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# Finley's Rigging Shack "Classic"



(This column originally appeared in the March 1970 edition of *Loggers World*.)

**T**his is the fun part of the paper far as I'm concerned, writing this Rigging Shack. Actually traveling, taking pictures and writing about loggers is all enjoyable. There are times when time is short, weather is bad and other obstacles block the road that it is less enjoyable than at other times. Rigging Shack is always a job of joy. It isn't necessary, there are no prescribed rules or formulas and it really doesn't matter if it gets done or not.

So with a fresh cup of coffee, with a new cigar burning just right one can relax at the typewriter and let the words come in any style or form they want to appear. Then writing this column there isn't a job of rewriting it several times. It gets printed as it flows-or it doesn't get printed because it doesn't flow. There is no prior planning but rather is written as some of the most enjoyable of conversations take place. Unplanned and rather unexpected. Remember some of the times you ran into a friend you hadn't seen for some time? Isn't that a fine experience, an unexpected pleasure? Something like that is what I'm talking about.

## Writing

**Y**ou hear a lot of B.S. about what it takes to be a writer. In schools they have classes that spend hours discussing what a writer really means when he says this or that. Generally they study the writings of a person dead and gone for 500 years. After all the discussion is finished the teacher then tells the class what the writer really meant. To me that's a foul smelling crock full. In the first place if the writer is a good one he should have made his meanings clear and thus the hours of discussion would be wasted futile time. In the second place if his meanings are that cloudy what gives the teach-

er the inside pipeline to his brain? Specially one that ceased all activity 500 years before?

To me, and certainly I'm no expert, good writing is clear writing. If you can't figure out the meaning of the sentences and paragraphs the author wasted his time writing it and you wasted your time reading it...Granted there are some subjects that are difficult to make clear-

but by keeping it simple the meaning becomes evident. To me any writing that you can read and understand what the writer means is good writing. The style doesn't matter, the chosen words don't matter, only the reason for the writing really matters. If it is understood it's good and if it isn't understood, it isn't any good.

For some people writing is easy. For some people it is difficult. For most it is one or the other and sometimes both in the same job of writing. Sometimes it comes easy and at times it comes hard. When it comes easy it is likely to be good and when it is difficult it isn't as good usually.

Experts tell you that a writer needs a big vocabulary. I don't agree completely. If a writer has the same vocabulary as his readers that's all he needs.

How'n the devil did we get on this subject? Time to change.

## April Loggers World

**A**t this time we don't know what the April Loggers World will be about. Think I've narrowed it down to two choices. Choice One: "Safe Logging." I'd like to interview about two dozen working loggers and get their ideas of what should be done to make logging safer. I believe that more safety information, ideas, thoughts and opinions should come from the men doing the jobs.

Second Choice: "Logging Jobs." Pictures and information about the jobs connected with logging. Again I'd like to go to the men doing the jobs, take their pictures and have them describe the job they do.

It just came to me that first and second choice could be done in the same paper by getting two

opinions (Job description and how to make logging safer) from the same people.

We'll see!

May Issue will be about Rubber Tire Skidders and the Loggers who use them. If we do as planned.

## Loggers World!

**I**t doesn't matter that we get letters that say **We shouldn't do it.** Now I'm not bitching because these letters are good guidelines for us to go by. We need them and appreciate them. We get raked over once in a while because the paper is changing. I'm about half aware of this and must agree that it is changing. But I don't know what to do about it. I wouldn't know how to stop the changes and probably wouldn't anyhow.

I guess that you can say a paper is a property. Unlike most property it takes on a personality and a being and a shape. It gets both personal and powerful. Comes the time that I don't know whether I run the thing or the thing runs me.

There are many people involved with putting out a paper. I'm supposed to be the gink that says what happens but most things happen before I say.

Change it will, just as do you and I. Change is inevitable and usually good. A paper represents the personality of those who produce it and of those written about.

My thinking is always changing and my convictions change and the conversations with others change. I find that now people are more involved with bigger problems than before, their thinking is changing; their awareness is growing and their concern is more apparent.

Some things have to change because of physical things. Our environment for instance. We must change the pollution of air and water or face extinction at some future date. We must clean up or die-that is fact. At some future date if we go as we have gone, poison of one form or another will get us. Not a very desirable future is it?

This is a serious problem. One brought about by more and more people. More crowding, more space needed. People pollute and spoil and poison.

No longer can we excuse polluting the water and air because it is good for the economy. What good is healthy economy when you have unhealthy people? This isn't a tomorrow problem, it is here today. Frightening!

Change? We must!



FINLEY HAYS

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**COVER PAGE PICTURE:** THUNDERBIRD TSY255 swing yarder engineer Randy Brown brings a turn to the Pulley Logging landing using an Acme 22 motorized carriage. They were hanging out about 1,500 ft. Too the left is Lance Holdt running their Caterpillar 320D FM with Waratah 622B dangle head processor. Pulley had a Madill 071 tower side, a thinning side and a shovel side working in addition to a road building site at that time as well. Within a few weeks they were ready to take their rebuilt Skagit BU84 out as well. Pulley praises his crew's ongoing performance above and beyond the norm as playing a large part in their success, and is constantly looking to change with changing times. As his father often said, "Whatever you do, keep up with the times otherwise the times will pass you up," thus Pulley noted, "...we innovate when we can."

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# "WE INNOVATE WHEN WE CAN"



## SEDRO WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON

by Mike Crouse

**W**hen you first enter the office, or walk onto any landing of Pulley Logging, you can feel the undeniable vitality and energy present in every member of the crew, from the brush crew, to side rods and the management team. It's a controlled and certain commitment to excellence, safety, and the future everyone is involved in, which in turn has built not only a diverse cross-trained first rate crew that

dedicated to doing the best job possible. This came to pass by design and the conscious recruiting, training, and the shared vision of company owner Greg Pulley, who's assembled this team over time and genuinely credits the quality of that crew with their success through good and challenging times.

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**GREG AND KATIE PULLEY** at the Pulley Logging office above their shop. Pulley had intended to follow his father and grandfather's footsteps becoming a mill wright after high school graduation in '76, but after a mill layoff, started his logging career in Forks, Washington. Circumstances provided an opportunity to start Pulley Logging in '79. Wife Katie runs the office. Presently they're running four logging sides and a road building side, and were ready to start another tower side within a few weeks. Pulley explained one of his father's sayings, which has influenced him through his life is, "...Whatever you do, keep up with the times, otherwise the times will pass you up."



**MELISSA ANDERSON** is office administrator for Pulley Logging, having joined the firm 2 1/2 years ago, and wife of Pulley's Timber Manager Donny Anderson. She smiled explaining, "...I work with my husband, and every evening was logging, so I thought (I could) come to work and get paid for it."

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KEVIN TYLER loading with Pulley's Caterpillar 320D FM loader with Cat boom and grapple. Tyler's been logging since '84, but has run equipment all over the country saying, "...I was in operating engineers for quite a while and got tired of traveling all over the country." He and the others on this side joined the shovel crew when Pulley started the side just over a year ago. "It's a nice little machine," he said of the 320D. He makes his home in Montesano.



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**SIDE ROD DUANE MEFFORD** at the controls of Pulley's new Caterpillar 568LL shovel logger with Cat boom and grapple on their "big" shovel side. They've had the 568LL the past year, with 2,400 hours on it thus far. "I really like it," Mefford said. "Lots of power, real smooth, real nice machine to run! The swing is real good, and the track's (speed) is about average for a big machine. I can go wherever I need to go, yeah." This has a Tier 4 engine, which he noted works seamlessly explaining, "...during regeneration, it doesn't change the way it performs." Mefford's a third generation logger, and has logged since college some 28 years ago, including summers, logging with his father's company Mefford and Sons Logging 'til the late 80s. He lives in Montesano.



**SHAWN BARTON** operates Pulley's Cat 320D FM with Cat boom and Waratah 623B dangle head processor on their big shovel side, and is a veteran of 17 seasons in the woods, starting in the brush and has operated machinery the past eight years. He's run stroke processors and dangle heads the past five years. "The (Waratah) 623C is good, really fast and pretty dependable, I'm happy with it, and having it on the right machine helps too. (You've) got to have the right match."



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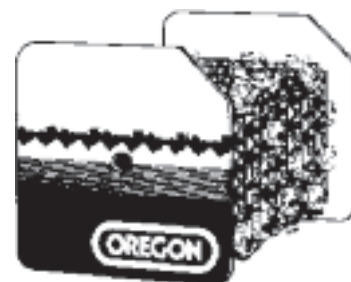
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TRUMAN SANTIAGO is the side rod on Pulley's TSY255 swing yarder side, and began logging at 18. He's run lots of equipment, and joined Pulley a few months ago. "I just keep everything busy, running to pick stuff up, make sure everyone we're logging for is happy."



TIM CAMPBELL is the hook tender on the TSY255 yarder side. He's a 3rd generation logger who's logged the past 25 years and started hook tending 10-12 years ago, joining the crew a year ago.

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**THE BRUSH CREW** on Pulley's TSY255 side (left to right). Richard Dell is a third generation logger who joined the crew five months ago, and lives in Aberdeen. He'd worked in a foundry prior to this and noted, "I'm in good shape now!" Pete Brunzie (red hat) had landscaped before starting logging 6 1/2 months go. "We're a good team, good guys," he noted, "it makes the job a lot easier, learning and running." Jacob Allen started nine months ago, and had run a cleaning service before joining Pulley. He likes the job, noting there's "lots to learn," and noted of the crew, "...we're doing really well together."



**RANDY BROWN** is the Thunderbird TSY255 swing yarder engineer, a 20 year veteran second generation logger, and run other equipment before switching to the yarder 14 months ago. "It's a pretty good machine, one of the easiest to set up." He lives in Cinebar.



**PAT SMITH** is a second generation logger, starting out setting chokers at 14, and driving truck a number of years. He's chaser on the TSY255 landing and joined the crew 18 months ago. "He (Pulley) takes good care of us."



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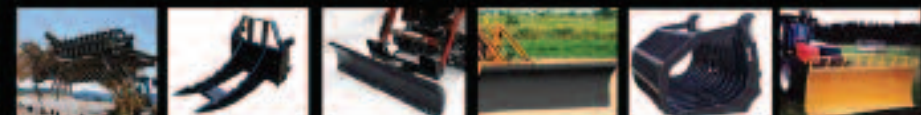


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**LEE COX** decking and loading with Pulley's Caterpillar 320D FM loader with Cat boom and grapple on the TSY255 tower side. His career began at 12 working with his father, who owned a small wood mill at the time and explained, "...my job was to make sure the saw dust chain didn't fall off," he smiled. He's run shovel the past many years, joining the crew a few months ago. "We're trying to average nine loads a day," Cox said. He lives in Centralia.

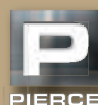
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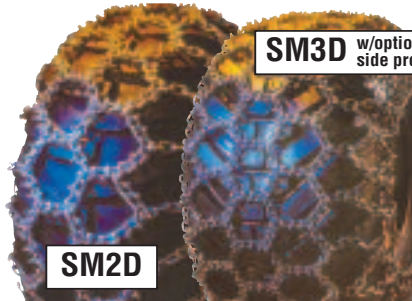


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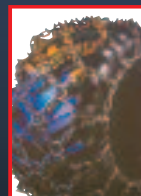
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**JODY GROSS**, side rod on the ground based thinning side, brings a turn in with Pulley's Caterpillar TSK 5DH with Esco Swing grapple. He's logged the past 20 years, mostly as a timber faller, but also runs skidder, cat, shovel, and does some tree climbing as needed. He joined Pulley about 18 months ago noting, "...it's a good home." The Cat "works really well," with the wood pre-bunched and skids running 700-800 ft., 'though most are closer in." Gross is a 3rd generation logger and lives in Randle.



**RICK ALLEN**, who started logging at 15, operating this Madill 2250 feller buncher with a 24-inch Madill hot saw, works for MRV Timber Cutting, out of Olympia, who was subcontract cutter on this site for Pulley Logging. He's worked with MVR the past 12-15 years. Allen's run several generations of feller bunchers and cutting heads including cone saws and Rotosaws. Allen said the Madill has 17,000 hours on it, and they'd had it rebuilt two-years ago. He does the daily maintenance and greasing on the machine, but noted their mechanic, Larry Camazone, "...is one of the best."



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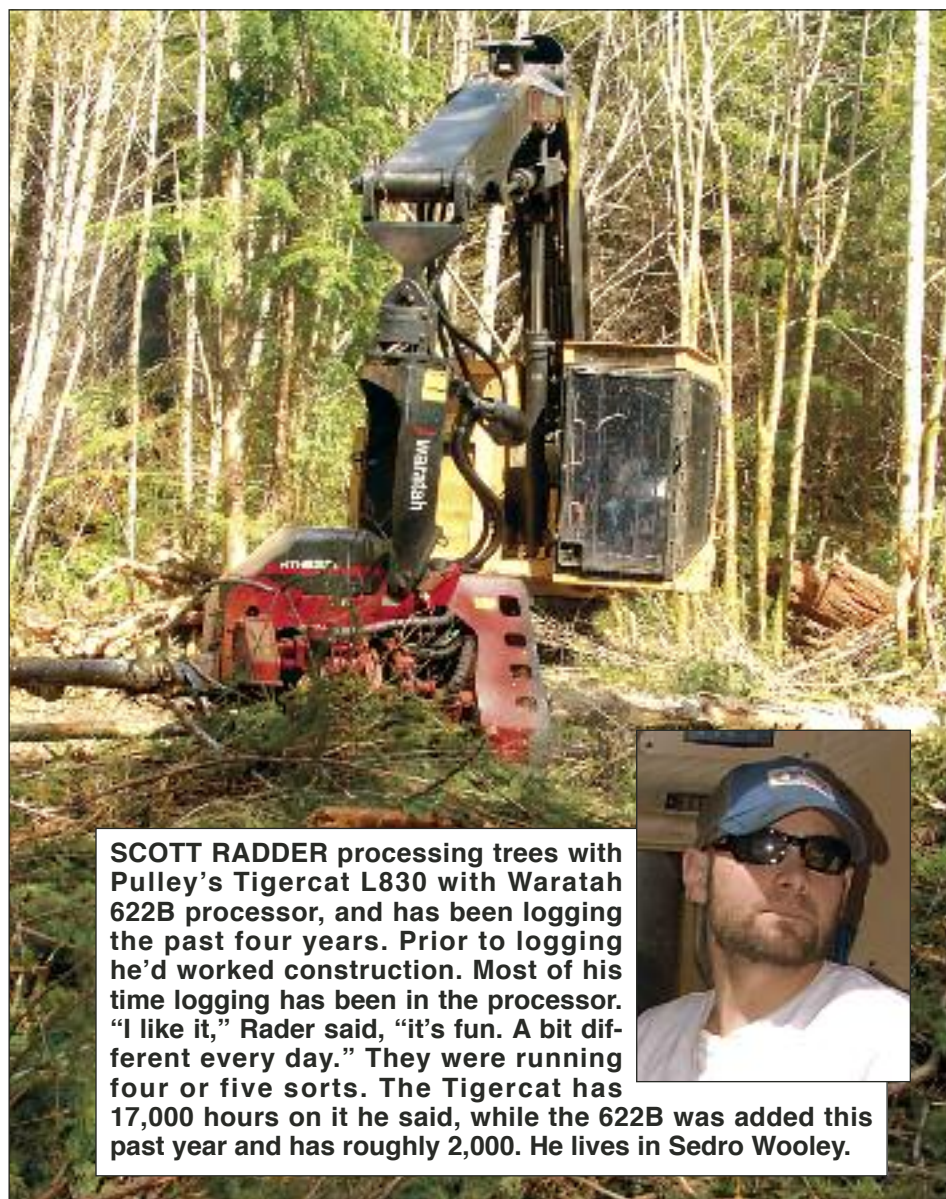


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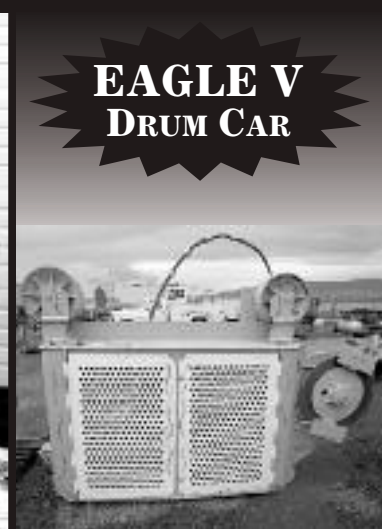
**CURTIS RAYFIELD** loading and sorting with Pulley's Caterpillar 320D FM shovel with Cat boom and grapple on their ground based thinning side. He's logged 25 years, the past five with Pulley, most of his career working on an array of machines. He lives in Clancy, Montana, staying in motels when working and returning home every five weeks.



**SCOTT RADDER** processing trees with Pulley's Tigercat L830 with Waratah 622B processor, and has been logging the past four years. Prior to logging he'd worked construction. Most of his time logging has been in the processor. "I like it," Rader said, "it's fun. A bit different every day." They were running four or five sorts. The Tigercat has 17,000 hours on it he said, while the 622B was added this past year and has roughly 2,000. He lives in Sedro Wooley.



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"The guys who work for me," Pulley began to explain then, paused and started again emphasizing, "I'm



**AARON PARKER** is a veteran of 15 seasons with Pulley Logging, just shifting from running the Tigercat to Woods Superintendent this past November. He deals a lot with quality control, job preparation, log sorts, and safety amongst other things. He lives in Concrete.

the one who's fortunate, and very grateful they work for and with me. My entire career, I've been fortunate to be surrounded by great people. They just take care of things. We have a lot of guys that do that. They



**JOHNNY CORNE** is a choker setter on Pulley's Madill 071 tower side, who joined the crew this past month and has logged about a year.

do an awful lot for me, more than your normal exceptional crew. They go over the top, and always concerned for how we're doing."

Yet in the beginning, Pulley's original intent and interest was to follow the lead of his grandfather and father in becoming a millwright, working on machinery, innovating, improving and finding solutions to doing things better.

Pulley's father, Fred Pulley (born in 1930) had grown up in the Dakotas and where he'd been a Cat logger in the 50s and 60s, when he moved his young family, including four offspring, to Alaska, "...because that was where the money was. He was running the camp at Well's Pass, and we settled there in '60," Pulley explained. "Dad was the superintendent of that camp," a position he held in various camps until '66 when the family settled in Ketchikan where he was a millwright, eventually the head of maintenance, a position that ultimately

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**DONNY ANDERSON** is a second generation logger, started logging after high school graduation in '82, working on the ground several years before working for the state government a decade, though he still logged on his off time. He resumed logging full time about 10 years ago, and joined Pulley six years ago cutting timber. That changed to Timber Manager four years ago. He lives in Sedro Woolley

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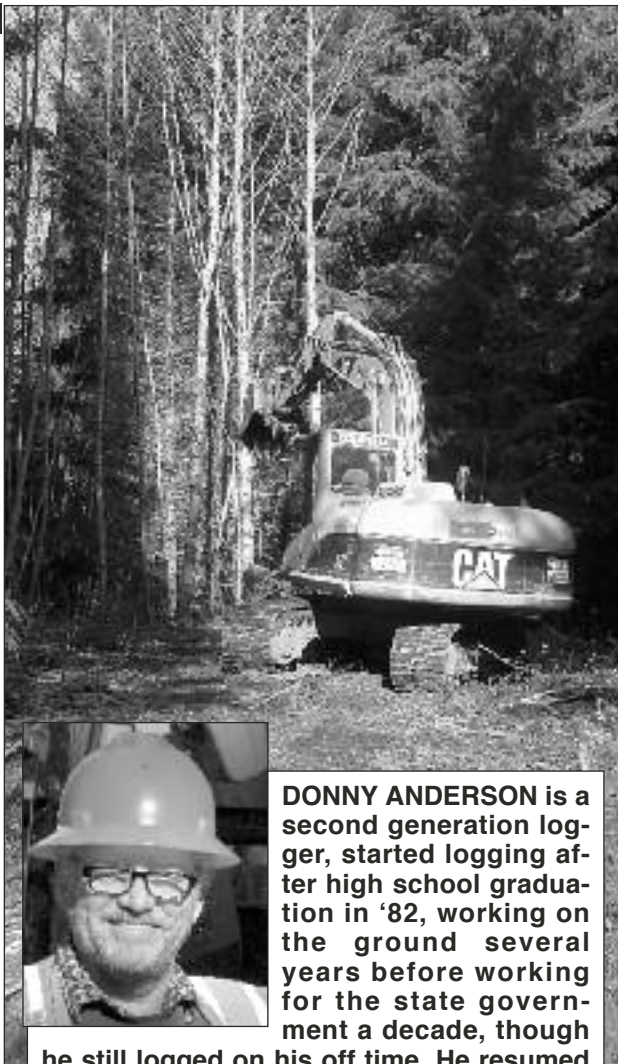
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led to a position with WRP in Sedro Woolley, Washington in 1972.

"Sedro (Woolley) was a big place then," Pulley (a high school freshman at the time) noted, "Skagit (Manufacturing) was cooking!"

Following high school graduation in '76, Pulley pursued his millwright interests. "When dad's head of maintenance," he smiled, "it's easy to get into it. There was no apprenticeship because the mill wasn't that big." He noted he learned by doing and had some great teachers early in life as well. "I learned from the other guys as well as dad and grandpa etc." But that dream was derailed when the economy slowed and he was laid off.

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"I was chasing crew busses around in forks like everybody did," Pulley explained. "I followed a crew bus to a shop with cork boots and a tin cap, and a guy asked if I could run a Cat, and I told him I'd run a D7." The man was Ralph Johnson,

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**CHRIS THUN** clearing the ground with the D5 Cat with six-way blade, and ripper. He's logged, "off and on" the past 45 years, 20 of which were in Alaska, half that time working construction. This is his second season with Pulley. "I do whatever they throw at me," he smiled. He lives in Concrete.



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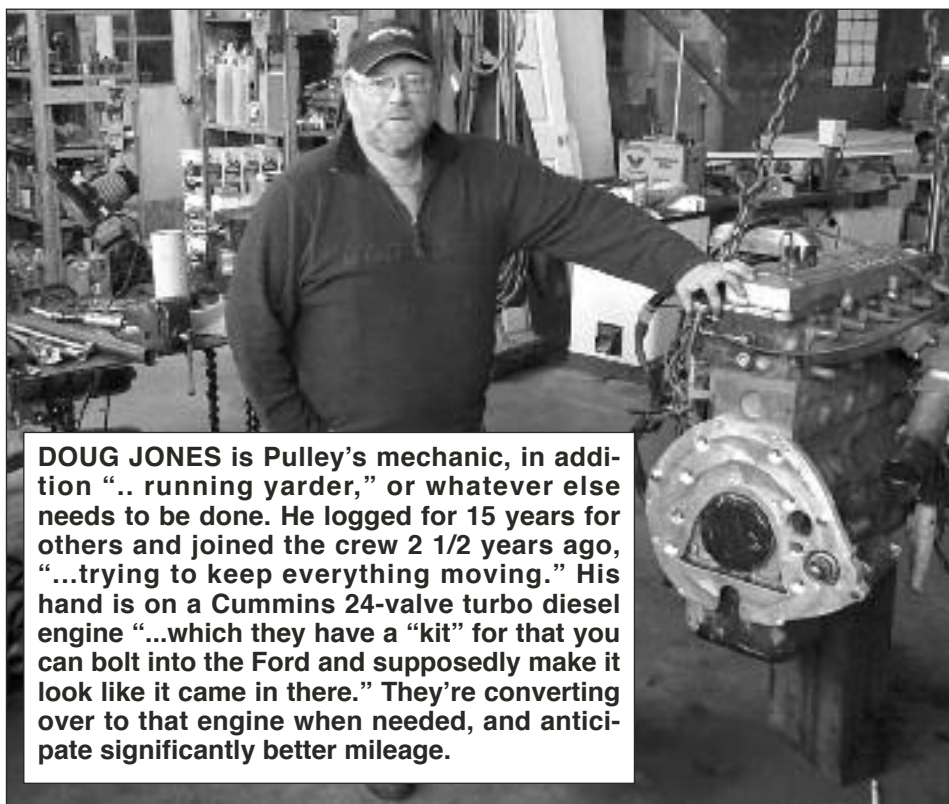
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**DOUG JONES** is Pulley's mechanic, in addition "... running yarder," or whatever else needs to be done. He logged for 15 years for others and joined the crew 2 1/2 years ago, "...trying to keep everything moving." His hand is on a Cummins 24-valve turbo diesel engine "...which they have a "kit" for that you can bolt into the Ford and supposedly make it look like it came in there." They're converting over to that engine when needed, and anticipate significantly better mileage.

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"... and I became a member of the road crew. We were building road for the Snell Brothers (from Sedro Woolley). I knew Dick and Russ Snell because I'd gone to school with their kids, and here I was working on their project in Forks!"

When road building season ended eight months later he was laid off again and he headed back home, working at the local mill, which had been rebuilt by that point, something he was involved with at that time frame too. When that mill closed, Pulley again was laid off and his father went to another mill.

At that point his father told him, "...if you have a big old Skagit you could have work tomorrow with all the wood you can haul," which has a lot of appeal to the 21 year old Pulley, especially in light of circumstances. "Scott Paper (Bellingham)

was getting out of it (company logging crews) and getting rid of their company camps, so were selling all their equipment." It was an opportunity he couldn't ignore. Taking advantage required a lot of money, and fortunately he had a friend who came through with a loan, plus he noted he'd done a lot of buying and selling equipment as a side enterprise. "I was always buying and selling something back then, selling for a profit, and the bank (he dealt with at the time) liked that. I'd had a really good rapport with the (Rainier Bank) bank, and the banker. They had enough lending power to loan a fair amount of change back then," he added. And with that Pulley started Pulley Logging with the purchase of a Skagit BU84, and an SJ7 loader from Scott Paper, then added a couple of Cat D8s, "...to move the

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2004 Link-Belt 240LX, w/Pierce grapple	\$69,500
1997 Link-Belt 2800Q, w/Pierce grapples	\$55,000
2010 Kobelco SK 260, 5,900 hrs, 90% u/c, xlent cond.	\$179,500
2005 Kobelco SK 210, 14,000 hrs, recent hyd pump, good u/c	\$92,500
1997 Kobelco SK 210, 15,000 hrs, recent rotex, rblt motor & finals	\$49,500
Jewell Brush Rakes, to fit 63" Jewell grapple, with stand	\$6,500

### DELIMBERS

2009 JD 2954, w/06 Waratah 624, 9000 hrs, new pump & drive motor, rebushed	\$239,500
2005 JD 2554, w/05 Waratah 622B, color screen, 10,000 hrs, RB front	\$149,500
2006 JD 2054, w/06 Waratah 622B, rebuilt head, RB front, color screen, good cond.	\$165,000
2009 Cat 320 DFM, w/09 Waratah 622B, 5,700 hrs, xlent cond.	\$275,000
2001 Cat 330B, w/08 Waratah 624C, 7,000 hrs, Cat rblt carrier, 4,000 hrs	\$200,000
2007 Komatsu PC22, w/08 Waratah 622B, 12,000 hrs, new pump & bushed, logger front	\$114,500
2002 Kobelco SK 330, w/02 Waratah 624, rblt motor, rb front	\$92,500
2004 Link-Belt 240, w/04 7000 Log Max, 16,000 hrs	\$115,000
1994 Link-Belt 2700, w/20" Waratah 230A, RB front	\$25,000
1998 TJ 608B, w/TJ 758 head, 9,000 hrs, good cond., Lots of parts	\$85,000
2005 Waratah 622B, w/controls, comp., color screen, plumbing	\$65,000
Waratah 624, good cond, w/ controls	\$39,500
2013 Link-Belt 240, w/PMD 3348, 2,200 hrs	\$440,000
2003 Link-Belt 240, w/3348, recent drive motor, 18,000 hrs	POR
2003 Link-Belt, w/9000 Log Max	POR
2002 Link-Belt 240, w/3348, rblt pump, motor and swing	POR
2004 JD 2554, w/Pierce 3348, rblt delimber, xlent cond	\$129,500
Timber Jack 635, w/DM 3500, new rads, recent pump, boom drive motor, pins & bushings	\$39,500
2004 Madill 1236B, w/DM 4400, new boom, 10,000 hrs, recent motor & pump	\$87,500
2005 Madill 1236, w/DM 4400, excellent cond, new paint	\$105,000
2000 T-BIRD 1236, w/DM 4400	\$55,000

### BUNCHERS

2012 JD 959K, 4,700 hrs	POR
1997 Madill 3200B, Rotosaw, 14,000 hrs	\$47,500
2004 Madill T2200B, Quadco 22" 360° hot saw, new u/c	POR
2004 Timbco 425EXL, w/32" bar saw, 6,200 hrs, good u/c, hot saw ready, xlent cond.	\$135,000

### BUNCHERS (Continued)

2000 Timberking 723T, w/24" hot saw, recent rblt motor, rads, pumps, bushings, rotex, repack cyl.	\$79,500
2004 Tigercat 870L, w/23" hot saw, 12,500 hrs, rblt motor	\$140,000
2006 JD 953G, 24" hot saw, 10,600 hrs	\$130,000
2002 Timbco 445E, 24" Quadco 40°, 12,000 hrs, 1,500 hrs pumps, 80% u/c, rebushed	\$119,000
1999 Timbco 445D, 2000 hrs on rblt motor & pump, good u/c, bar saw	\$95,000

### EXCAVATORS

2007 Kobelco SK 210 LC, w/clam bucket & brush rake, 9,000 hrs	\$75,000
2006 Kobelco SK 350LC, w/bucket, 7000 hrs	\$90,000
2000 Kobelco 135, 5650 hrs	\$35,000
2000 Link-Belt 2800Q, w/HPF bucket & thumb, 9000 hrs	\$40,000
1999 Cat 322, w/bucket & thumb, 13,200 hrs, rblt motor, c/w heel & 52" grapple	\$49,500
1997 JD 690, c/w bucket & thumb, quick change	\$35,000

### SKIDDERS & DOZERS & GRADERS

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1996 JD 548G, dual fnctn bunching grapple, w/winch 11,000 hrs.	\$34,000
1998 Cat 527, w/sorting grapple, winch, rblt trans, torque, 14,000 hrs, good u/c	\$150,000
Cat D6E, w/grapple	POR
Cat 518C 95U, w/swing boom, rblt motor, pump, brakes, 2 new tires, sorting grapple	\$27,500
Cat 518C 95U, w/dual fnct, rblt motor, trans, torque, diffs, brakes, 2 new tires	\$25,500
Cat D7E, w/winch, semi. U blade, good u/c	\$19,000
Clark Ranger 667, w/winch, 28X26.5, good rubber	\$14,000

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Washington 188, on 4 axle carrier, can run all logging systems, new paint, exc. cond.	\$250,000
Cat 322, w/2 Pullmaster HL-25-4 piston motors, rblt Cat motor	POR
Kobelco 300, w/2 Pullmaster, guyline winch, ele. chokers, recent pump, 17,000 hrs	\$112,500
1994 Hitachi 200, w/2 Pullmasters, guyline winch, new paint, work orders	\$119,500
Link-Belt LS98, w/Eaglet, Allison trans, Detroit power	POR
T-Bird TY90, T100HD, 7 guyline, trl mount, Cummins KTA1150	POR
Madill 071, Eaton water on all drums, 4 guylines, good lines & rigging	POR
Skagit 737, T100HD, self prop, 7 guyline, 1'1/4, rblt KTA1150 & trans, good lines	POR
Skagit 739, T100HD, self prop, 7 guylines, Cummins KTA1150 power	\$210,000
Skagit BU80C, Cummins 400, Twin Disc. 5 speed, Skagit T90, slfprop	\$42,500
Skylead SC40, on TJ 450, water on haulback, Cummins, Allison, rblt drums, w/ car	\$110,000
Washington 137, Slackliner, T90, self prop., Cat 3408, 8 guyline, 1"3/8 yarder	\$160,000

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Acme 20, shackle passer	\$25,000

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2011 Western Chip trl., 48' 3 axle, rear axle lift, HD for woods application, alum. body, 4 avl.	\$39,500



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tower around.”

“I was 21,” Pulley said with a smile, “and didn’t know much about tower logging,” however the Scott Timber crew was looking for jobs as well. “James Hoyle was their hook tender and he had a whole crew,” so the company was up and running with an eager new contractor and an experienced crew.

### Interest in improvising

“I was always interested in improvising,” Pulley declared. The BU84 came with butt rigging. Always eager to learn a better way, “I watched the Graham Brothers out of Easton, they were the greatest guys, helped me out a lot of times,” he said. “They had a Bullet (a mechanical carriage) with sheaves on each side for balance, and you can hang your lines from it...a vast improvement to butt rigging. They called it a bullet because it would run down the line as fast as a bullet. We hooked that up we went to 25 loads a day in the old growth, where we’d get 10-12 with butt rigging.”

“I’d stayed in the rigging,” Pulley explained, not just because he was younger but because “...it’s where you can lead production, and you can set the pulse.”

The next decade had the typical business cycles, but Pulley’s company and crew did well until the Spotted Owl came to the scene around 1990. Pulley sold the BU84 up in Alaska, downsizing to the smaller Madill 071. “It was smaller, easier to move, and in line with what logging was available at the time,” he explained, which worked well until ‘92 when they sold the Madill and shifted to shovel logging, working on thinnings and private logging jobs, and built their own yarder made specifically for thinning.

That span of time started their overall to thinning as their main focus, a move that has worked very well for Pulley Logging since that time.

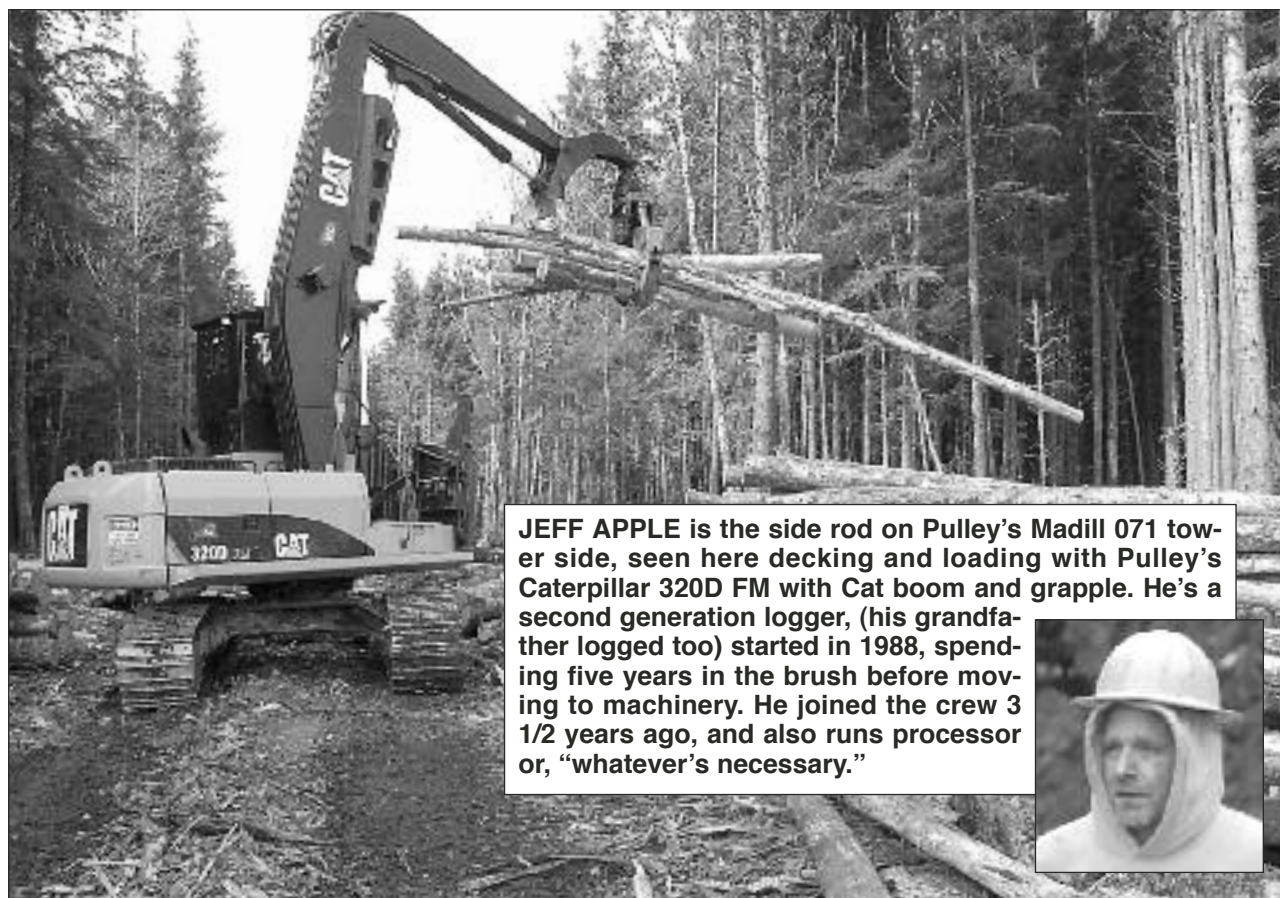
“In the early 90s the export market went absolutely crazy, and we started logging a tremendous amount of private timber,” Pulley said, “and marketed that through Clyde Shoemaker. From ‘91-’96 we did all that private wood.”

Pulley started bidding and buying state sales in the later 90s. “The state was trying to start a

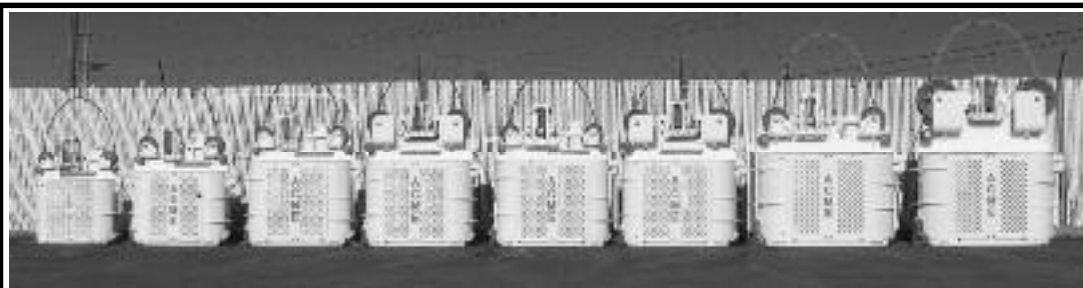
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MOVING PULLEY'S MADILL 071 to the landing, is Pacific Logging's General Trailer 60-ton flatbed with two-axle booster.



JEFF APPLE is the side rod on Pulley's Madill 071 tower side, seen here decking and loading with Pulley's Caterpillar 320D FM with Cat boom and grapple. He's a second generation logger, (his grandfather logged too) started in 1988, spending five years in the brush before moving to machinery. He joined the crew 3 1/2 years ago, and also runs processor or, “whatever's necessary.”



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**KYLER HOLMERN** has logged the past year and does “a bit of everything: hook tending, chasing, set chokers, run cat,” he said, and has been with Pulley the entire time. He’d joined the crew when construction got slow, “...and I’ve been logging ever since.”



**CHRIS FETTERMAN** has been a rigging slinger 2 1/2 years, joining Pulley a year ago and, “...I’m pretty comfortable with it....keeps you really busy. I like it, it’s great!” He lives in Concrete.

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thinning program, and we were trying to grasp it, (and understand) what the state was trying to accomplish.” Some was for habitat, some for basal area, tree counts, etc. It’s a learning process. “So we were buying a lot of sales, seven to eight thinning sales around the state by 2001-02 and that started it.”

### Today’s niche

“**T**hinning’s been our bread and butter since ‘90,” Pulley

said. “We’ve embraced that part of it....”

We’ve got some top notch guys; they’re really over the top excellent.”

Much of the crew has been with Pulley for several years, including timber manager Donny Anderson, and woods superintendent Aaron Parker. Each of the logging sides has a side rod as well.

“And we did something different 18 months ago,” said Pulley. “We decided we were going to raise our pay

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**MADILL 071 CREW.** (From the left): Trakk Balough is the hook tender on the Madill side, and has logged 2 1/2 years, making his home in Concrete, and noted of the crew, “...we’ve all been friends since elementary school, best friends since then.” His father drives log truck. Matt Robinson’s a 10-year journeyman logger, who’s chased, run crawler, and is engineer on the Madill 071. Dane Johnson started logging in 2009, and is a choker setter. “I planned on doing this til I got in school,” and is taking classes online now. Alex Osborn is a journeyman logger of 15 years, “... in the brush, hooking, setting chokers and chasing,” but the past three months has operated Pulley’s Doosan 225 LL Solar carrier with Keto 870 dangle head processor. “It’s a lot more mental than physical,” he noted. He joined the crew 3 1/2 months ago.



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to attract good solid guys: married, family guys who want to work everyday. Quality guys are out there. (We felt) when we paid more we'd get way better guys," which has worked very well, and yielded increased production as well. "I have some of the best guys," he added. "I'm very fortunate. "We've got guys that go above and beyond the call of their job. I know them, I've sweated beside them, bled beside them, and that's the difference."

The other factor in pay is in recognizing the competitive forces at work for quality crew. "If we don't start competing with construction wages we're going to lose our good guys," said Pulley, and he's taken the lead by acting on it.

In addition they pay major medical for the employees (available for the family to buy too), and work hours depends a lot on the individual side. "What I tell each side," said Pulley, "is work as many hours as you want as long as they're productive hours."

### Today's company

**T**he week we visited Pulley Logging they were running five sides:

- Ground based thinning side, Jody Gross side rods includes an 830L Tigercat with a Waratah 622B dangle head processor, a Caterpillar D5H TSK crawler with Esco swing boom grapple, a

Cat, 320 log loader and subcontractor Dave Romani running a Clark 668 Esco swing boom skidder, and a subcontractor MVR Timber Cutting with a 2850 Madill with Madill hot saw.

- Big shovel side: Don Mufford side rod, their year old Caterpillar 568LL shovel logger with Cat boom and grapple, a 325 Cat with 623C Waratah, a 320 Cat shovel loader. "Mufford also works at making jobs and getting sales, he does a lot more. We think the world of him," said Pulley.

- Madill 071 side: Jeff Apple's the side rod. (Pulley's owned six 071 Madills) "It was built in '78, we bought it in 2007, fixed it back up, been a great little yarder since. It has a 350 Detroit, and a fourth guy line," said Pulley. Also a Doosan 225 Solar with a 870 Keto dangle head on it, a Cat 320 shovel, and an Acme 22 carriage.

- 255 Thunderbird Swing Yarder, Truman Santiago is the side rod, a 320 Cat with a 622B Waratah head, and 320 Cat shovel.

- Road side: Bob Kelly side rod. It has a 328 Cat excavator, 315 cat excavator, and a Caterpillar D5K dozer flat track with a 6-way blade, and a 160M Cat Grader (they're renting from NC Machinery).

They've just finished a flying job out of Yacolt working with Kmax helicopter, owned by Bryan Jorgensen, who owns Timberline Helicopter, out of Leciede, Idaho. "We've worked with him since he bought the Kmax in 2006," said Pulley. "They're a great bunch of guys."

Bob Hillier is their primarily log trucker in Northern Washington, and they use a number of

individual contract truckers, all good guys, they've worked with over a number of years.

### The future

**P**ulley met his wife Katie and married her six months later in 1980. She manages the office, and they've raised three daughters: Cassie (born in '82); Trista ('86); and Tiffany ('88) each of them has worked in the business, running equipment when they were younger. "Cats, excavators, shovels, dumps... the girls built roads, and fish enhancements too," Pulley said smiling.

"We're pretty solid with where we want to be," Pulley said adding, he doesn't look to grow further presently. "We have our own timber sales (state and USFS) and want to continue on that track and contract log."

"With the thinning we don't have as much production," Pulley said. "We get production and we're efficient at it. Jeff Apple's crew is the thinning king, they are high producers... we do well. You have to get production in a thinning to pay L&I and all you have to pay, and have safety, insurance, and all the rest u get with a larger company, you have to have more money a day. You have to be getting five loads a day to make it with our size crew."

"We'll get your job done, give you a good log product. If you want a quality of log we can give you that," Pulley said, "but if you want to just crank volume through, we're probably not your guy."

**AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH** was needed for the large shop doors when Pulley enlarged their shop a while ago. Not so evident from the front, but inside you can see its not a garage style of hinged sliding door, but an aircraft hangar single hinged door that bi-folds out, rather than inside the building, which would have required a lengthy track system. It took some crafty engineering to solve the internal support for the door, but in the end Pulley had the large openings into the structure that were hinged simply and far less expensively than a conventional door system.



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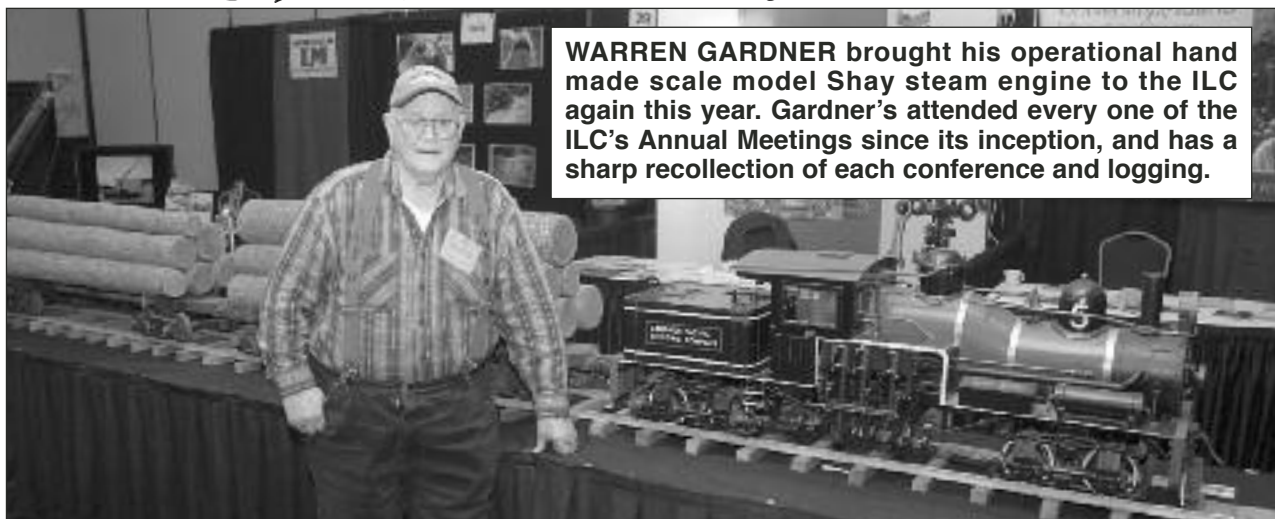
The largest turnout in nearly a decade was present at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Intermountain Logging Conference held at the Maribeu Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane Valley, Washington. The three-day conference had a very ambitious schedule leading off with technical sessions prior to the conference's official opening ceremonies following lunch on Thursday and gave ample time for attendees both to participate in the program sessions and visit both inside and outside vendors..

Wednesday morning's technical sessions included presentations from Triple W Equipment's Bill Jones, and Western States/Caterpillar presenter Mike Dickenson.

The ceremonial sledge hammer, wielded by Conference President, Bob Danielson, (Danielson Logging, St. Maries, Idaho) promptly at 1:30.

The conference's opening Keynote speaker was Bruce Vincent whose message political activism included the *10 reasons why there is hope for the next generation that's worth repeating:*

10. Trees grow
9. Public facing fire and smoke of 'natural' regimes... its now working itself out on the ground
8. We have remained engaged in the dialogue... what we can do to achieve the forest
7. Education and technology for logging systems improved
6. past detractors are trying to resurrect infrastructure...
5. Social media is avenue of communication... will be transformative for rural areas... it will change things
4. equal access to justice reform is being discussed... its hitting much broader than just timber now... there are a lot of friends in this discussion
3. Society is 'intrigued' by us... *They want to see us.*



WARREN GARDNER brought his operational hand made scale model Shay steam engine to the ILC again this year. Gardner's attended every one of the ILC's Annual Meetings since its inception, and has a sharp recollection of each conference and logging.

2. Allies and macro-economics on our side..We're Not coming out of this recession and people are starting to figure it out.

1. YOU ARE STILL HERE.... There's a today, its worth celebrating you made it to this point.

In closing he again encouraged those of us in the natural resource industries to get involved in the **Provider Pals Program** to introduce the "human being part of our business" to school aged youth in the school system.

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The afternoon's keynote speaker was Ron Nilson, President of Ground Force Worldwide, whose company manufactures specialized mining machinery and is headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who found he was not the only manufacturer having a difficult time finding a trained and capable workforce to staff their plants. His criticism, and solution, was for the education community, from high schools to colleges, to recognize and adjust to the demands of the job market for beyond a college degree. "Colleges need to understand there's a career path for academics and an entirely different career path for technical," Nilson said. The start of this realization needs to come from government. "Understand government does not create jobs," he said. "Business creates jobs." The he drove home his point, "College and work-readiness are NOT the same. A skilled and

trained work force needs to be work-ready!" which means they need the background and training too fill those job needs present in today's world..

The answer in Idaho was a consortium of businesses forming KTec, an alternative school with an alternative curriculum that readies those students who are technology and vocationally oriented for real jobs available and waiting for prepared workers today.

The program he's established has helped young people who were lost in the "one-size-fits-all" education programs aimed towards college, and provided a fresh opportunity to not only fill the students needs, but business's needs as well.

The remainder of the programs were filled with panelist presentations on: Perspectives; Getting the Younger Generation Plugged in Again; and Managing our Forests, Better for our Communities. In addition there were breakout sessions on: Communicating with the Next Generation of Employees; GPS Maps; Obamacare and the Logging Contractor; and Ron Nilson outlining his KTec program.

This was the largest turnout in a number of years, with outstanding participation. The Board of Directors, Pres. Bob Danielson, Program Director Jerry Kelly and Conference Coordinator Julie Schwanz deserve congratulations for an outstanding conference.



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## Annual Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition

**C**elebrate the logging industry of the past and present at the 5th Annual Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition - Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Camp 18 Logging Museum located at Milepost 18 on Highway 26 in Elsie, Oregon. ADMISSION IS FREE and everyone is welcome, so round up your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy a day of sawdust flying, tree climbing, axe throwing, nail-biting competition and edge-of-your-seat fun!

This year's event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with our Logger's Memorial Dedication Ceremony. During this time, we will honor the fallen loggers of the past and officially dedicate the newest remembrance plaques to the Logger's Memorial. (Please note the deadline for purchasing plaques to be included in this year's dedication is April 15th. For information regarding plaque purchases, please contact Danielle Cook at (503) 308-3250 or (danicook09@yahoo.com.)

Immediately following the Dedication Ceremony will be the action packed Logging Exhibition! This is the event for hard working loggers and talented high school forestry teams from all over Oregon to come together and showcase their skills! We still have contestant spots available and we are encouraging logging companies and individual loggers to

participate - so put together a team, test your skills and join the fun! Events include tree climbing, choker setting, splicing, double bucking and the hooktender race. Team registration for the exhibition begins at 9:00 a.m., so be sure to arrive early.

Make sure you stick around for the auction! Donated items include an authentic Robert Tidwell carving from "Knot Just A Bear," two cords of firewood (cut and split), an Ax-Man Axe and a log truck of firewood. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase throughout the event.

Volunteers are needed and donations are greatly appreciated. For more details on team registration and volunteer opportunities, please contact Mark Standley at 503-434-0148 (logsafeinc@yahoo.com) or Darlene Wilcoxon at 503-728-2050 (darlenew41@gmail.com).

We hope to see you there!

## Volunteers needed to lead students at this fall's 'In the Woods Show'

**T**he Pacific Logging Congress In the Woods Show is coming this fall to Port Blakely Companies' Molalla Tree Farm.

About 3,000 fourth- through 12th-graders are expected at the Sept. 25-26 event, says Julie Woodward, OFRI's forest education program manager. They will see the most high-tech, environmentally advanced logging methods available.

Family-owned Port Blakely is celebrating its 150th anniversary this

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"It's important to keep students in touch with the forest," Duane says. "They should understand where wood and paper come from, how trees are harvested, and how we manage this forest for a variety of products, as well as environmental benefits."

The show needs about 400 volunteers to lead students through tours. Anyone interested should contact Julie Woodward at OFRI: email Woodward@ofri.org, or call (503) 807-1614.

"I encourage people to give a few hours of their time," Duane says.

## Recent study looks at litigation against the U.S. Forest Service

**L**awsuits over the management of national forests have persisted despite a steep decline in logging, based on a 20-year litigation study.

An average of 56 cases a year were filed against the U.S. Forest Service between 1989 and 2008, according to the State University of New York study, which was funded by the agency.

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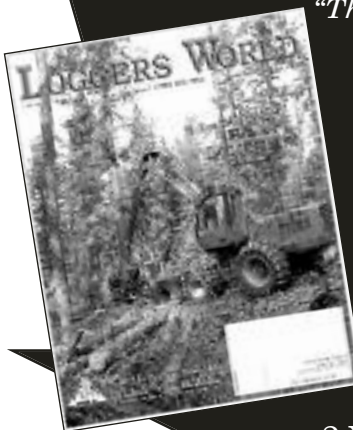
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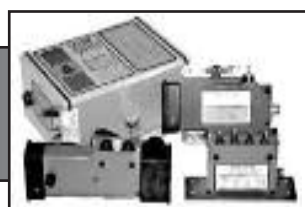
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## Obama's EPA Hangs Itself Int. Sec. Jewell Holds Rope

by William Perry Pendley

**I**n an administration infamous for ignoring the Constitution and the rule of law, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stands out. President Obama's EPA: administratively implemented "cap and trade" after the Senate refused to enact requisite legislation; killed a multimillion dollar West Virginia coal mine by vetoing the Army Corps of Engineers' approval-action so unprecedented 27 state attorneys

general urged Supreme Court review; and, sought to "crucify" energy companies in the nation's most productive oil and gas region, all while a senior, regulation-writing, job-killing employee masqueraded as a CIA agent and defrauded American taxpayers of nearly \$900,000.

In December, however, the EPA outdid itself with the extraordinary decision that a million acres of land in west-central Wyoming, including

the town of Riverton, lie within the Wind River Indian Reservation. Purportedly, the EPA's action is required by the Clean Air Act's provision allowing tribes to obtain the authority available to States to regulate their air quality programs but, in doing so, the EPA subjected land long known to be outside the Reservation to the tribal jurisdiction of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone. In February, Wyoming challenged the EPA's ruling in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Denver. Days later, the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, on behalf of its members who live and or work in Riverton and in greater Fremont and Hot Springs Counties, joined in the lawsuit.

Westerners, elected officials, and commentators nationwide heaped deserved abuse on the EPA, but there is plenty of blame to go around. The EPA wrote that it received "input from other federal agencies," and that its "determination is consistent with a 2011 Opinion of the Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior." Secretary Sally Jewell's Interior, home of the Indian Bureau since 1824, is the 500-pound gorilla on this issue, as it has been since 1873 when Congress transferred territorial responsibilities for the American West there from the State Department.

The Reservation was established in 1868, but, in 1904, the Tribes entered into an agreement with the United States to cede 1.48 million acres of land in exchange for per capita payments to tribal members and capital improvement projects within the Reservation. In 1905, Congress ratified the agreement, declared the lands were "ceded, granted, relinquished, and conveyed" to the United States, and referenced the new Reservation as "the diminished reserve." In 1906, the ceded lands were opened for settlement by Presidential Proclamation; the land

was sold to non-Indians, including land that became Riverton. In 1939, some of the unsold ceded lands were restored to the Reservation, but much of the land, including all land within Riverton city limits, was not.

Over the decades, Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Wyoming Supreme Court wrote of "lands formerly embraced in the [Reservation]," of the "diminished reservation," and of lands that were "ceded, granted, and relinquished." Challenges by tribal members of their convictions in state court for crimes committed in Riverton-putative "Indian country"-were rejected, on one occasion with amicus support for Wyoming from the United States.

Unfortunately, the Solicitor made unmitigated hash of this undisputed history. In fact, her opinion slavishly tracks the Tribes' 2008 EPA application in which they cherry-pick bits of congressional hearings and self-serving tribal documents but ignore court rulings, the 1904 agreement, the 1905 Act, and their precise and binding language. Most egregious is the Solicitor's failure to address a 1998 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court on another tribe's similar assertion. A unanimous Court, in an opinion by Justice O'Connor, held Congress set forth "the most certain statutory language, evincing [its] intent to diminish the [Reservation] by providing for total cession and fixed compensation."

Last month, in another case from Wyoming, the Supreme Court rebuked the federal government for ignoring 139 years of legal precedent. The EPA will suffer the same fate, to paraphrase that ruling, for its "improbable (and self-serving) reading" of history.

*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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lion board feet, according to Forest Service data.

"Even with the supposedly kinder and gentler forest management, the environmentalists are still litigating," said Scott Horngren, attorney with the American Forest Resource Council timber industry group.

Environmentalists are now targeting thinning projects that they previously claimed were preferable to large clearcuts, he said.

There are simply fewer timber sale projects for the groups to target, Horngren said. "They all gang up on what's left."

Ralph Bloemers, an environmental attorney with the Crag Law Center, said he disagreed with that characterization of the data.

Lawsuits against the Forest Service are filed by diverse interests, including industry groups and people who live next to national forests, he said.

"It's not just environmental plaintiffs," said Bloemers. "The courts continue to be a place where people can enforce the substantive protections of the (Northwest) Forest Plan and ensure due process."

The study evaluated the lawsuits

filed during the 20-year period and found that the Forest Service prevailed about 54 percent of the time.

The agency lost about 23 percent of the cases and settled another 23 percent, the study said.

During the first decade analyzed in the study, the number of lawsuits against the Forest Service generally

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It has been two years since the ALC unveiled its new logo and new website in an effort to rebrand itself and make more loggers aware of the work that the organization is doing on their behalf. At the same time, the

ALC changed how sponsorships were handled as it relates to levels and how that money would be used. Since that time the number of sponsors has increased as has their financial commitment to the ALC. Without their support we would not be able to accomplish as much as we have for our membership and for that we are very grateful.

There are a variety of ways that our sponsors support us such as hosting our Summer Board of Directors meetings at their facilities, recognizing the ALC in their advertising, helping to get information about the ALC out to loggers in areas that are not currently represented by ALC, and sending representatives to Washington, DC to make visits on the Hill with our members.

As I write this, we are preparing

for our annual trip to Washington D.C. to meet with our elected officials and federal agencies to discuss issues of importance to the loggers of this country and are looking forward to the participation and unique perspectives that our sponsors bring to the table.

This year, representatives from Caterpillar, John Deere and the Southern Loggers Cooperative will be present and I hope that we see this type of participation continue to expand, giving our sponsors an opportunity to see what we do, how their funding is being utilized, and again helping us and those in Washington, DC to realize that we are truly "all in this together" and we need to continue to work together to make this industry better for all parties involved.

Anyone who has been to our nation's capital, knows how expensive

that city can be, and that is where those sponsorship dollars are truly needed. Some may question if those visits are doing any good and I would answer "YES." The ALC has been asked to testify before Congress a number of times on various subjects in recent years as well as having been contacted by various Federal Agencies for our input on issues important to loggers. That shows that we are getting our message out and that the ALC is regarded as the "voice of professional loggers" in this country.

Again, without the support of our sponsors, we would not be able to offer the same level of representation to our members that we currently do, and to our sponsors, I would like to say "Thank You" for your support and to encourage your continued participation in the activities of the ALC. I would urge all of you to support those

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increased.

In the second decade, the number of annual cases swung wildly, from about 40 to more than 100.

Forest Service officials also appeared more willing to settle cases in the more recent years.

Since 2003, the agency has reached settlements in roughly 33 percent of cases, compared to fewer than 18 percent previously.

Bloemers said this statistic is encouraging, as settlement deals can offer more durable solutions than court rulings.

"It would be a heartening trend to see more settlements," he said.

The study's conclusion that the Forest Service loses nearly one-fourth of the lawsuits points to the agency's management shortcomings, Bloemers said.

As a matter of law, the court is supposed to defer to the agency's

judgment, he said. "They get a lot of discretion and they're still losing a lot of cases."

Horngren of the American Forest Resources Council said unfavorable rulings have a ripple effect on other Forest Service projects, which must often be revised based on the judge's opinions.

"They've got to go back and redo their work," he said.

The legal process also creates major delays, Horngren said. Even after a project is revised, it can take years to win approval from the court to lift an injunction.

"The agencies are up against the overworked judiciary," he said.

However, the Forest Service's legal outlook is more optimistic now than it was during the years covered by the study, Horngren said.

In 2008, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a landmark decision in which it denied an injunction against a large timber project in Idaho.

The ruling reduced the ability of courts to second-guess the Forest Service and allowed the agency to rely more on its own experts, said Ann Forest Burns, vice president of AFRC.

"They're entitled to evaluate the science for themselves," she said.

Since then, the agency's odds in court seem to have improved, said Horngren.

"I see a lot more victories," he said. "Not every time, but at least we're not dead on arrival."

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### American Loggers Council take their issues to the hill

On April 3-7, 2014, members of the American Loggers Council met in Washington, DC with coordinated efforts to present issues important to the timber harvesting industry to lawmakers up on Capitol Hill. Over 60 members were in attendance, including representatives from Caterpillar Forest Products, John Deere and the Southern Log-

gers Cooperative.

Over 100 hill visits included discussion on major issues such as Youth Careers in Logging, Truck Weight reform, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform, implementation by the US Forest Service of new authorities in the 2014 Farm Bill to help them achieve their allowable sale quantities, and biogenic carbon accounting methods that are being looked at by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that could impact the expanding woody biomass markets.

On Thursday morning, ALC members were briefed on these four issues by ALC staff and heard a presentation from Dan Sakura with the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) on tax issues that could impact reestablishing and managing private forest lands.

Following all day Thursday and Friday morning visits to the Hill, members gathered at a Friday afternoon briefing session where presentations were made from the US Forest Service on 2014 Farm Bill provisions and the 2014 and proposed 2015 budget, US Department of Transportation on CSA and freight issues, the Federal Forest Resource Coalition on US Forest Service Timber Sale issues, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture on grants that might be available for Forestry Research (including timber harvesting), and Tom Trone with John Deere who discussed the emerging technologies being provid-

ed by OEMs on telemetric systems that adapt to forestry equipment.

One immediate opportunity as a result of all of the meetings was an invitation to testify before the House Natural Resources Committee supporting H.R. 4315; H.R. 4316; H.R. 4317 & H.R. 4318 regarding the Endangered Species Act (ESA). There were also numerous members supporting the positions of the ALC in both the House and Senate.

On Saturday morning, the ALC Board of Directors held their spring meeting where committee reports were given and strategies were discussed to pursue further action on all legislative priorities. The National Woodland Owners Association was voted in to become an Organizational Associate Member of the ALC.

ALC President Brian Nelson remarked that "each year the fly-in continues to grow and members have become very comfortable with making their visits to the Hill and discussing our issues. What is more enlightening is the fact that now our sponsors are joining with us to add their unique perspective to further our issues. I would like to thank all of those who made the commitment and took the time to be with us as we continue to represent the professional timber harvesters across all of the United States."

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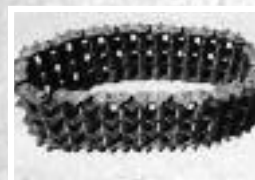
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# IN MEMORY OF ELDON "OLE" OLIN

March 23, 1921 - March 27, 2014

by Sherrie Bond

I believe Eldon "Ole" Olin was born with a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and a handshake that forged an immediate friendship. I'd also bet my lunch money, he came into this world wearing a red felt crusher hat, as well.

Within the brotherhood of loggers, log truckers and timber communities coast to coast and border to border, I am confident I could count on one hand, the few people who never heard of "Ole". Even those not personally acquainted, identified him as the artist able to interpret lives of timber workers on canvas even better than guys working in the brush could describe it. Ole's ability to portray specific aspects of daily events and strong emotional circumstances brought his paintings to life. Anyone who "knows-the-woods" can immediately relate to the depths of their souls, the stories Ole's paintings disclose. Each, at some time or another has been there, done that, survived a close call and lived to tell the tale. The artwork reheats old memories as they recall their years in the woods with pride.

Ole and his wife, Bunny were longtime family friends by the time I first met them some thirty years ago, while sharing a booth at the OLC. It fascinated me to watch countless numbers of loggers stopping to see Ole's latest work and swapping a story or two. There was an imme-

diat kinship between Ole and whoever dropped by; age was irrelevant. Older fellas would recall the glory days of high climbers, spar trees and one log loads. Young bucks, in awe of those stories, shared information about latest innovations or blushed at the ribbing of "110 log loads of pecker poles". That same, new know-how opened an advanced way for Ole and Bunny to market their inventory by website, broadening exposure while providing access and a fresh approach to Ole's

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Many years have flown by since then, but those precious memories linger with me. As I sit here today in my office, telling you we have suffered a tremendous loss, I barely turn my head and see that Ole is also being mourned by "my logger"; my constant companion as I work.



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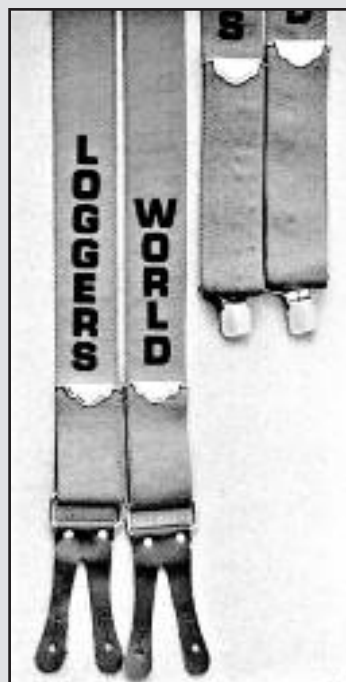


Day in and day out he's here without fail, but today, as he sits on his log on the landing, his lunch forgotten, head held in his hand, he's weeping and overcome by emotion akin to my own, as if we are one. Forevermore, I will have a personal attachment to my Monday Morning logger through memories we share of Ole's life and our sorrow and heartache in his passing.

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