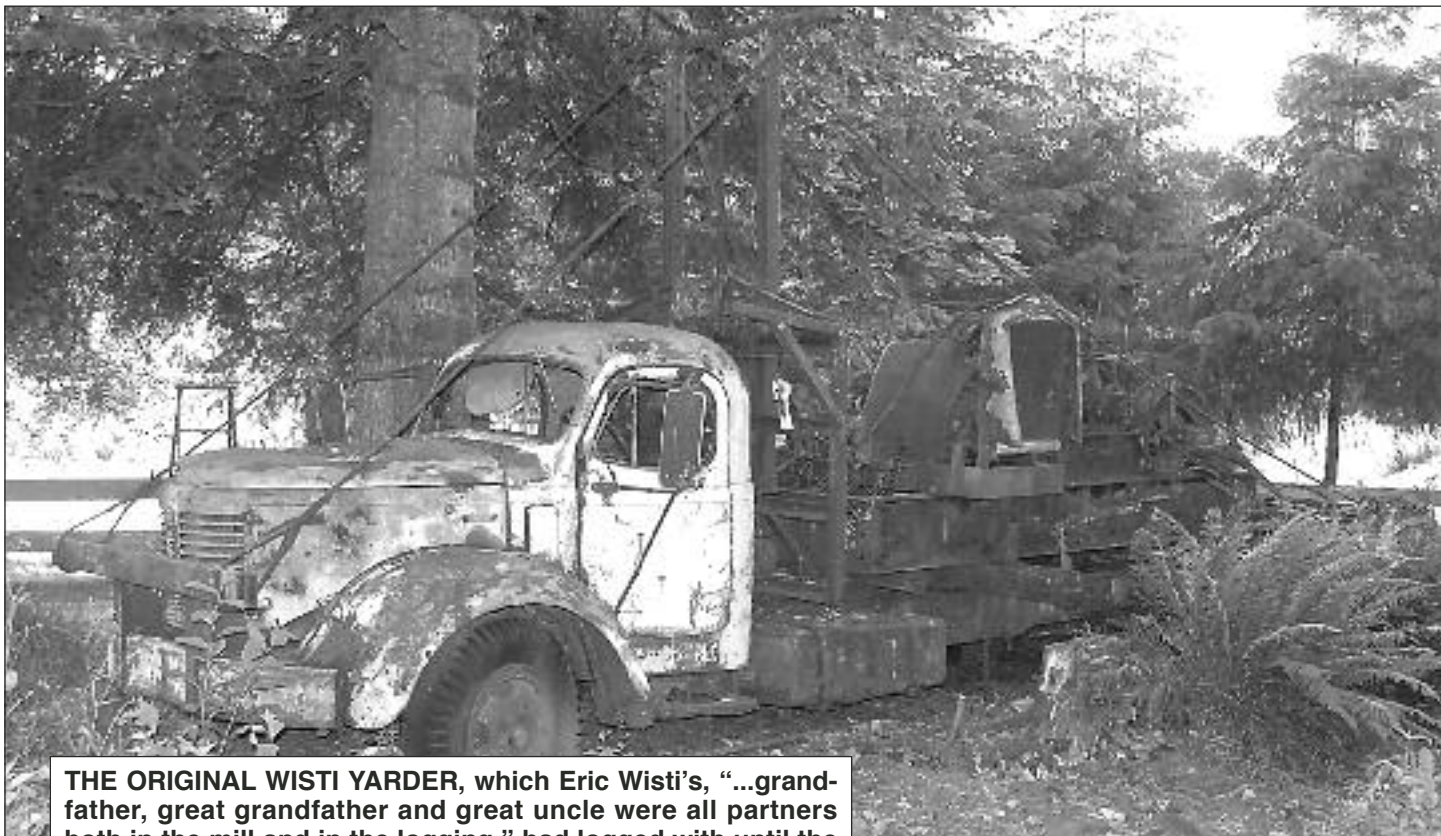
Today's company

"We're still in the beginning phases of logging," Wisti smiled. He's sub-contracted with some other loggers and in the summer of 2012 started working with Bruce Schmidt (Southside Enterprises), "...doing the falling, logging, and loading on that job," and was subcontracting with him doing the downhill logging the day we caught up with them.

Wisti's pleased with where he's at presently as a contract logger. "Me, Colt (Wisti) and the yarder, we're flexible with what we can do, whether it's subcontracting with other loggers, doing a private job, or whatever it takes."

Wisti and his wife Nicole were married in 2009 and have five offspring, so home life is very busy as well.

Wisti's a member of the Washington Contract Loggers Association, is a SFI certified logger, and sees a good future ahead of him. "I'd like to be doing more contracts on my own," he said of the future. "I'd be perfectly happy running a single cable logging side." He's confident with the Link-Belt LS-98 performance to date. "They work well for me," and he's looking forward to the versatility the new Kesla processing head brings to the operations too. "The main reason I bought it was for the US Forest Service thinning sales, and its small diameter wood."



THE ORIGINAL WISTI YARDER, which Eric Wisti's, "...grandfather, great grandfather and great uncle were all partners both in the mill and in the logging," had logged with until the late 50s. "I think it was steam engine powered, that was converted to gas," Wisti explained, "with two winches, and mounted on a Reo Truck." It now graces the entry, surrounded by greenery in the front of his grandmother's home.



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Thursday – September 26th

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration at the Paragon Convention Center – exhibits open
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Optional Golf outing at Tamahka Trails Golf Course* (tee times TBD)
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Cocktail Welcome Reception at the Pelican Stage

9:00 pm -9:30 pm Executive Committee meeting

Friday – September 27th

6:00 am -12:00 pm Registration at The Paragon Convention Center
6:15 am – 7:45 am Breakfast Buffet - The Paragon
7:00 am – 4:00 pm Swamp Tour & Lunch at Landry's – Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

9:00 am – 4:00 pm ALC Ladies Plantation Home tour & Lunch At The Carriage House Restaurant
Shopping in St. Francisville, Louisiana

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm President's Reception
The Paragon

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm President's Dinner & ALC Auction

Saturday - September 28th

7:00 am - 8:00 am
Registration at the Paragon Convention Center
7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast Buffet – The Paragon
8:00 am -10:00 am ALC Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am - 11:30 am ALC Ladies Program
Fashion Show at the Paragon Casino Resort
10:15 am - 11:30 am Full Membership Meeting
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

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1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Free Time – Explore Marksville area on your own—have some fun!

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm President's Farewell Reception – The Paragon

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm President's Farewell Banquet
Roll call of the States
Passing of the gavel presentation

*Contact Crad Jaynes at 803-957-9919 for pricing, tee times and details on optional golf activity. All tee times need to be reserved at least 30 days in advance.



Weyerhaeuser purchasing Longview Timber

Weyerhaeuser is moving forward with its purchase of lumber company Longview Timber LLC for approximately \$2.65 billion from Brookfield Asset Management Inc. The parties estimate the deal will be complete in July 2013 and will include the acquisition of around 645,000 acres of timberlands in Washington and Oregon not far from Weyerhaeuser's present holdings.

"We believe our company is uniquely positioned to maximize the value of these timberlands," explained Dan Fulton, Weyerhaeuser president and CEO. "The acquired timberlands are highly complementary to our existing acreage in Washington and Oregon, where we have more than 100 years of experience managing Douglas fir. By increasing our high-value timber holdings west of the Cascade mountain range, we will leverage our infrastructure as well as our expertise in silviculture, logistics and marketing, giving us a distinct competitive advantage both domestically and with export markets." - *LBM Daily*

EPA mulling new Stormwater Discharge Rule for forest roads

The National Alliance of Forest Owners has learned that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has drafted (although not

yet published) an "Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking," as a prelude to a public comment process to evaluate options to apply whatever latitude for regulating forest roads that the March Supreme Court decision left open. The existence of this initiative underlines the importance of supporting The Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act (S 971, HR 2026) as it moves through Congress, clarifying the limits of federal intervention in forest road regulation.

Among the terms this "Advance Notice" is expected to propose are criteria for BMP programs and terms for the federal certification of compliance. That is:

- * laying down minimum requirements for state BMP programs (essentially converting "voluntary" BMP programs to "regulatory" ones);

- * guidelines for prioritizing and addressing water quality concerns related to forest road discharge;

- * "accountability measures";

- * guidelines for public involvement in related policies.

In addition, EPA may propose federal assistance for state BMP programs.

Although these details are only based on what EPA has been willing to release so far, the need to bring forest users into the public comment process, once launched, is clear-but the most important action is to support passage of The Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act.

- *FRA Bulletin*

Rigging Shack

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About four in the evening we headed for home, a drive of only an hour and a half.

SUNDAY: Up fairly early, packed the boat and headed out boating as talked about at the first of this B.S.

Next Week? Tomorrow morning a meeting of all hands. In the afternoon more work in the darkroom making pictures. I am taking a photography course trying to make our

pictures better.

Some of the things I'd like to do next week are to visit other outfits using Grapples. I'd like to get down into Weyerhaeuser's operations in the Coos Bay area; I'd like to look at a new carriage as being used by Alvin Rigdon.

But first must see what we've got so far and see what room is needed. It may be that the information and pictures we got last week shall fill the space we have.

We'll see. Like the steer we'll keep trying.

See you next month!



Value of training survey

Dear logging firm owner or supervisor: The logging industry is involved with training every day as new people come into the business, and as businesses adopt new machines and methods. Most of that training has been on-the-job training. Off-site, formal vocational logging training has been attempted throughout the US. In most cases the results were not memorable, and those programs could not be sustained.

Vocational training programs may survive if the program benefits exceed the program costs, and the program can communicate that to its constituents. The basic benefit training programs provide is to jump start job knowledge, behavior or skill which decreases the duration and cost (in lost productivity) of on-the-job training. How much is that worth? Only the employer knows for sure. The costs are more obvious with program tuition and lost wages during training, however state or grant sponsorship may offset some costs. Designing training programs requires an understanding of the costs and benefits of training programs and how that compares to on-the job training and experience. We have designed a sur-

vey for logging employers and supervisors that should help describe:

- * What job training or experience is worth to employers,

- * Whether acceptable levels of job performance be accomplished by training, and

- * What kinds of training programs best address employer needs.

If you are a logging business owner or crew supervisor please go to the link <http://goo.gl/nz5LO> and complete the survey. It should take 10-15 minutes of your time. Feel free to forward the link to others.

If you fill out the survey you will receive a web link that will give you access to more detailed study results than will be publically available.

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Single certification standard would harm American jobs and regional economies

While some activist environmental groups push for a

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Summary Judgment....

Last (Miner) Standing in Colorado National Forest

by William Perry Pendley

At the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MOMA) in New York City, alabaster-calcite or gypsum, but also, onyx-marble, Egyptian or Oriental alabaster-with its swirls of cream and brown, form works from antiquity. From Egypt come “Fragmentary face of King Khafre” (ca. 2520-2494 B.C.), “Cosmetic Jar in the Form of a Cat,” with inlaid eyes of rock crystal and copper (ca. 1991-1783 B.C.), and “Canopic Jar Lid,” with glass and stone inlays (ca. 1340-1336 B.C.). Other exhibits, which span the centuries and the continent, include “Christ on the Road to Calvary” (German), “Saint James the Greater” (Spanish), and “Charity” (Franco-Flemish). Because of its ease of being carved, soft, smooth texture, white, delicately shaded color and translucence, alabaster is still sought after for decorative objects. It may be popular with the ancients, artisans over the ages, and admirers of sculpture, but it is not favored when modern man seeks to mine it.

One such man is Coloradoan Robert Congdon who owns ten mining claims within the White Banks Quarry-an alabaster, marble, and gypsum deposit-beneath Mount Sopris in the White River National Forest in north-central Colorado near Carbondale in Pitkin County. He located the claims in 1988 and, in 1992, filed a mining permit with the county and a plan of operations with the U.S. Forest Service. In

1998, the county granted a 20-year permit. Meanwhile, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Forest Service conducted an Environmental Analysis (EA) and approved his plan but limited operations to May 1 to November 15; however, the plan contemplated year-round operations after an initial trial period of Forest Service monitoring. Over the years, amendments were approved by the Forest Service, but Congdon was not authorized to operate during the winter and early spring. In 2003, he sought authority to operate year-round, but Forest Service officials procrastinated and Congdon was forced to shut down. Despite the value of his deposit and the desire for his world-class alabaster, Congdon cannot operate economically unless he is able to work year round-frankly no business can afford to close six months each year. Then, when the original plan of operations expired in 2010, he submitted a new plan to operate during the winter months. In April 2011, after meeting with Forest Service and Pitkin County officials, he modified his plan to reduce winter operating hours, minimize lighting, end winter camping by employees, and limit outdoor winter surface activity to loading and removing ore. Again the Forest Service procrastinated and approved an interim plan that allowed Congdon to work as before, but that was economically infeasible. In response to the 2011 proposal, the Forest Service prepared

yet another EA in which it consider three options: (1) no-action; (2) approve Congdon’s plan, or (3) restrict mining, once again, to the May through November period. In March 2012, the District Ranger published a “Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)” that barred all winter operations due to “issues raised about potential impacts to bighorn sheep during critical winter periods.” Congdon appealed the decision and, in August 2012, the Forest Supervisor reversed the District Ranger’s decision after finding there was not enough evidence in the EA linking Congdon’s proposed winter operations to the declining bighorn sheep population. The Forest Supervisor vacated the earlier decision and remanded the case to the District Ranger who, relying on the fatally flawed study,

barred Congdon’s full use of his mine. Unfortunately, there are scores of NEPA-abuse cases by federal agencies across the country and over the decades but Congdon decided he would not be victimized by bureaucrats too cowardly to admit that, under the law, he must be granted reasonable use of his property. He sued the Forest Service and its officials. If his case makes it to the Supreme Court of the United States, perhaps he will get up to MOMA and see its alabaster displays.

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

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monopoly, a new study released today found that a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) monopoly on forest certification in the U.S. could destroy tens of thousands of American jobs and hurt forest economies in the South and the Pacific Northwest. The study also found that a FSC monopoly would significantly reduce wood flows in the U.S., resulting in substantial economic losses for landowners and job loss for direct employees such as foresters, loggers, and millworkers. The new research represents the most comprehensive economic analysis done on forest certification standards, and was prepared for EconoSTATS at George Mason University by Brooks Mendell, PhD, and Amanda Hamsley Lang at Forisk Consulting.

“Creating a FSC forest certification monopoly will destroy jobs, decrease local tax bases, and hurt the environment,” said Wayne Winegarden, PhD, contributing editor to EconoSTATS. “American businesses and consumers rely on forest certification standards to ensure that their wood products come from sustainably managed forests. This study shows that healthy competi-

tion among credible certification programs guarantee sustainable wood products and avoid higher costs and job loss in the forest industry.”

In order to estimate the economic impacts of forest management under multiple certification programs, Forisk modeled operations and economic implications to forest owners and estimated the potential impact to forest industry jobs and local tax revenues. The study was conducted in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and South, specifically in Oregon and Arkansas.

In Oregon alone, the state level implementation of a sole FSC standard could:

- Reduce forest industry employment by over 31,000
- Reduce annual severance taxes by over \$6 million
- Reduce economic returns to landowners by at least 31%

In Arkansas, it could:

- Reduce forest industry employment by up to 10,000
- Reduce annual severance taxes by over \$600,000
- Reduce economic returns to landowners by at least 26%

The impact of a FSC monopoly in

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Oregon and Arkansas - two states with strong forest industries - could have clear consequences. Given that forest land covers one-third of the U.S., the nationwide impact could be staggering for landowners, consumers of local American grown wood, and the economy alike.

Earlier research found that a FSC monopoly would lead to a \$34 billion annual loss to the domestic wood and paper market, while increasing product costs for American consumers by as much as 20 percent.

About EconoSTATS at George Mason University: The public debate over economic policy is rooted in data on economic conditions and trends. Too often, however, these data are either too obscure for most people to understand or too politicized for them to trust. The goal of EconoSTATS is to simplify and clarify economic debates by explaining the premises and evidence on which they are based. EconoSTATS is an educational resource empowering readers to analyze, interpret and think about these issues for themselves. To this end we draw in economists from various perspectives to engage on topics in ways that stimulate readers' thinking. We also examine and critique the ways the media reports on these topics. Finally, in the tradition of EconoSTATS' parent organization, the Statistical Assessment Service (STATS), we provide support for journalists attempting to navigate and report on these issues.

- PRNewswire-USNewswire

Social Services support zones

The northern spotted owl is the driving force behind the collapse of dozens of timber dependent rural communities across the northwest, devastating local governments and drastically reducing the basic social services these governments can provide. Despite setting aside millions of acres for the owl, its numbers continue to decline because it is being overtaken by its larger cousin, the barred owl, by a ratio of 4 to 1. Without a massive effort to reduce the barred owl population (which the public will not allow), the spotted owl population will continue to decline no matter how many acres are dedicated to it.

The FWS has dictated that any

area that spotted owls have used in the last 25 years need to be protected even if spotted owls have not used them for decades. They also dictate that areas that might support spotted owls need to be protected even though no spotted owl has ever used them. These are called "predicted" owl sites. The FWS estimates there are about 3,800 "known" sites and an undisclosed number of "predicted" sites. Most of these sites are not being used by the spotted owl because they are infested with barred owls. Each one of these vacant protected areas contain billions of dollars worth of timber that could be dedicated to supporting local communities rather than barred owls.

The Willamette for example, has 618 known sites and 124 predated sites where spotted owls have never been known to exist. Of these 124 predicted sites, 46 are outside of Congressionally withdrawn areas. If these 46 predicted sites were classified as Social Services Support Zones (SSSZ's) for the purpose of supporting local governments, \$2,187,202,848 (yes, that's 2 billion!!) could be generated from the first harvest and provide a long term sustainable income of \$46,487,524 per year forever.

Every national forest and BLM District is protecting predicted owl sites. I believe that protecting our rural communities is far more important than protecting virtual, computer generated predicted owl sites, and we should dedicate these lands to them the same way the FWS is dedicating them to only support barred owls. - AFRC News

Blood-alcohol proposal raises eyebrows

A report issued by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) says that more than 100 countries have adopted the .05 alcohol content or lower standard and is calling for the U.S. to drop its legal blood-alcohol level from .08 to .05, citing successes in other countries in reducing roadway deaths. To put it in perspective, that's about one drink for a woman weighing less than 120 pounds and two for a 160-pound man. The report points to Europe, where deaths attributable to drunken driving were reduced by more than half within 10 years after the standard was lowered. Safety groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and AAA declined to endorse NTSB's call for a .05

threshold and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which sets national safety policy, also stopped short of endorsing the board's recommendation when it was presented last month. To see the full article, go to: www.hanford-sentinel.com/

Chamber: Greens using 'sue and settle' to coerce EPA

Green groups have used "sue and settle" tactics to force more than 100 new rules from President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency, according to a new Chamber of Commerce study released Monday.

The business group decried the "sue and settle" tactic, which they said occurs when a group files a lawsuit against a federal agency for failing to meet a regulatory deadline or requirement.

Panelists at an event unveiling the report said the lawsuits result in settlements behind close doors - known as consent decrees - that "reprograms the priorities" of federal agencies, according to Bill Kovacs, the senior vice president of environment, technology and regulatory affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is rallying behind legislation from Rep. Doug Collins (R-Ga.) to crack down on the lawsuits, which critics say circumvent the rulemaking process.

The study from the Chamber focused primarily on the Environmen-

tal Protection Agency, which it said has seen the most economically significant regulations enacted under the sue and settle method.

During the Obama administration, there have been the most successful challenges to the Clean Air Act since the Clinton presidency, according to the report. Sixty "sue and settle" cases have been administered for the Clean Air Act alone since 2009, the study found.

From 2009 to 2012, there were approximately 71 total lawsuits, or intents to sue, resulting in more than 100 new rules, it said. Because agencies are not required to report when they receive a lawsuit threat - or when they reach a settlement - the Chamber study says, "we do not know if the cases... is a truly complete list of recent sue and settle cases."

Public advocacy groups argue ending the practice would simply "stack the deck in favor of more corporate litigation."

"By advocating for 'regulatory reform' legislation, the Chamber wants to make it easier to legally challenge and overturn regulations they and their big business allies oppose," said Amit Narang, a regulatory policy advocate at the D.C.-based Public Citizen.

The Chamber's study identified the Sierra Club as responsible for 34 of the 71 lawsuits against the EPA, with WildEarth Guardians coming

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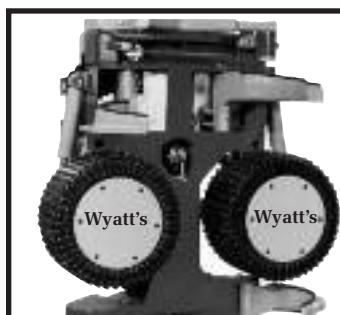
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As We See It....

THE NEXT GENERATION?

Recently, during an Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) executive committee meeting, I learned there was a timber company executive who was very concerned about the looming shortage of logging contractors. He wanted to know what AOL could do to help set up training programs to help with this problem.

It takes a special kind of person to be a logging contractor. If you haven't lived it, it's very difficult to understand what it's like. I am realizing that there is a lack of understanding, by some in the timber industry, of what makes the people who harvest our nation's timber tick.

To understand where we are go-

ing in the logging industry, we must first have some understanding of where we have been. I used to think that my experiences as a logger were unique to Oregon; however, after working with the American Loggers Council for a few years, I now realize that it is very much an American experience.

My dad started his logging company in the late 50s. Back then, as he said, "If you had an old wore out cat and a chainsaw, you were a logger". Back then, there was lots of work and loggers made better than average wages. As my brothers and I grew up, we spent as much time as we could up in the woods. Every Saturday and much of the summer,

us kids would ride up to the woods. There were unlimited hills to climb and creeks to explore. There still seemed to be lots of time for family vacations and when hunting or fishing was good, there always seemed to be a lot of time for those as well.

Once we got old enough, we started helping out in dad's operation. There weren't many child labor laws back then so, at an early age, we learned how to run a chainsaw, set chokers and operate cats and skidders. Like many sons of loggers, I assumed that that's what I would do for a living, I would be a logger. My mom had other ideas, as moms often do. I remember her fervently trying to

convince me to be "something other than a logger". She had seen the stress and strains that being a logging contractor had put on my father. Worse, she had lived through the experience of my older brother being killed in a logging accident.

After going to college and starting a promising engineering career, the woods started calling me back. I have often heard that "you can take the logger out of the woods but you can't take the woods out of the logger".

After our dad passed away in the mid 90's, my brother and I took over his operation. Things had changed a lot from when he started logging. Profit margins were lower and wages had stagnated. My brother and I, however, felt that if we just worked hard enough, we could make a go of it.

Our equipment, however, was old and worn out, worth more as scrap metal than anything else. We spent three quarters of a million dollars on equipment upgrades. The same upgrades would cost millions of dollars these days and would make it very difficult to make ends meet. Can you even imagine, in today's world, a bank lending a couple of young brothers with virtually no collateral in equipment and no equity, multi millions of dollars to start a logging company?

We also built a niche for ourselves, cable thinning. We were eventually recruited by a timber company with large land holdings, to do their cable thinning. It seemed to be a good arrangement, until the market dropped. The company representative came out and told us that the "bean counters told him to cut out the expensive logging" as cable thinners, he said, "that's you". When we asked about our signed contract, he informed us that "they always have an out in their contracts".

It was then that we learned that

contracts in the timber industry are for the timber companies and not the loggers. Many loggers were faced with the same situation, during our latest economic downturn.

As loggers, we all know that we can be told at any time to clean up what we have down and move out.

Nowadays, our profit margins are lower than they have ever been. This fact was echoed recently by Kevin Thieneman (President of Caterpillar Forest Products), who I met at a recent ALC event. He confided that "Caterpillar has a finance division and we see lots of profit and loss statements and loggers do not make enough money".

As for our generation, our fates are sealed. We are loggers. We will persevere and do what it takes to make it through.

So what about the future then? Like many other loggers, my brother and I are not pushing our children to be loggers. There is so much hard and dangerous work required for so little return, that it feels like we would be doing them a disservice.

Until things fundamentally change in the timber industry, it's hard to imagine where the next generation of loggers will come from.

So what kinds of changes are needed? I have some ideas and am quite sure many of you do as well. Perhaps I'll explore those in a future article.



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Several of the cases examined in the paper include using sue and settle to designate certain species as threatened on the Endangered Species Act and placing certain species on the list.

In fiscal year 2011, Congress appropriated \$20.9 million to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for "endangered species listing and critical habitat designation." That year, the Chamber cites, the agency spent \$15.8 million in response to court orders or settlement agreements.

- *Thehill.com*

Greens attack pellet exporting

"We know our forests aren't meant to be burned as fuel," asserts an appeal from the Natural Resource Defense Council, in a targeted campaign launched in mid-May, in collaboration with the Dogwood Alliance. "Forests are the places where we hike, camp, hunt and fish with our families. Forests enhance our quality of life and our wellbeing. Forests are home to na-

tive animals, plants and other species that will have nowhere to go if their habitats are destroyed. Once a Southern forest is destroyed through industrial logging, its benefits for our communities vanish with it."

This broadbrush attack on the pellet-fuel industry is reminiscent of the generic attack on "chip mills" back in the 1990s and has co-horts not only in the U.S. South but among the green movement in Europe, where the export demand originates, as a May 27 BBC story demonstrates.

NRDC and Dogwood Alliance got the attention of the Wall Street Journal recently, which decided to publish a cover story on May 27, Europe's Green-Fuel Search Turns to America's Forests, which attempts balance but generally fails to find it, since reporters Justin Scheck and Ianthe Jeanne Dugan take few pains to probe:

- * the U.S. regulatory environment,
- * the interest of landowners, or
- * the influence of market demand on sustainability.

FRA President Deb Hawkinson submitted a few tight paragraphs

clarifying these misconceptions, as a letter to the editor, but as of June 3, our rebuttal had not yet appeared (nor had anyone else's).

We understand that the U.S. Industrial Pellet Association and the Wood Pellet Association of Canada are sponsoring comprehensive public outreach campaigns on their own behalfs, supporting the pellet manufacturing interest. FRA will continue to advance the principles of sustainable supply chain management and market-based incentives that the green groups are so determined to mischaracterize. - *FRA Bulletin*

Reg. 1 Litigation: epidemic levels

Foresters in Region 1 who are trying to implement forest health and restoration treatments for dead and dying forests are running into an accelerated attack by environmental groups who are using the court system to shut down many needed forest management efforts. In FY12 alone, nine complaints were filed which either halted or slowed down the harvest of over 117 mmbf of timber and restoration on 12,000 acres.

Already in FY13, there are two complaints and two notices of intent

to sue designed to tie up an additional 40 mmbf and halt restoration on 4,000 acres. Region 1 is ground zero for many forest health issues, including epidemic levels of insect infestation which have wiped out hundreds of thousands of acres of lodgepole pine throughout the Region. Moreover, these lawsuits jeopardize the existence of the fragile forest products infrastructure left in Idaho and Montana and thereby any hope for healthy forests in the Region.

In addition to the recently filed suits, the Region has ongoing litigation for a number of other projects, including Colt Summit, Grizzly Vegetation and Transportation and Management, Miller West Fisher and the Bussell 484 project. Together, these lawsuits jeopardize the harvest of nearly 55 mmbf and halt management efforts on some 3,500 acres.

On May 17, in a decision with mixed results, U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen ruled that the Forest Service violated the Endangered Species Act by not reinitiating

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consultation when critical habitat for the Canada lynx was designated on 11 national forests in the Northern Rocky Mountains in 2009.

However, because the plaintiffs failed to show likely and irreparable harm tied to specific projects, the Judge refused to enjoin any project while the reconsultation is proceeding.

The barrage of lawsuits are coming from a few groups with a well-defined mission and history of trying to halt Forest Service projects by filing appeals, seeking injunctions, and then, when the agency settles in an attempt to get at least some work done on the ground, getting a payday under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Major plaintiffs on Region 1 projects in 2012-2013 include: Alliance for the Wild Rockies - eight cases, Native Ecosystem Council - five cases, Friends of the Wild Swan - three cases, and Swan View Coalition - three cases. The lynx lawsuit was filed by Cottonwood Environmental Law Center.

Congress needs to take a close look at the number and type of lawsuits being filed in Region 1 and throughout the West aimed at stymieing forest restoration. The Forest Service is doing its best to try to manage forest health problems, but while they have the tools to deal

with epidemic levels of insect and disease infestations, they are ill equipped to handle the epidemic of lawsuits being filed to thwart their every effort. Something has got to change!
- *AFRC News*

4FRI logging began in June

U.S. Forest Service officials announced late last week that they expect work on the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) to begin in early June.

According to the Forest Service website at www.fs.usda.gov/4fri, 4FRI is a program designed to "restore the structure, pattern and composition of fire-adapted ecosystems, which will provide for fuels reduction, forest health, and wildlife and plant diversity" on the Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab and Tonto national forests.

The website also states the creation of sustainable ecosystems and industries are key objectives in the plan over the long term.

"Appropriately scaled businesses will likely play a key role in the effort by harvesting, processing and selling wood products," the website reads. "The restoration-based work opportunities are expected to create jobs across northern Arizona."

Pioneer Forest Products was chosen as the contractor for the forest thinning initiative on May 18, 2012. The Forest Service awarded a 10-

year stewardship contract to Pioneer, which provides for treatment of 300,000 acres over 10 years and is the largest stewardship contract awarded by the USFS.

Following the awarding of the contract, Pioneer announced plans to build a wood products mill in Winslow to make use of the trees that would be harvested in the initiative.

On May 17, the Forest Service announced it anticipates work will begin in early June under the ranch task order, which was released in late April. According to the press release, which was sent from the office of Jacqueline C. Banks, public affairs officer for the Kaibab National Forest, the ranch task order will "provide treatment on approximately 1,000 acres on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests near Show Low."

The treatment consists of the removal of designated trees over one-inch in diameter and the residue (tops and limbs) in order to meet the desired conditions for the area.

"Due to current market conditions, the contractor-Pioneer Forest Products-may complete the work with multiple entries over 18 months, rather than completing all the work with one entry into the area," Banks wrote in the release. "The Forest Service is working closely with Pioneer to ensure their operations meet the agency's needs in the long run."

Banks also noted that Pioneer will be responsible for road maintenance and erosion control activities, in addition to the removal of the wood.

In an article in March 27 edition of The Tribune-News, Herman Hauck, CEO of Pioneer Associates, said the company was still working on financing for the mill and declined any further comment. Contacted last Friday, Hauck again said he is unable to comment.

"We're not far enough along to make a statement to the media," said Hauck. He also declined comment on the anticipated start of work in early June.

In the press release from the Forest Service, Banks wrote, "This (the ranch task order) is the beginning of restoration work that will treat an average of 30,000 acres per year on the Coconino, Kaibab, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto national forests over the next nine years, and is an important step for the 4FRI-a 20-year plan to restore 2.4 million acres of ponderosa pine forest in northern Arizona."

The Forest Service also cautioned that as 4FRI logging operations begin local residents and visitors "need to be aware of the hazards associated with the logging operation."

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