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Finley's Rigging Shack "Classic"



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

By the time you get your last issue of *Loggers World* I should be about 50% finished with the main parts of the next issue. That is, I should have several articles done and have collected hundreds of pictures and written down several thousand words. This entire year of 1974 (so far in 74) my schedule has been haywire. Some of it is my inefficiency and some of it, no...come to think of it, most of it is my inefficiency.

Although I've made many trips into logging areas that weren't logging yet, and although many things have happened that were not scheduled happenings I haven't handled the job very wisely. And too this year everything I've touched has broken down. We pride ourselves upon getting and having very good tools. This year those tools haven't been that dependable.

For instance, we buy and use the very finest (according to the advertisements) of cameras. This year spent several thousands of dollars on NIKON equipment, who say they make the very finest of 35mm cameras and accessories. They not only say it but many photographers will agree with them. It is good equipment but even so I managed to buy a new one (at what a price!) that doesn't work in all departments. Imagine-all that money on a camera with a built in light meter and I have to carry another light meter (cost ten bucks) because the camera lite meter runs the batteries down in a couple of days.

When I take a trip to the woods I like to be fairly self-sufficient. Have my equipment with spares, typewriter, supplies, extra cameras, lots of film and so on and so forth. I've had more mechanical breakdowns with new equipment this

year than ever before. Exasperating!

Enough bitching. But between poor planning, a late spring and things busting up it has been hectic times with built in challenges and lots of fun.

Paul Wampler

I had the opportunity of spending a couple of hours one afternoon with Paul

Wampler. Paul is one of the old time logging operators in the Chiloquin, Oregon area. He is mostly retired now and his son Bob runs the logging. Paul is one of the most interesting men a man could ever meet. A real treat to get to talk to him.

Emery Bros. Logging Co. of Lakeview

I took a trip to Lakeview with the prime purpose of meeting the Emery Brothers and doing some picture taking and writing about their logging operation. Got there before they started to work. Not a big thing-I'd come back next week. They were scheduled to get started then. Ground was wet and the F.S. wouldn't let them start yet. Came back next week-they had got some rain, ground was wetter and the F.S. wouldn't let them start yet.

I like those fellows. Seem like good loggers and fine people. Am going to get over there and catch them logging yet this season. They don't have too long a season in that country. They log at high altitudes where the snow pack comes early and stays late. I asked Him Creel if they had really cold weather in the winter time. Jim said, "The winters aren't all that cold, but they are long."

Naming things

Some people have the knack of naming things. Have often wished I did. Eldon Olin and his wife are starting to build a new home on a piece of their ground right where the Mohawk River meets the McKenzie River. So they call their place "MoKenzie". What could be better?

Martin Craine is the secretary manager of the

Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association. He writes and edits their newsletter called "The Whistle Punk". Martin is a hell of a good writer and is always saying things I wish I had said. He has a place that he works on and spends time with. He calls his place "Thorbak". A name that I find especially fitting and pleasing.

My wife and I have 20 acres of brush land. We work on it when we get time. Trying to learn something about the tree farming business. I spend sweaty hours cutting and piling brush till I've got brush piles to trip over every 20 feet. Ever since we got this property I've been trying to find a name for it. Something simple, not cutie pie sweet, but a name we can refer to and call it by when we are talking about it. I'm tired of calling it our "place" or our "property". Need to call it something functional and easy to the tongue and recognizable. Only thing I can ever come up with is the "Brush Pile". Actually it is several hundred brush piles.

We have a good TD-15 bull dozer on the property. I hardly ever use it for land clearing. Prefer to take a chain saw and cut down the brush and pile it between the trees. Can't stand to push any of our valuable trees.

I told you about Marin Craine. Am stealing a page out of "The Whistle Punk" and reproducing it here, hoping that you'll enjoy Martin's writing as much as I do.



FINLEY HAYS

"Musing at Thorbak"

I've often wondered about the expression "wilderness experience", even before the days of THORBAK, and now I wonder even more. I'm certain you've shared my observation of references to a "wilderness experience" as something rather sacrosanct, something that purifies the soul of man-something akin to several productive sessions with a good psychiatrist.

I could possibly quarrel with the benefits of a "wilderness experience". I'm certain they are real and desirable by most modern standards. I have my doubts, however, that a "wilderness experience" is unique only to truly established "wilderness." There are real questions in my mind, and I

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As We See It....

THE ROLLERCOASTER

Many years ago, I remember a trip I made with my family to an amusement park where we enjoyed spending the day seeing the sights and riding the rides. One of the biggest excitements came when I found out that I was tall enough to ride the rollercoaster, but what I did not realize then was that the rollercoaster "effect" would follow me throughout my adult life.

We have all experienced the rollercoaster effect; the ups and downs of the economy, the highs and lows of growing older, and the good times and bad times of the timber harvesting industry...sometimes up, sometimes down.

We are still on that rollercoaster. While markets have shown some improvement over the past few months for the products and services that we provide, there is still the potential threat of more regulation that could stymie our growth.

For the past 18 months, the American Loggers Council has worked with other associations in an

attempt to secure legislation that would permanently exempt using forest roads from the NPDES permitting system. Many of our sponsors have jumped into the fray with us, including Caterpillar Forest Products and John Deere. We have been in the trenches in Washington, DC, working together to try and put a common sense bill into place that would remove one more "worry" from our still recovering industry.



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On June 18th, we got an unexpected surprise. Members of the U.S. House of Representatives decided to attach the Silviculture Regulatory Exemption Act as an amendment to the House Version of the Farm Bill. Immediately, a call to action was sent out requesting that everyone call their representatives and ask that they support the amendment in the Farm Bill. Because of the great work put in by all, the amendment passed on the floor of the House on a voice vote on June 19th, with no one debating in opposition of the amendment.

But then came June 20th, when members of the House voted on final passage of the Farm

Bill. The Bill went down in smoke by a vote of 194 for and 234 against.

Unfortunately, larger considerations of the Farm Bill such as the Food Stamp (SNAP) program carried a lot more weight than our forest roads amendment, but the fact remains that the vast majority of the members of the House voted favorably on the language that was included in the amendment, understanding that the language in the amendment made sense.

Once again we have experienced the rollercoaster effect that comes with life, and once again, we find ourselves at the bottom of the hill slowing climbing our way back up. I'm not so certain that the idea of riding roller coasters anymore is appealing, but you can rest assured that the American Loggers Council will do its part in securing legislation that is favorable towards the timber harvesting industry, even if the ride is not always as smooth as we would like.

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Rigging Shack

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wonder if we aren't dealing with a myth about this sort of "experience."

THORBAK can hardly be classed as wilderness by most acceptable standards. It is small, has a road into it, access is by motor vehicle, paved highways are nearby and the sounds frequently penetrate its borders, and it has been logged at least once and has been subjected to the hands of man in many ways. But I'll bet a solid silver 50-cent piece that THORBAK offers to me as much refreshment, mending of the mind and "experience" of the outdoor type as any type of activity that could be truly classed a "wilderness experience." What's more, I can't be convinced that other people are too much different.

Sort of makes me wonder if a "wilderness experience" is really all it's cracked up to be. Does it really take a wilderness to do the things for man that such "experience" is supposed to do? I think not, and thus the need for wilderness to provide opportunity for wilderness "experience" is a rather slender thread for support of much "wilderness" classification consideration which is a current rage.

I recall a time of momentary relaxation in the heart of an industrial tree farm while in the company of one prominent wilderness proponent, and I inquired about the moment in the woods being a "wilderness experience". On getting a negative answer, I asked why. The response was that he knew a road was just out of sight over the ridge. It's a

little hard to fathom that sort of baloney.

Well, I'll take my THORBAK, secure in the knowledge that it is not public property, it is all mine and that I earned it with a few years of honest toil, determination and dreaming. I don't have to get a per-

mit to walk the trail, and if there's garbage it's mine and I can clean it up. The animals visit me without knowing it's not a classified wilderness, and the trees grow and the wild flowers bloom all the same. And I have a sense of security and serenity that is not possible on land

that belongs to all the people.'

Now that you have digested some of Martin's writing I want to share with you one of his Editorials. This man has the gift of going straight to the point.

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Summary Judgment....

Supreme Court punts on Racialism by Universities

by William Perry Pendley

In one of its final decisions of the October 2012 Term, the Supreme Court of the United States declined to overturn a controversial 2003 ruling (*Grutter v. Bollinger*) that allows colleges to use racial preferences to grant admission until 2038. Instead, by 7-1, the Court remanded *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin* to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for further proceedings.

Thus, the day the Court ends three decades of endorsing race-based decision-making is years away.

The trip down this road did not begin with President Kennedy's administrative "affirmative action," which after all was only the federal government's demand that neither it nor the private entities with which it contracted could discriminate. Instead it started in 1980 in the Court's review of a racial quota

Congress inserted into a jobs bill. Regrettably, its pusillanimous ruling (*Fullilove v. Klutznick*) deferred to Congress and opened the door to race-based governance. Congress, plus State and local governments, rushed in with scores of racial set-asides and preferences. By 1989, the Court had seen enough, at least from city governments, and, applying the Equal Protection Clause, struck them down in *City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson Company*. Hopes the Court would also rebuke the federal government were dashed in 1990 (*Metro Broadcasting v. FCC*) when it upheld racial preferences to ensure diversity in radio broadcasts.

Five years later, however, the Court overturned, explicitly or implicitly, *Fullilove* and *Metro Broadcasting*. In a 5-4 ruling (*Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Peña*) by Justice O'Connor, the Court ruled "racial classifications" are "inher-

ently" and "constitutionally suspect," the Equal Protection Clause applies regardless of the race "burdened or benefited by a ... classification" and in that regard, the Constitution demands no less of Congress than it demands of state and local governments. Little wonder the ruling was front-page news across the country, led every evening news show, and was called by *Time*, "a legal earthquake."

Whether Congress could constitutionally use racial quotas to award highway contracts after *Adarand*, a Colorado Springs case, was not decided. The Court, given that it "alter[ed] the playing field," remanded the case for application of its holding. An attempt in 2000 by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to kill the case drew a unanimous rebuke from the Court. Then in 2001, *Adarand* returned to the Court. Clinton's lawyers, on their way out the door defended Congress's action and urged a ruling, but Bush lawyers were cleverer: *Adarand* had outlived itself; it was moot; dismiss it. The Court did.

Gone was not only *Adarand*, but the anticipated 2002 ruling that race-based decision making by Congress, or any governmental entity, is unconstitutional. Then the Court totally lost its bearings when it decided *Grutter* in June 2003. Justice Stevens crowed later that he had won the day in conference by saying the nation's top generals, chief executive officers, and college presidents (all filed amici briefs) thought the Court had left the door open to using race to promote, hire, and grant admission. If only Justice Thomas or Scalia, or Kennedy for that matter, could have rejoined, "Not since we decided *Adarand* last term!"

Then, in November 2003 in another case out of Colorado, the Court declined the chance to reaffirm *Adarand* and rein in *Grutter's* rationale. There a small concrete business demanded an end to Denver's racial quota contracting system. Scalia dissented from the denial scolding his colleagues that their refusal to hear the case "invites speculation that [our earlier rejection of racial preferences] has effectively been overruled." "We should ... make clear that we stand by [our] insistence that '[r]acial classifications are suspect' [and we must scrutinize them] to 'smoke out' illegitimate uses of race."

The *Fisher* Court cited frequently to *Adarand* with approval, but refused to use *Adarand* to invalidate racialism by the nation's universities. Whether it ever will is now in serious doubt.



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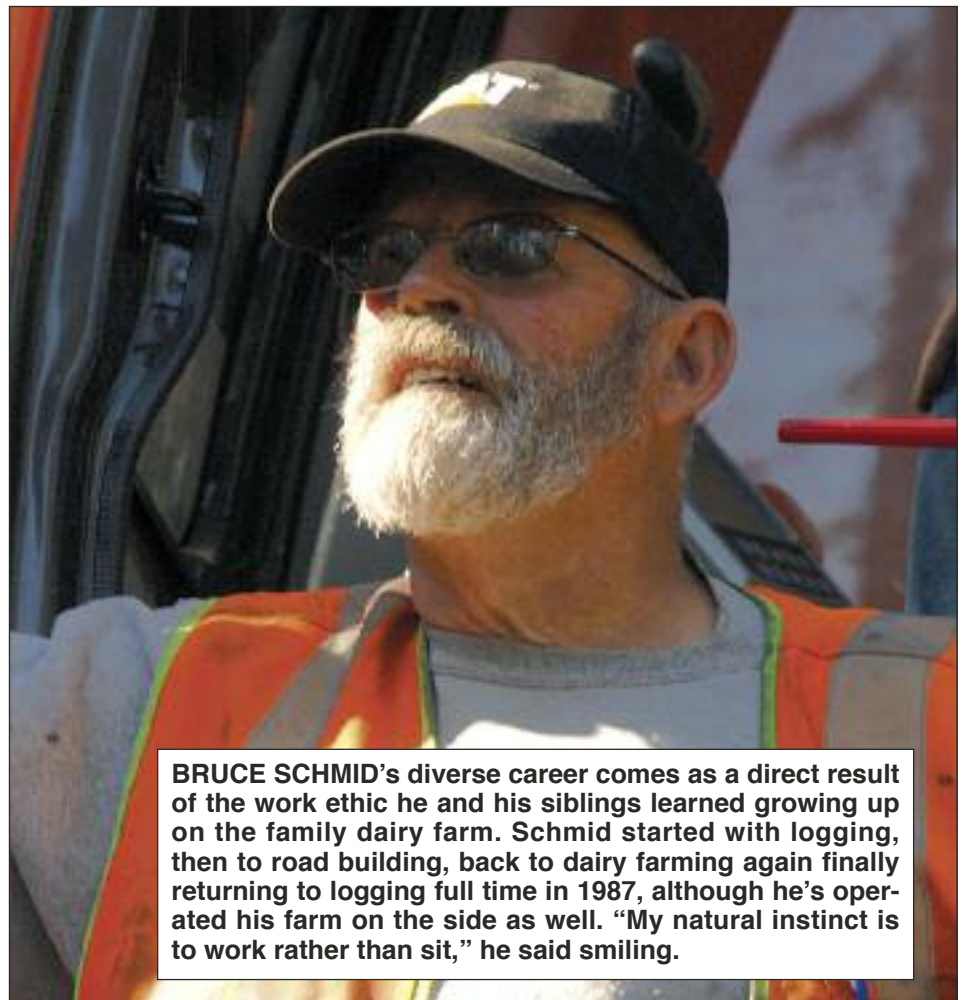
by Mike Crouse

Love of the land and the promise of a better opportunity are what brought the Schmid family from Switzerland directly to Trout Lake, Washington before the end of the 1800s. "There'd been white settlers in Trout Lake for a dozen years before my family got there. They immigrated probably around 1895," Bruce Schmid explained. His grandfather (one of 14 children) was born on the Trout Lake homestead in 1899, and raised on the family's

original 160-acre homestead they made into a dairy farm.

Schmid's grandfather joined the family business as well, raising a family of five, including Schmid's father Leonard born in 1926, who in time also became a dairy farmer, a business much of the family continues in to this day. It was the growth of that business that inadvertently brought the next generation into logging.

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BRUCE SCHMID's diverse career comes as a direct result of the work ethic he and his siblings learned growing up on the family dairy farm. Schmid started with logging, then to road building, back to dairy farming again finally returning to logging full time in 1987, although he's operated his farm on the side as well. "My natural instinct is to work rather than sit," he said smiling.

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Born in 1951, Bruce Schmid was the middle of five offspring, and grew up working on the dairy farm as well from when he was small, as did his siblings. "The farm is where we learned our work ethic, Schmid explained. "Having a large family dad needed to expand the dairy herd to support the family." In pursuit of that, "... he bought another neighbor's herd," which he financed from, "... logging some of the timber off the family farm. Those logs all went to another community member who had a saw mill, and sawed the boards that built the larger barn to support (and house) the cows." Schmid, who was 13-14 at the time

('64 or so), his brothers and father learned the fundamentals of falling and skidding timber on that project, which he discovered they enjoyed and could make some reasonable money doing..

More logging

Interestingly enough, it was another dairy farmer who gave Schmid and his brother the opportunity to continue logging. Jim Dodge, a neighboring farmer's son, was in the midst of taking over his father's dairy farm and "... he decided to go into the logging business," as well, Schmid explained. Dodge had purchased the timber from a neighbor's

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HECTOR TIMIGO is rigging slinger on Schmid's TMY40 tower side, and has been logging for Schmid about nine years off and on, "... this time about four years," he said.



WARDO APARICIO is a 25-year veteran logger, starting in 1987 and has worked for a number of outfits over the years, having joined Southside Enterprises about four months ago working on the tower side in the brush.

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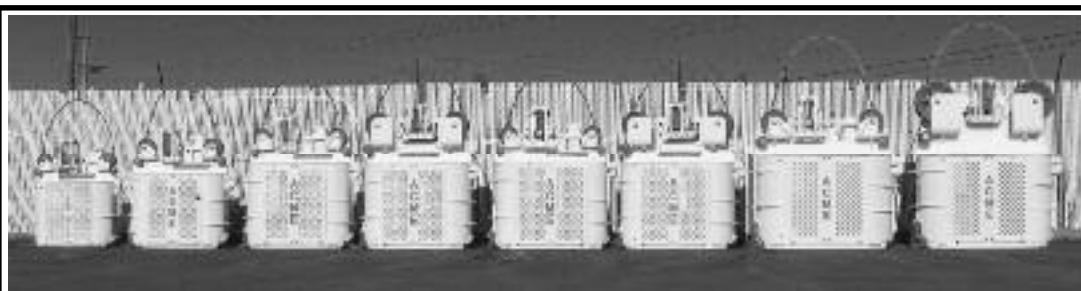
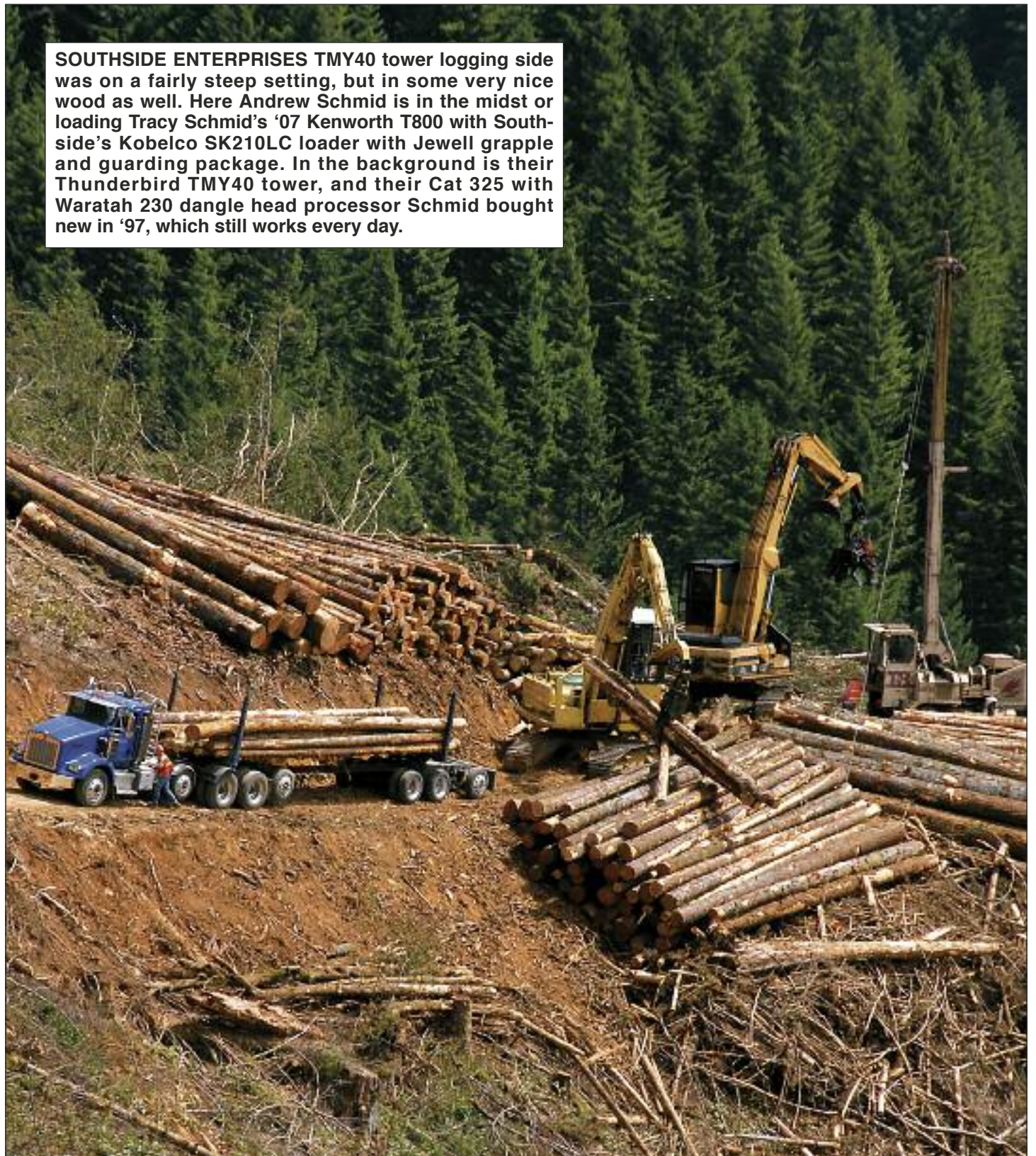
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CHASER RYAN GRIGSBY works in the brush and was chasing on Schmid's TMY40 tower side on this day, and in his seventh week of logging. "I don't think you can ever know everything," he explained of his logging career thus far. He lives in Trout Lake.

SOUTHSIDE ENTERPRISES TMY40 tower logging side was on a fairly steep setting, but in some very nice wood as well. Here Andrew Schmid is in the midst of loading Tracy Schmid's '07 Kenworth T800 with Southside's Kobelco SK210LC loader with Jewell grapple and guarding package. In the background is their Thunderbird TMY40 tower, and their Cat 325 with Waratah 230 dangle head processor Schmid bought new in '97, which still works every day.



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ANDREW SCHMID clearing the chute and processing logs with Southside Enterprise's Cat 325 carrier with Waratah HTH230 dangle head processor adjacent to their Thunderbird TMY40 tower. "We've had it since '97," Bruce Schmid explained adding, "we have over 11,000 hours on it." He has two additional Waratahs as well, one of which has 16,000 hours on it "...and works everyday."



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ANDREW SCHMID at the controls of Southside's Cat 325 with Waratah 230 dangle head processor he was running on the Thunderbird TMY40 tower side's landing, clearing the cute and decking wood. Raised in the business, he's run every piece of equipment, "...except the yarder." He's attending the local community college, "...for geology, majoring in petrology (oil and natural gas)," he said, but is anticipating transferring to Oregon State University to complete a degree soon.



YARDER ENGINEER RUFORD CRAMER at the controls of Southside's Thunderbird TMY40 yarder. He started in 1971 working in the brush several years. "A friend of mine called me (his family was part of Green Bros. Logging) saying they needed a choker setter a couple days to set chokers. After the first turn I thought I had to be out of my mind to do this, then got my check and thought it wasn't that bad!" He started in machinery in '76, and has run yarders ever since. "I've been out (of logging) a few times for a couple years and tried to get away from it but you can't."

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farm, "...knowing my brother and I knew how to skid logs and with that started skidding logs with the crawler after school. I might have been 16 or 17 then in the late 60s," he explained.

"I'm a member of his fan club," Schmid was quick to point out. "We've known him all our lives. His family was all dairy farmers too originally out of Trout Lake." Richard Dodge Logging is the first of Dodge's enterprises. "He has a bunch of other companies too, all

started from scratch."

A career path

By high school graduation in '69, Schmid had a host of skills and work habits garnered from his youth he used to make a living. "In '68 I'd worked for the DNR Fire crew three or four months," then finished school and, "...worked at the (Broughton Lumber Co.) sawmill for nine months one winter until the snow was deep enough," he laughed then explained that he left that job to, "...snowmobile that winter in '69."

That spring he again returned to

logging before landing a road construction job on the Mt. Hood forest. "They'd just finished building Hwy. 35 and were looking to punch through another," he explained, and with the job became acquainted with the federal "prevailing wage" rule. "I was 19 at the time and knocking down over \$1,000 bucks a week for building highway at federal 'prevailing wage' in addition I was logging too," very good money for that span of time. "My mom was amazed," and from the ensuing conversation his father noted, '...he can buy his own farm,' so I did, buying 25-acres on the farm I still own to-



ROYAL MCGILL with his side kick and woods dog, "Tiki" is a self-described, "...cutter and fill-in guy for Schmid," who's a 29-year veteran, the past 27 as a timber cutter. "I've been with Schmid the past 12 years," he said. His main saw is a Stihl MS460 with a 32-inch bar." He's had Tiki the past two years, noting she's a particularly good guard dog.

day."

Road construction slowed around '71. "My little brother was working on a logging job, and guy he was working for had a fleet of log trucks but no driver." Sensing an opportunity, "...a week later I bought one of those trucks," a red and white International 4300, "...and I became a log trucker." His brother bought a blue and white Mack log truck from that fleet as well.

Part of business is maintenance. "In the course of buying parts we became acquainted with the DSU truck salesman, and I decided to buy a new 1973 Peterbilt," Schmid explained. "They flew

me to their San Jose Factory, toured the factory, went back to Portland took it to Peerless for log gear." He converted the International to a dump truck and sold it.

His brother bought a new truck as well, "... and we ran them together until '77," said Schmid. At that point the opportunity presented itself, "...to sell them for what we bought them for," and sold them. His brother went to eastern Washington to farm, and Schmid returned to road construction.

Circumstances changed dramatically when their father died from a heart attack in 1982, and Schmid returned home to run the farm where this could all have ended except for one of life's unpredictable turns presented itself in '87.

Back to the woods

"I need some help," the conversation began with a fellow he'd

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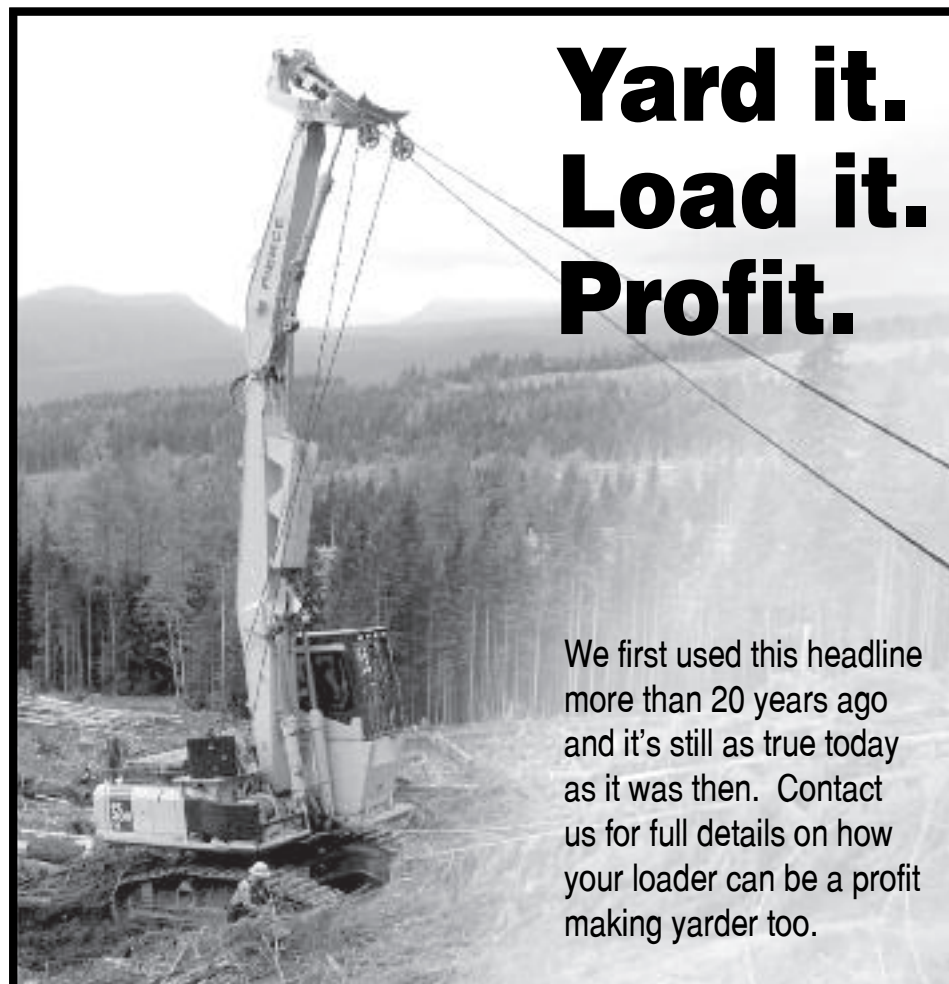
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MATT McNEALY decking with Southside's new Doosan 225LL shovel with Pierce designed boom and Pierce grapple on their ground based side. McNealy started logging in 2004 after marrying Schmid's daughter. "I hopped in a skidding rig and been here ever since," he smiled. The Doosan's been working the past month. "It's working great...a nice smooth loader, wide stance and it's really, really stable. We shovel logged right out of the gate, shoveled in 100-loads and did real good," McNealy explained, then added, "...we have a (Doosan) 300 and it's a very good machine as well." The past seven years he's operated their feller buncher, "...but I'd rather load, where you're right in the mix of things." Schmid added they're powered by a "Doosan built motor but designed by Mann (German)... a very clean, fuel efficient motor that runs at a lower RPM and they'll last a long, long time. Clean fuel, clean air filter, clean oil and they'll run a long time."



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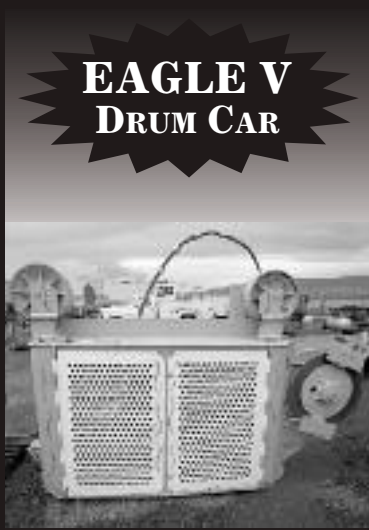
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known for some while who came into the farm's driveway one day. "I asked what he wanted from me," and he explained he'd secured a logging job, but he had no money and no machinery. "I told him I was busy farming, but if he'd come get me from two to three p.m. I'd ride out and look at his logging job," which turned out to be something Schmid could handle. While he could secure some timber cutters what was needed was the right equipment.

"I went to Portland the next day to see what could be done," Schmid recalled. "I had cash, experience, and a lot of friends who had both also, so went down Columbia Blvd. and was unsuccessful everywhere," finding anyone who would sell and finance equipment to an unknown entity, "... and as I left the last door and ran into a guy who said, 'You look disgusted.'" Of course by that point Schmid was. "And the guy asked him if I could do a favor."

He explained, "I rent machinery and I'd rented a loader to a guy up in Trout Lake," and the guy had vanished, "...and don't know where

the machine is." Then the proposition: "If you find it, I'll give you the first month rent free." The man was Fred Fullerton, sales manager for Halton Caterpillar. "He handed me his card, and I went for it, and three hours later we found the Cat 229 loader before it was dark."

"I was in the logging business again," Schmid explained with a smile. "I subcontracted with the original guy."

While Schmid had logged he noted, "...we knew nothing about shovel logging," which he remedied that, "... spending a few days watching how other loggers did it, the re-



JOHN PAUL ANDERSON, is High Cascade's forester overseeing this sale. He's a Washington State Univ. ('99) with a degree in forestry business, and has been with both the Washington DNR (10 years) and the US Forest Service (four years) before joining High Cascade. "I handle all the contracts for all the agency stuff."

turned home and went to work," applying what they'd learned from watching and, "learning as we went." There was no doubt they had the right machine for the job in the Cat 229 shovel logger. "That machine was unbelievable, but so was the wood we were in," Schmid said smiling. "It was beautiful wood, in a good setting, just unbelievable. We made good money (as well) but that's why I was there."

From that start, Schmid was enjoying and making good money at the business, and explained, "...wasn't very long before logging took precedence over the farming," and ran the business as Southside Enterprises. "We had one ground based side that entire time," over the next several years Schmid explained, "and added some iron in between," which included a Cat D6D, a Valmet F66 rubber tired skidder (... bought as a line machine but converted it to a grapple'92), which they replaced in '96 with a Cat 518 wheel skidder. "Later I traded the 518 for a year-old '97 Cat D5H with a swinging grapple," Schmid said. "It had a joy stick to operate it and a foot-peddle to operate the swing grapple." They traded that model off later for D5H with an enclosed cab that was almost new, "...a very versatile machine, which we still have it today."

Yarder logging

Schmid continued as a ground based operation until 1994 when they made the next leap into tower logging. "In '94 we had a large job in Randle, and needed that yarder for it," Schmid explained adding, "I'm not intimidated by them. I'd been

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around towers in the 70s." He purchased a '72 or so Edco Wildcat (or Mustang, he wasn't sure) with a 70-ft. tower mounted on an Autocar truck frame. "It's a high lead machine, not a triple-drummer," he noted, adding he still owns the tower. While last used in 2007, "..... and it would still work today with batteries and some tinkering." Schmid hired an experienced operator, even though he could run it himself, but at that time he'd still work in the brush, and did so until 2004. "We'd both yarder and ground base log the same timber sale at the same time," he explained, depending on the setting and the best efficiency with two methods.

They used the Edco a number of years, or would rent a different tow-

er to fit any given job over the next several years.

Finally in 2009 Schmid found a '94 Thunderbird TMY40, that could handle their future jobs and, "...I got it at a very good price. It's versatile, way more versatile than the Edco and I had work for it." The TMY40 came with an Eaglet (carriage) as part of the deal, Schmid explained, "...and we sent it to Eagle had it reconditioned, tuned it up." The Eagle was bullet proof til a few weeks ago when they dropped it to find the only rock in the landing's vicinity (of course) and is waiting for radio equipment for repairs long enough Schmid said he had to remove his accounts hand, put on his logger hat, and found an Acme 24 carriage so they could continue logging. "It's hydraulic drive and an excellent carriage, a good one."

The tower side typically runs with a seven man crew, "...some-

times eight with a hand faller," Schmid said.

The ground side has a crew of four, one for each of the machines including a Cat 517 grapple, their new Doosan DX225LL with Pierce designed boom and grapple shovel, a Cat 322B with Pierce 3345 Delimitator (owned by his son-in-law Cory Ransier), and their Valmet 445 feller buncher with Quadco 22 hot saw.

In addition, Schmid runs three to six hand fallers, "...depending on the size of the wood," he explained. He has three hand fallers working full time at present.

Operations have fluctuated over the economic downturn of the past few years from tower and tractor sides to ground skidding only.

From early last year and continuing this season, they've been running both sides including subcontracting a second tower (with Eric

Wisti, see May 2013 Loggers World). "He's sub-contracted with me since March when he's available," Schmid explained.

"I use owner operators in the log trucks," Schmid explained adding, "...individuals not a fleet. We use around five independents some have hauled for us over 20 years."

"We do all of our own wrenching, at least the bulk of it," Schmid noted. "When we need him we used a home town guy, Dave Meyer Heavy Equipment Repair. He owns a 2-ton shop truck he operates out of that mobile shop. He does anything we need and he can do a lot."

Their typical work week for the ground crew is four 9-hour shifts with an 8-hour Friday, for 44-hours a week, except for the loader opera-

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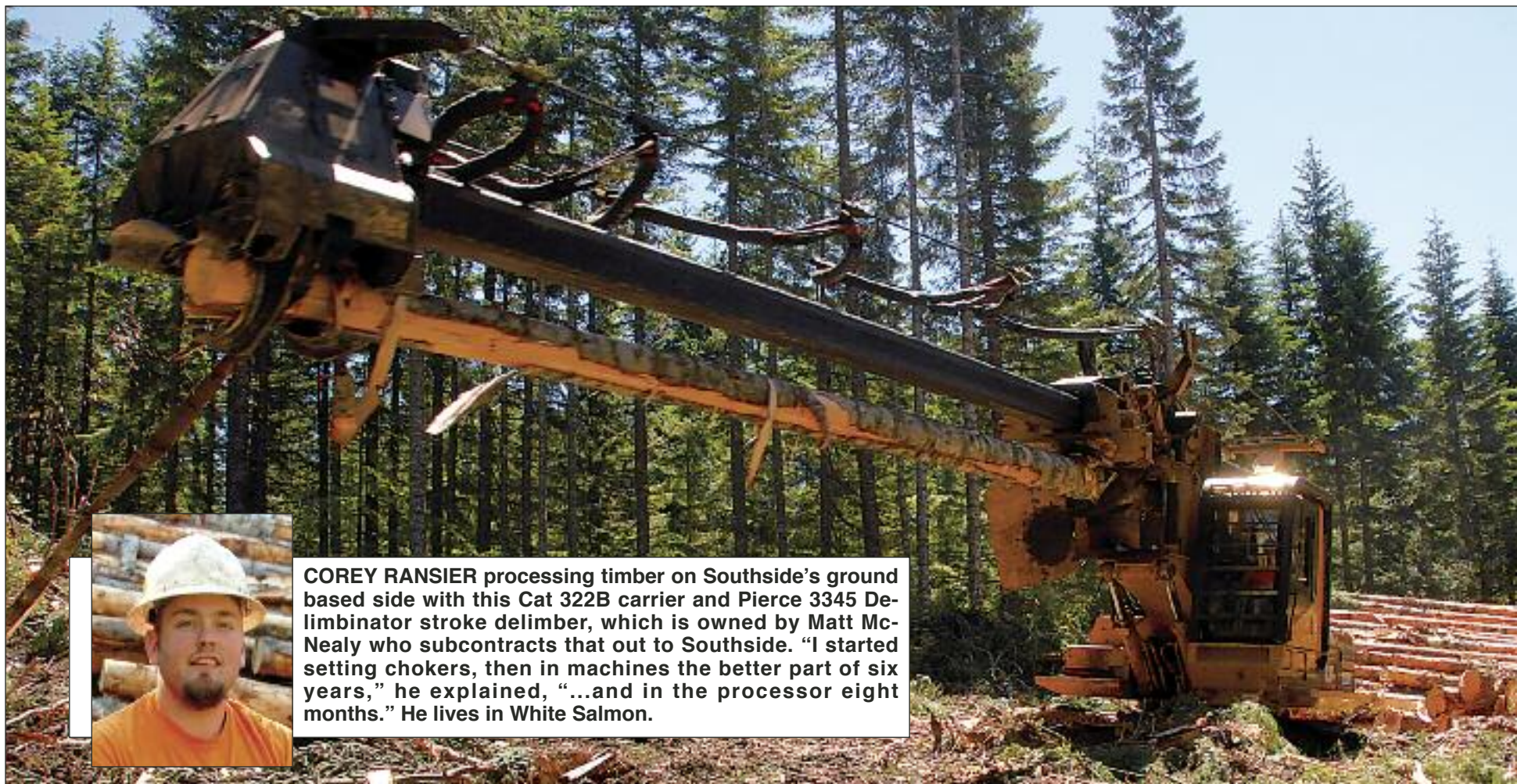


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COREY RANSIER processing timber on Southside's ground based side with this Cat 322B carrier and Pierce 3345 Deliminator stroke delimeter, which is owned by Matt McNealy who subcontracts that out to Southside. "I started setting chokers, then in machines the better part of six years," he explained, "...and in the processor eight months." He lives in White Salmon.



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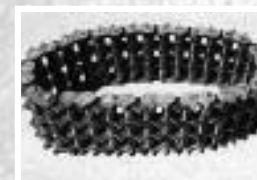
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tor, who's schedule depends on demands at the time.

The crew is a good blend of veterans and younger. "A couple have been with me over 20 years," Schmid explained. "They come and go as needed (If you need us fine, if not that's fine). The average employee we have is around seven years with the company. I have a good crew on the yarder. These guys will work at other places but will come back; they'd rather work for me. I don't micromanage them. They fill out the time card, goes to the bookkeeper who monitors, and they're paid. I see none of it, only checking out if something needs checking."

Negotiating

"I am not the cheap or expensive guy," Schmid explained on negotiating pricing. "I work the middle." Were he just a ground based logger, "...I'd be ready to retire," but with the towers in the equipment mix, "they're a bargaining tool, also a money maker if you're good at your end of the negotiating. You try to stay at tower based price. (not at tractor price and hope to negotiate your tower price up). You start at the tower price and try to resist negotiating down," he's learned. "I can lay the numbers out and prove I need what I want," Schmid emphasized. "I do my homework before I go in there," then noted even with all of that, "... we all fall on our face at times."

In the past decade plus has been frustrating as well. "The USFS work, where the rules are always changing between the job start and when it's finished, are really tough, because of the political constraints ((i.e. can only go to work on certain days, certain times, small windows to complete the job, etc.)." Yet in spite of that they've managed. While its challenging for contracts, its even more of a concern for the mills depending on predictable volume. "The mills have to go a long distance for other sales (due to Forest Service constraints) so they end up traveling further to have committed volume to run this mill. It's a vicious circle."

The future

Up until 25 years ago it was all business for Schmid until he married his bride Wendy Campbell, whose parents he'd long known through business a number of years. Her mother, Faye was county clerk who he knew from the logging business. "I went to the court house, would take care of tickets, and been logging all that time. After a lengthy friendship, then courtship, "I told Wendy 'if you're half the gal your mother is I think I'm going to marry you,' and I did!" They have two grown offspring.

Schmid still enjoys the day to day operations and operating equipment as needed, but looks to "back off by the time I'm 65," and "drift to the back end of it, but I don't mind it today," he said smiling. "The bookkeeper wants to retire at the end of the year, so I need to spend more time on the book work."

Recreation consists of farming on the side. "We run 15-20 cows and my wife has 10 horses," though they did sell all of the pigs they'd raised a number of years, "...so now its just cows and horses."

In the past year they've found another diversion. "The one reality show we watch is Gold Fever," Schmid explained. "A year ago my wife bought me this whole kit for recreational gold panning, and a GPA (Gold Prospectors Association) membership, and we started going to some of the gold shows. Then we went on one of their outings, 160 or so of us showed up. We never met a stranger. You do this common dig, they show you what to do, and you come home with the gold you dug out of the ground, a whole week of it!" He then added, "...we're going to return a couple times a year, joined the Washington group, and go out with them. We may only get four to five outings a year but that's what we're going to work on. We have a truck and a 5th wheel RV, take our stuff and have a grand time."

"When I started out I didn't have any hired men," Schmid recalled then smiled adding, "... now I couldn't do it without my crew, and in a small community, the crew is part of the family. You feel the joy, the pain, weddings, births, all of it."

"I don't have to work for a living," Schmid noted. "I can go park it. I've

done it before, and I'll do it again. He then added, "... the natural instinct is to work rather than sit," which he continues doing, but in

noting the experiences of the past several years he added, "But we won't work and lose money."



RUFORD CRAMER, Thunderbird TMY40 yarder engineer brings a turn to the landing on the Eaglet carriage. The mainline was out a few thousand feet on some fairly steep ground, and as you can see the landing was fairly tight. Andrew Schmid was clearing the chute and processing (left) with their Cat 325 with Waratah HTH230 dangle head processor.

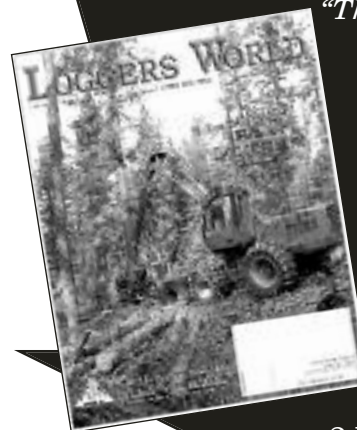
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9:00 pm -9:30 pm Executive Committee meeting

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm ALC Ladies Plantation Home tour & Lunch At The Carriage House Restaurant
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Saturday - September 28th

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Wood consumption for paper still sliding

RISI's July International Woodfiber Report cites data from the American Forest & Paper Association indicating that, in spite of some broader economic recovery trends, "[wood] consumption so far this year to May by paper and packaging combined fell 1% from year ago levels." RISI characterizes paper grades-particularly coated and uncoated mechanical-declining most notably, with paperboard and packaging indeed showing increases from last year, but not very strong ones; RISI projects net growth in the packaging grades of 0.7% during 2013 (and a 2% volume gain in 2014).

On the other hand, "the proliferation of export wood pellet facilities advanced further during the second quarter, with four newcomers" in the South. RISI points out that "the current rash of new projects" is trending toward sites in the South Central region, rather than to the South Atlantic sites near convenient ports of the earlier installations. RISI estimates that, adding currently operating pellet mills to those being developed Southwide, the net wood fiber demand from the sector should total 23 million tons per year; and that additional reasonably anticipated projects might take that figure to 30 million tons by 2016.

RISI's June Biomass Market Report, meanwhile, points toward a slight decline in lumber production

(particularly in the Pacific Northwest), and a very wet spring in the Lake States and Northeast, in causing recent raw material pressure for Northern biomass consumers.

- *FRA Bulletin*

Healthy Forest Caucus formed

In June, Representatives Kurt Schrader, Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Paul Gosar (R-AZ) and Kristi Noem (R-SD) sent a Dear Colleague letter to other House members encouraging them to join the Healthy Forest Caucus for the 113th Congress. The bipartisan caucus will focus on forest health, forest management practices, conservation efforts, and engagement with their communities that depend on the health of our forests.

The letter stated "Our federal and private forests are the lifeblood for many communities throughout our country. However, today the health of our forests is being overlooked. Litigation, insufficient funding, and lack of active management have made our forests susceptible to drought, insects, diseases, and wildfire. America's forests can and should be managed and conserved to provide jobs, ensure overall forest health, and allow for recreational opportunities that current and future generations can enjoy."

We applaud these four House Members for taking on the challenge of highlighting the problems facing

our public and private forests, and we hope many other members of Congress will join this Caucus for our forests and surrounding communities.

- *AFRC News*

Forisk probes effects of forest cert monopoly

The June 17 *Forbes* on-line devotes some space to presenting the work of FRA member Forisk, published in *EconoSTATS*, projecting the economic and environmental effects if a single forest certification system-singling out the Forest Stewardship Council-were granted the effective monopoly over forest management decisions that its advocates clamor for.

Forisk's Brooks Mendell and Amanda Lang point out the consequences of restricting the amount of output that can be produced from finite acreage, as FSC rules effectively require: smaller harvests, lower income, reduced operational flexibility, lost employment, depressed dependent industries, and lower tax revenues. In addition, notes *Forbes's*

summary, "Restricting U.S. timber production does not diminish global timber demand. Should the unmet demand be filled by timber produced in countries with few or no management standards, a universal FSC standard in the U.S. would create . . . greater environmental damage globally."

Forbes concludes: "Mendell and Lang's work illustrates that, when it comes to optimal regulations, intentions are not all that matter. A good policy balances the policy's intentions against its consequences. Allowing forestry certification programs to compete against one an-

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- *FRA Bulletin*

Forest Service aims to make timber sales more efficient

The Forest Service has found efficiencies to reduce the burden of environmental reviews that slow timber sales in national forests, Tom Tidwell, the agency's chief, told a Senate committee June 25.

A focus on large-scale projects has been useful, he said. "We have to do the same level of analysis, the same level of documentation if we're looking at 5,000 acres or a quarter of a million acres," he said during a hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Even though a single document requires more work if it concerns a large amount of land, it's still more efficient to do that than to work on hundreds of documents for small pieces of land, he said.

What the Forest Service calls adaptive analyses have also shown

promise, Tidwell said. They allow environmental reviews to factor in possibilities like future outbreaks of pests or disease, so new analyses don't have to be done in the future if conditions change.

Witnesses and senators who spoke at the hearing broadly agreed that the environmental reviews, which the Forest Service conducts to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, needed to be streamlined. Court challenges to the environmental reviews can also slow timber sales.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), the committee chairman, said an estimated 70 percent of the cost of administering timber sales is consumed by environmental analysis and document preparation.

Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) praised NEPA's intent but said it did not work in practicality. "We tried to lay one rule over every acre in America that is subject to the rule," he said.

Tidwell, the Forest Service chief, noted that his agency's funding has shifted to fire suppression and preparedness as wildfires have become more common, to the detriment of administering timber sales and other forest management activities.

Bill Imbergamo, executive director of the Federal Forest Resource Coalition, a trade association, summed up the agency's predicament with an analogy.

"The Forest Service's current sit-

uation is analogous to a mouse that's been dropped into a maze with a piece of cheese at the exit. Unfortunately, the cheese has now been removed, the exit's been sealed, and the maze has been set on fire," he said. "We can expect a high level of activity from the mouse, but we certainly can't expect a good outcome."

Imbergamo and others at the hearing called for legislative reform to streamline the regulatory process. Risch said it would be worthwhile to do so, but he cautioned, "I don't know if Congress is up to the task." - *Fiercegovernment.com*

Colorado wildfire may have been started by terrorists

Colorado firefighters may be close to extinguishing one of the most destructive fires in the state's history, but theories about how it started are already beginning to blaze. However, investigators have "all but ruled out natural causes" in the blaze near Colorado Springs, according to a local sheriff. Colorado authorities are still trying to determine what caused the Black Forest Fire that burnt over 16,000 thousand acres, killed two people and destroyed more than 500 structures. Tens of thousands of Coloradans have fled the flames and have yet to return home.

According to El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa, investigators have ruled out natural causes for the fire as they minutely examined a 24-square-foot area where it is believed the fire was sparked. "I can't really go any further on that, but I can say we are pretty confident it was not, for instance, a lightning strike," he said. Earlier this week, Maketa also said this week said the conflagration is being treated as a crime. This means that investigators are preserving every piece of evidence that can find at the apparent origin of the flames. However, the

sheriff could not confirm whether there was a crime committed indeed.

The fire was 95 percent contained on June 20 and firefighters hoped that it would be fully contained in the evening.

The fire quickly destroyed forests, homes and business in an area northeast of Colorado Springs, where the Air Force Academy is located and not far from Cheyenne Mountain, where the U.S. military has an essential underground facility that tracks possible missile and aerial attacks on the North American continent. Also nearby are military installations such as Fort Carson and two Air Force bases.

Rachel Ehrenfeld, who has written extensively on terrorism and militant Islam suggested in an article posted on the website of the American Center for Democracy that al-Qaeda terrorists may be linked to the fire in Colorado. She wrote, "While many of the fires that have scorched millions of acres and destroyed thousands of homes in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and other states have been identified as arson, none have been publicly attributed to criminal or terrorist groups, despite the presence of Mexican gangs and large number of other illegals in our Western states ... How many Tzarnaevs are hiding in Colorado's woods?" Ehrenfeld referred to the Tzarnaev brothers, Tamerlan and Dzhokar, who have been accused of the Boston Marathon bombing.

Ehrenfeld noted in her article that Al-Qaeda's English-language magazine, Inspire, published in 2012 a guide to starting forest fires as a cheap method of terror. The article noted that Montana is the most fire-attack-worthy state due its large number of people living in and around forests. Indeed, some ten

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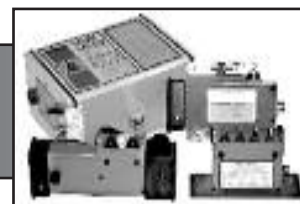
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years ago, according to Mother Jones magazine, an Al Qaeda operative told the FBI about a plot to ignite several simultaneous wildfires across the country. However, the

National Interagency Fire Center concluded that it was not a credible threat.

According to Mother Jones magazine, Don Smurthwaite of the Bureau of Land Management downplayed Ehhrenfeld's theory, but did not dismiss it. While there is no evi-

dence in recent years of wildfires started by terrorists, he said, they remain a possibility. In fact, the Japanese during the Second World War sent incendiary devices aloft on balloons in effort to set fires in the U.S.

According to the National Inter-

agency Fire Center, people started 58,331 wildfires, while fewer than 10,000 were caused by lightning. Lightning fires, however, burned 6.8 million acres, which is more than twice the amount consumed by an-

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thropogenic fires. Campfires, fire-works, and vehicle fires are to blame for most wildfires.

In 2012, Ehrenfeld noted, Russia's security (FSB) chief, Aleksandr Bortnikov warned, "al-Qaeda was complicit in recent forest fires in Europe" as part of the terrorists' "strategy of a thousand cuts." Bortnikov spoke of "extremist sites [that] contained detailed instructions of waging the 'forest jihad' and stressed that such a method had proved itself effective as it inflicted both physical and moral damage, needed little training or investment and it was extremely hard for police to find and apprehend the arsonists."

Since then, wrote Ehrenfeld, "more fatwas advocating that 'Fire is cheap, easy and effective tool for economic warfare' have been issued. They've included detailed instructions for constructing remote-controlled "ember bombs, and how to set fires without leaving a trace."

Fires have devastated Israel's modest forests in recent years. The source of the fires, said Ehrenfeld, has been linked to Palestinian ter-

rorists.

Mother Jones, a leftist publication based in San Francisco, dismissed Ehrenfeld's concerns. "What ACD's Ehrenfeld and other wildfire terrorism hand-wringers don't seem interested in exploring is how much more devastating an attack could be if climate change continues unabated, with dry air, high winds, and low humidity making fires more frequent and ferocious." Mother Jones noted that the first issue of Al-Qaeda's magazine, Inspire, featured a column allegedly written by Osama bin Laden that addressed the need to combat climate change.

Mother Jones concluded, "If the government does deem the threat of a terrorist wildfire to be credible, forest flammability could become yet another opportunity to reframe climate change as a matter of national security, along with issues like water shortages, energy security, and overseas disaster response." The magazine went on to suggest the use of Unmanned Aerial vehicles, or drones, to fight forest fires.

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EPA proposes pulp mill rules

The Obama administration wants new regulations for mills

that turn wood into pulp.

On Thursday, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register a proposal governing plants that use chemicals to break down wood chips into a mush that can be used to make paper.

The proposal includes new emission limits for furnaces, tanks and kilns, and requires additional testing, monitoring and reporting.

Though the new measures would not lower emissions, the EPA claims they will "provide consistency" for meeting current national standards.

The new source performance standards would only apply to new or newly modified facilities. Reforms in the proposal are expected to cost mill owners a combined \$390,000 each year for the next five years, the EPA estimates.

The agency first set performance standards for the plants, known as kraft pulp mills, in 1978, but is required by the Clean Air Act to review them at least every eight years. The standard was last updated in 1986.

There are about 99 kraft pulp mills in the United States under

EPA regulation.

- Thehill.com/blogs

Wood yard safety video

A group of Minnesota-based organizations, with funding from the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation, have developed woodyard safety recommendations and a video-based training program to promote them. The 10-minute Woodyard Safety Video, available from the Forest Resources Association, can serve as the basis for an hour's orientation session, ideally for a combined group of woodyard personnel and the trucking operators who deliver to the woodyard.

A facilitator, provided with a nine-page Discussion Leader's Guide, can use the video to introduce a yard's own on-site safety policies and build discussion on: Pre-delivery, Scale/Unbinding, Approaching the Loader, Offloading, Sweep Off, Scale Out and Courtesy.

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In July, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities announced that it would make an investment in the Southern Loggers Cooperative's diesel fuel depot in Georgetown, South Carolina. "Timber harvesters," says the Endowment's statement, "are the most fragmented and perhaps least appreciated link in the forest-to-consumer value chain. Our investment with [the Natural Capital Investment Fund] will help not only loggers in the Low Country of South Carolina, but we hope that it spurs SLC and others across the nation to turn attention to ways to help these small businessmen and women become more sustainable."

FRA Officer Joe Young, of Low Country Forest Products, based in Georgetown, expressed his appreciation: "We can't thank the Endowment and NCIF enough for stepping up to help America's loggers help themselves. Since all 10,000 logging firms are small businesses that operate independently, we are both everybody's concern and no one's concern. It's good to have strong financial partners like these two support-

ing the pioneering work of SLC."

The Southern Loggers Cooperative, founded in 2004, now runs 20 fueling facilities throughout the South. - *FRA Bulletin*

EPA Grants available for 2013 Diesel Emission Reduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of up to \$9 million through the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program (DERA) for Fiscal Year 2013 for new projects to reduce emissions from the nation's existing fleet of diesel engines.

The DERA program has significantly improved air quality and provided critical health benefits by reducing air pollution and saving millions of gallons of fuel. Diesel pollution is linked to a range of serious health problems including asthma, lung and heart disease, other respiratory ailments, and premature death. EPA estimates that clean diesel funding generates up to \$13 of public health benefit for every \$1 spent on diesel projects.

States, tribes, local governments, and non-profits are eligible to apply for DERA grants. Projects can reduce air pollution from older school buses, transit buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, marine engines, locomotives, and other diesel engines. The projects will help achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution reduced and reductions in diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating in poor air quality areas. The closing date for receipt of proposals is June 25, 2013.

Since the first year of the DERA program in 2008, EPA has awarded over 500 grants across the U.S. Many of these projects fund cleaner diesel engines that operate in economically disadvantaged communities whose residents suffer from higher-than-average instances of asthma, heart, and lung disease. From FY 2008-2010, grantees took steps to retrofit, replace or repower more than 50,000 vehicles and equipment in a variety of industries and these projects reduced emis-

sions by at least 203,900 tons of NOX and 12,500 tons of PM over the lifetime of the engines. As a result of these reductions, EPA estimates that the health benefits associated with up to 1,400 fewer premature deaths and fewer hospital visits, among other impacts, will total between \$3.4 billion and \$8.2 billion.

OFRI Information

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute has released a free mobile app for their Oregon Forest Facts & Figures 2013, the indispensable source of information on Oregon's forests. The app can be found at Apple's App Store or at Google Play (formerly known as Android Market). To download, just type in the words "Oregon Forest Facts and Figures" and hit the install button. The app contains all the information from the booklet, plus videos and additional content such as forest-sector economic data broken down by county. It is easy to use and also includes a glossary. Users can touch a highlighted term to see a definition, picture or video. The data resides on a user's device, so it is accessible even in areas without phone service.

Earlier this month, OFRI released a new special report and video entitled Powered by Oregon. It is designed to be a primer on the potential of woody biomass to increase Oregon's energy independence, strengthen rural economies and improve forest health. According to the report, restoring forest health represents the largest potential for new sources of biomass. The Forest Service projects that as many as 6.4 million bone-dry tons of small-diameter trees too small to saw into lumber could be available annually for the next 20 years. - *AFRC News*

State-Run Retirement Plan for the Private Sector?

So what should lawmakers do when the current public retirement has been out of control for over a decade and piling on massive deficits well into the future? Well if you're an Oregon legislator, you choose to jump into the public sector

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The Oregon Ways and Means Committee will soon consider HB 3436, a bill that aims to create the "Oregon Secure Retirement Plan."

This would set the stage for establishing a state-run retirement plan for private sector workers and would force private sector businesses with five or more employees to auto-enroll workers in the state-run plan if workplace retirement plan is not available.

Today, Oregon's state-run retirement system for public sector employees - PERS - has \$15 billion in unfunded liabilities and is draining hundreds of millions of dollars from our schools and local services every year.

Similarly, the creation of the "Oregon Secure Retirement Plan" poses enormous risks, costs, and liabilities for the state, its taxpayers, and small businesses. There is currently a very healthy and competitive market of retirement plan providers already serving businesses of all sizes, the self-employed, and non-profit organizations.

Oregon's retirement savings market is healthy and does not warrant government competition. According to the Oregon Department of Finance and Corporate Securities, there are approximately 1,820 retirement plan broker/dealers who supervise nearly 100,000 licensed sales people in Oregon. There are about 250 licensed life insurance companies with thousands of agents, 18 state chartered credit unions with 147 branches around the state, and 26 state chartered banks with branches in virtually every community in the state. Retirement savings products are also available online.

Business groups and Chambers of Commerce throughout Oregon are opposing this ill-advised 11th hour push to create a state-run retirement plan for the private sector.

In addition, local media have weighed in on this issue. On June 5, an editorial was published in The Oregonian entitled "Retirement Gap Will Be Difficult to Close" focusing on the shortfalls of the proposed legislation.

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