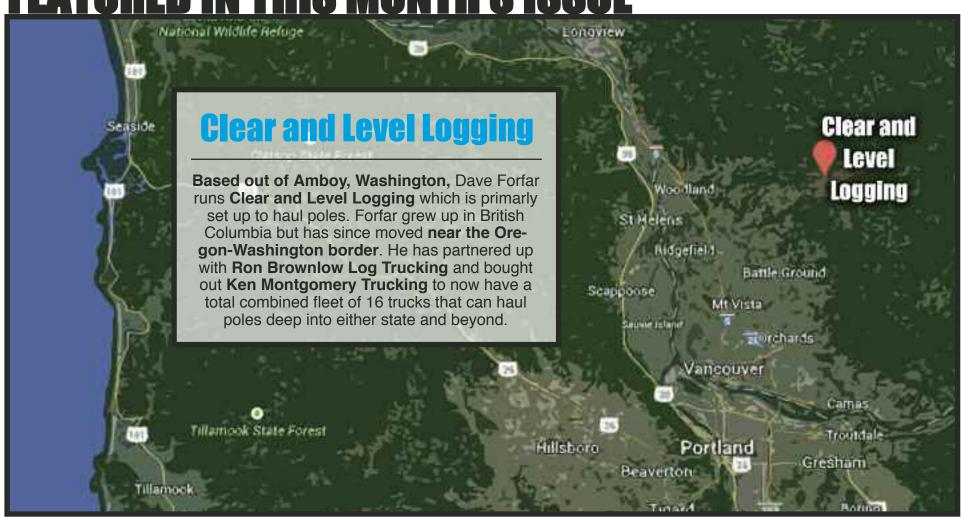


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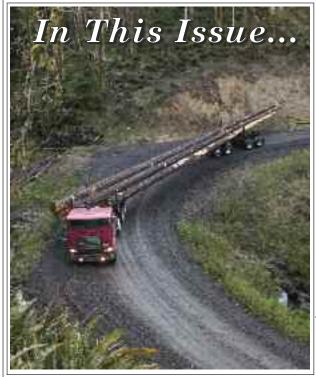
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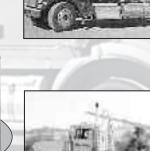














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BACKING UP, Dave Forfar gets his 2005 Peterbilt 378 in the right position on landing near Lebanon, Ore. to get some 120-foot poles on his custom-built trailer. Ken Montgomery custom-designed the pole trailers which can lengthen out much further than your normal trailer since the reach is designed to slide through the body. These trailers, made at Better Weigh Manufacturing in Toledo, Wash. feature steering axles, offset locking turntables and longer stingers.



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FROM LEBANON ORE. TO JUST OUTSIDE OF LONGVIEW, Dave Forfar sees plenty of country driving his 2005 Peterbilt 378. Here he's getting a load from the good guys at R.D. Reeves. Their Link-Belt 240 is loading poles that are 75-feet in length, which while long by most normal standards is a short haul for Forfar, whose used to seeing anything up to 125 feet. "A 90-foot load feels almost normal now but 120-foot loads are a challenge no matter what," Forfar said. Also when asked how one trains for driving pole truck, he responded in saying the tail sweep is going to hit some things and drivers just have to develop their own natural judgement on what the load is going to do around corners.





THE NEW TRUCK ON THE BLOCK for Clear and Level Logging is this 2015 Kenworth W-900B with an ISX Cummins engine. This truck was bought from Scott Sauer at Pape Kenworth in Portland and was the first brand new truck that Dave Forfar has purchased.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE CARS HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, and these flags are on the load for the obvious safety reasons. A tail sweep from a pole truck can hit embankments, signs and a rig following too close for comfort. Forfar said he's had to get out of his truck sometimes to explain to a driver what a pole will do to their vehicle if they don't back up and allow him to turn. Short explanation: It aint pretty.





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LOADED AND READY ROLL, Dave Forfar's wife Willene poses next to her first truck, a 1977 Kenworth. While she has since moved on to a different truck, Willene started out driving pilot cars with Dave and eventually got the pole trucking bug. She and Forfar will see each other hauling opposite ways on the freeway and get a few moments on the CB radio before heading to their destinations.

Clear and Level

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That's just another day on the job for a pole truck driver. And Dave Forfar loves those

"I enjoy the challenge of not mauling the poles and you also get to see a variety of country doing it," Forfar said. The Amboy, Washington resident has been in a log truck for nearly 20 years but he has been in the woods since he was 16-yearsold growing up in northern British Columbia. He had a few stints working for a railroad and construction but said it was hard not to get the urge to log again when a truck would drive by and he could smell the trees.

Forfar is part of three generations that has done work for Bell Lumber and Pole Company. He started out working for his dad's logging company in Vanderhoof, British Columbia and pretty much did everything out in the woods. His grandfather worked for Bell Lumber and Pole, while his uncle Walter Neufeld also does work for the Bell Pole up in Vanderhoof and owns his own operation, Neufeld Enterprises.

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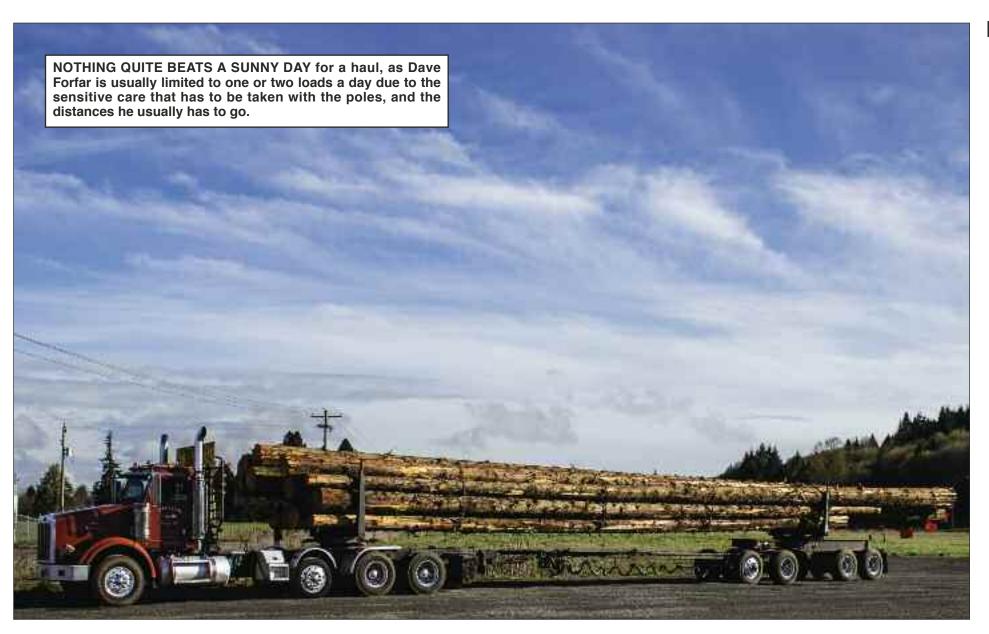
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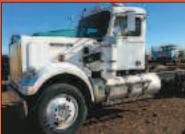
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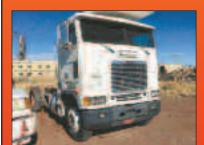
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Dave ran feller buncher, was a cutter, operated and skidder and processor. He moved to Washington State in 1996 and in 2003 he bought his first truck, a 1975 Kenworth.

"Back then I hauled more logs but I moved into poles shortly after," Forfar said.

Dave said he liked the look of pole trucks and wanted to get into it, even though its not the most-user friendly of career choices. Forfar has since set up his business to primarily focus on poles, hauling for Bell Lumber and Pole and McFarland

"I just had to talk to some of the oldtimers and it's a lot of trial and error. When you start out in pole truck driving, you're going to hit some things..."

DAVE FORFAR

Cascade.

"I just had to talk to some of the old-timers and it's a lot of trial and error," Forfar said. "When you start out in pole truck driving, you're going to hit some things with your tail sweep."

But Forfar has since become one of the most trusted pole truck drivers and is plenty busy serving Oregon and Washington. He recently partnered up with Ron Brownlow Log Trucking and bought out Ken Montgomery Trucking.

"Ken kept one truck and calls it retirement trucking," Forfar said. "Ken has been a good man to work with."

Now the three operations are spread out along the I-5 corridor in the two states and can haul poles in a variety of locations.

"We're able to cover a very wide customer base," Forfar said.

Between the Brownlow, Forfar and Montgomery's 16 trucks, there are a variety of Kenworths, Peterbilts and Freightliners. While three trucks haul logs the rest are committed to poles only. To handle lengths of up to 135-feet, Ken Montgomery custom-designed the pole trailers which can lengthen out much further than your normal trailer since the reach is designed to slide through the body. These trailers, made at Better Weigh manufacturing in Toledo, Wash. features steering axles, offset locking turntables and longer stingers.

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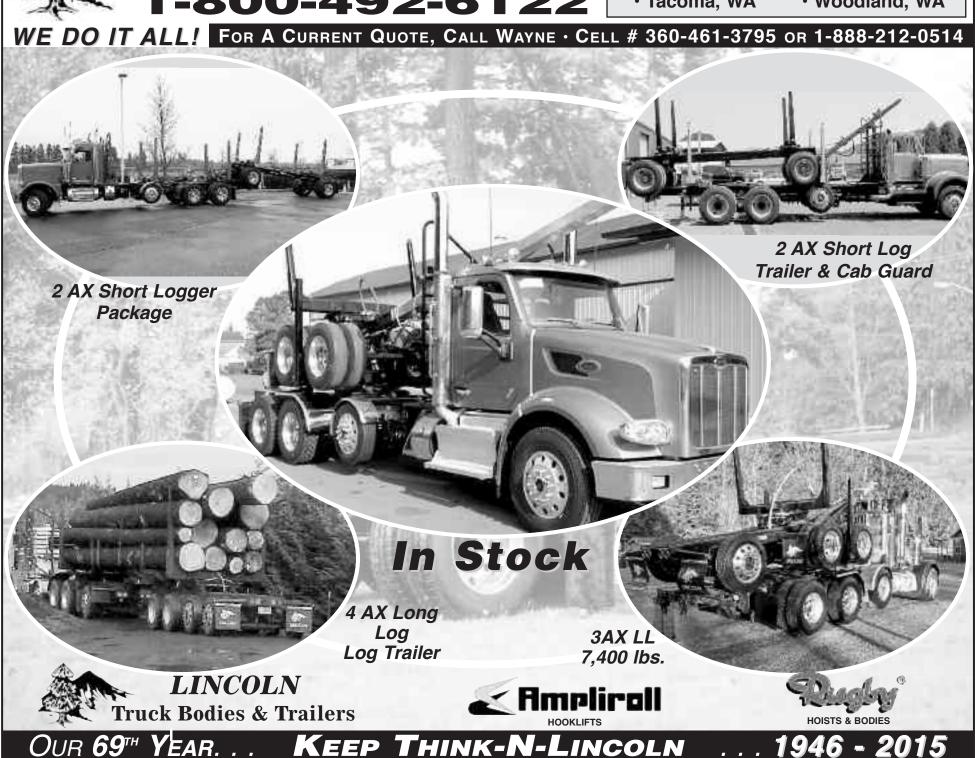
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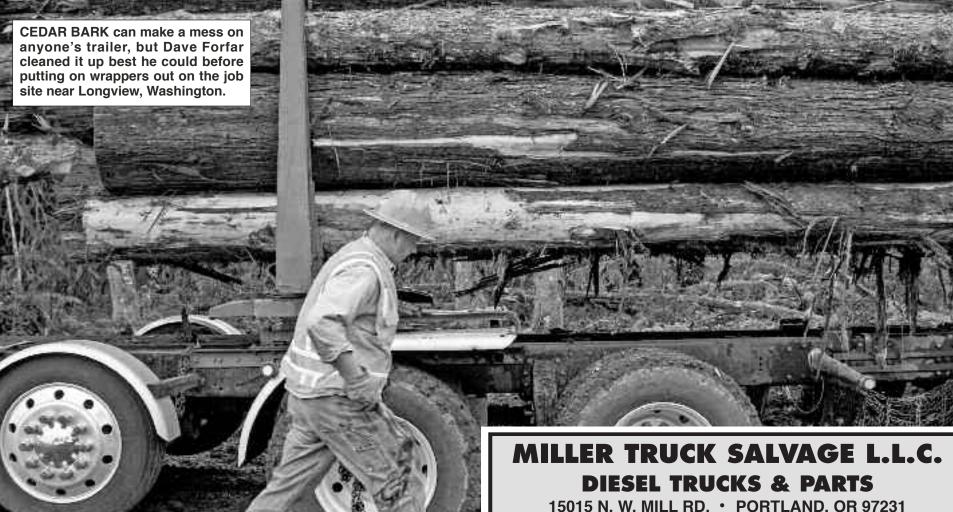
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"The man is a genius," Forfar said of Ken. "This is the only way to haul poles."

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"Bell Pole is a top-notch company, very professional and organized," Forfar said. "I'd say the same thing about McFarland. They understand what our trucks are capable of and they know where they can get everything out."

Forfar usually has to scout out the logging roads he'll be hauling off of beforehand in his pickup. Sometimes roads have to be widened or more gravel added so the trucks can take the corners. That doesn't make hauls with dropoffs on the sides or a steep grade any nicer. Pole truck drivers have to know what they're doing, otherwise they

could find themselves in serious trouble.

"A 90-foot load feels almost normal now but 120-foot loads are a challenge no matter what," Forfar said.

Pilot cars are required in Oregon out to a main highway, and while not required in Washington, are used in the sometimes less-than-ideal residential roads that logging roads usually shoot off of. A simple stop sign at an intersection requires the pilot car and the pole truck driver to coordinate and try to make sure the tail sweep - the movement of the back end of the poles during a turn - doesn't take out a sign or something else.

"At first, driving on I-5 through Portland or Seattle was very nerve-wracking," Forfar said. "But once you get to it, the traffic isn't that bad for the most

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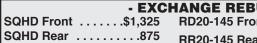
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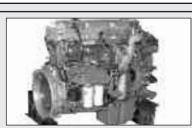
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Ron Brownlow drives his Kenworth W-900 into the Bell Pole mill in Conway, Washington.

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part. You just don't want to make any sudden lane changes and kind of feel out what the traffic is doing around you."

One challenge pole truck drivers have to face is once they're on the road with a load, they're moving one direction forward. Taking an exit that can't handle a pole truck doesn't fly since you wouldn't be able to back out of it. And if there's a breakdown - there isn't a tow truck on the planet designed to get a pole truck to the shop. So breakdowns can't happen for Forfar and company.

"We spend a lot of money maintaining trucks because you can't have your trucks breakdown on the side of the road," Forfar said. "So there

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might be something that another log truck driver would be able to skate by for a bit on but we have to fix it right away. When we do have a boo-boo it's very expensive."

Forfar and company's mechanic Kevin Pekkala keeps the trucks out on the road, and does a great job.

"I don't know what we'd do without him," Forfar said. "He's an excellent welder and he can do everything."

Forfar's wife Willene has also gotten into the pole trucking business. Willane drives a 1965 Kenworth with an N14 Cummins engine and a Pittsburgh Power Pack which has been restored with all the modern amenities added to it.

Forfar also has a nice truck, sporting a 2005 Peterbilt 378 with a C15 CAT engine. Affectionately labeled the "Tree Hearse" by Forfar.

"I really enjoy the Peterbilts," he said. "They've got a lot of legroom and when you're doing these longer runs it's nice to have."

Forfar works with Pape Kenworth and Scott Sauer in Portland having recently purchased a 2015 Kenworth W-900 B - the first new truck that Forfar has purchased.

Forfar has also hauled H-piling, steel pipe piling and 36-inch plastic pipe, and has gone down as far south as Arizona on certain select trips. Due to the delicate nature of poles, he may only get one haul in a day but that evens out because they fetch a higher price than your normal

So while it might be an adventure hauling poles, its one Forfar likes to be a part of. With trucks 19 spread around Washington and Oregon, it looks like the adventure will continue for the British Columbian and he's just fine 🖁 with that.





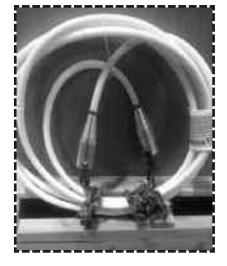
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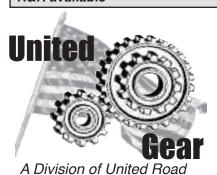


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