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You will find as you read deeper in this September of 1979 issue of Loggers World that it is mostly filled with information and pictures of the working loggers and contract loggers who put their trust and work into Potlatch Corporation. We partly covered that part of the Potlatch Logging Operations known as the 'Northern Units'. Our travels and our works centered on such towns as Bovill, Deary, Elk River, Clarkia, St. Maries and so on. Bovill was the logging headquarters that was the core of our circle of operations.

WHERE IS POTLATCH?

If you do not know where this area is I'd suggest you look it up on a map. Start with Moscow, Idaho and let your eyes and fingers travel easterly upon the map. There are places in this big sparsely populated area that you can travel down a state highway for 15 or more miles and never see a

house. The people are friendly and interested. The loggers are first rate and the timbered hills and valleys cover a large area.

The towns are close to logging and many of the towns are there because of logging and timbering activity. Many, if not most, of the men in the town work in the woods. Potlatch Corporation is known to everyone because it was the men of Potlatch that opened this country, layed out some of the towns, constructed the railroads and built sawmills and logging camps. Potlatch was the leader then and hasn't lost an inch since then.

HOW DEARY, IDAHO GOT ITS NAME

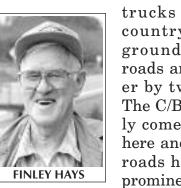
Deary, Idaho is named for a General Manager of Potlatch, Bill Deary. "Deary, Idaho is the product of the Potlatch Lumber Company (now Potlatch Corporation) just like Elk River, Bovill and Potlatch." That is quoting from a book about Troy, Deary and Genese. It goes on to say, "In 1905 the engineers for Potlatch surveyed the right of way for the railroad to the Bovill area. When the settlers around Avon insisted on too high a price for their land, William Deary, Potlatch General manager, decided to locate his station at the present site of Deary.

This isn't meant to be a description of towns and historical activities in this area --- but such a discussion would be most interesting if done by someone knowing more about it than I --- but is meant to be a scene laying batch of words to generally get you acquainted with some of the country these logging people work, live and play on.



Sometimes the logging job and the home are too many miles apart, to offset this Potlatch has built a logging camp, takes care of more than 40 men, they call the 'Spike Camp' east of Clarkia. In addition to this the crick bottoms. the meadows and sometimes the old landings have trailers and campers parked on them. There are hundreds of people living this way in the back country. What a dandy place for the family to live and bring up the youngsters in the summer months! A boy couldn't ask for anything better.

The people driving cars and



trucks in this back country of steep ground and narrow roads are tied together by two way radio. The C/B two way really comes into its own here and most logging roads have a number prominently displayed at the entrance to the

road. That number is the C/B channel used on this particular road. Along almost all the roads are numbers displayed on boards. They are not always exactly a mile apart and you can hear the message, "At One heading for Two", or "At Two heading for One." Even a stranger to the country knows if you are at one heading for two and someone else is at two heading for one you have a good chance of getting acquainted with him, (or her). And it is not always 'hims' either. There are some 'her' voices mixed in. Ladies going out to cruise timber maybe, Potlatch has some lady cruisers. Ladies going out to pick huckleberries likely, many of the local ladies travel thru and over these mountains and roads looking for huckleber-

In 1976 I first visited this country in company with Bea Davis and Tom Femreite. Bea Davis is the Editor of the 'Potlatch Times'. At that time, in

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This month's cover features a colorized version of the logo from the original Loggers World Magazine back in 1964.

We aren't going to use this every month but thought it might be fun to use once in a while

Let us know what you think by email at logworld@aol.com



ON THE FRONT: A timber faller since the 1970s, John Homchick has seen five decades of the timber industry in Western Washington.

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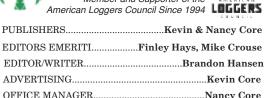
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Rigging Shack

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1976, Tom Femreite was the Logging Superintendent of the Northern Units. During that trip we went up in the mountains out of Clarkia where the crews were logging and hauling logs in and thru the deep deep snows.

This visit I had the great good fortune to get re-acquainted with Tom Femreite because I rode with him on his rounds. Tom is now the Administrative Manager and he knows this country like the back of his hand, having been raised here. Tom has been a Potlatch logger his entire working life, with the exception of the time he spent in the Army during World War number two. Tom came to be a logging superintendent by mastering all the jobs along the way and by spending the time to learn and to do. I liked Tom Femreite when I first met him and that liking and respect was strengthened by spending four days in his company as we

went from here to there picturing and interviewing Potlatch loggers. Tom is a positive man with a knowledge of the company and the country and ability to explain things correctly and fully.

raised their family in Deary and are members of the Lutheran Church there besides being boosters of the community activities. For a man who spent a lifetime working from

He and his wife Maxine four to six, or longer, he has helped his community much. It gives me great pleasure to publicly thank Tom for his help and friendship. I appreciate it!







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His great grandfather Steven and their family fled Poland after World War I

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when the Russians invaded the country. They immigrated to Hoquiam and Steven began working in the local mills. Homchick's grandfather Jake served during WWII when Berlin fell and his father served during the Korean War.

After his parents parted in the early 1960s, Homchick lived with his mother near the Washington coast and eventually graduated from Elma High School in 1977. His step dad Bob Aust was a sheriff in Pacific County and instilled work ethic into Homchick.

John learned to love the outdoors at an early age, climbing trees from eight years on for the heck of it. He'd get up to 100 feet up in the air which probably gave him an early preview of

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but Homchick worked for Don Vicarious and Roger Halberson out of Longview for six months.

After that, Homchick cut with his cousin Westerbrook, Ed Anderson and Zepp and Carter along with weekend stints cutting right of way for Rayonier. Basically it was a seven-days-a-week workload.

In 1986, he rejoined Walt

Homchick

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what it took to top a tree. When he was a teenager he would tag along with his cousin Ron Westerback who was a timber faller.

Watching that process in action made him want to go out into the woods for a career.

"It intrigued me," he said in the May 2008 edition of

Loggers World. "And ultimately that was the reason I got into the woods."

The summer before his senior year saw John landing a job in the rigging crew for Frank Shoals Logging. After finishing high school, his graduation present from his parents was a Stihl 090 chain saw. He became a cutter for Ron Jackson and bucked behind veteran faller Vern McKay, then joined Walt Dhooghe

"I just love being outdoors," he said. "Sure there are days that aren't fun but you get to see wildlife all the time, stuff that belongs on a postcard and views you wouldn't otherwise get to see."

cutting old growth.

The economy slowed in the 1980s, but Mt. St. Helens presented work after it erupted in May of 1980. The volcanic ash chewed up bars and saws,

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2006 JD 748G III, dual-func hyd, grapple



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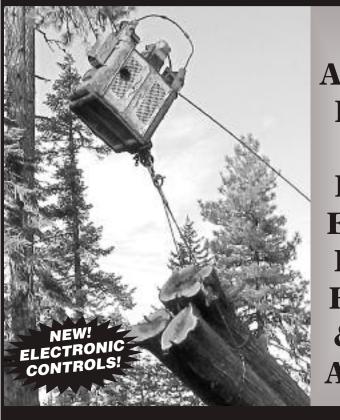


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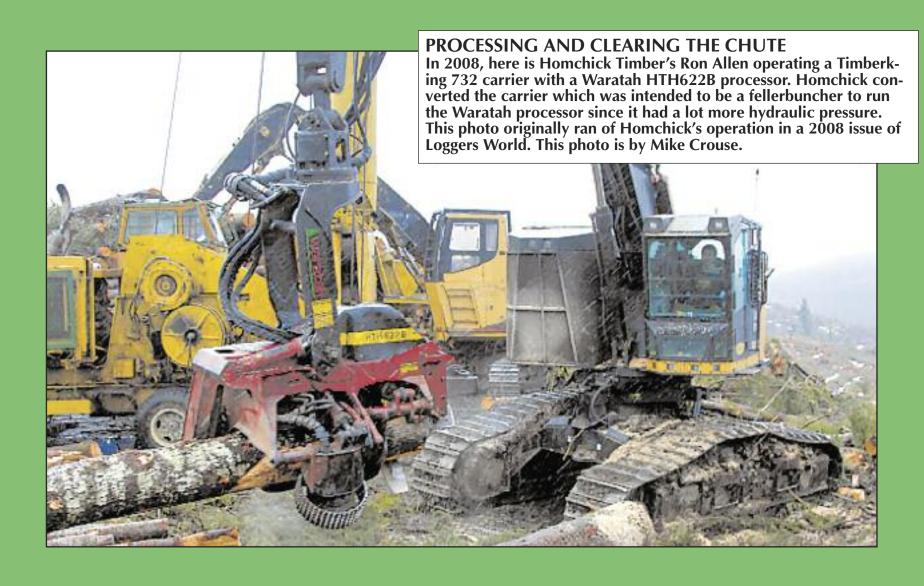


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Dhooghe and that's who he would cut for the next six years. He still did side jobs to accumulate money to eventually strike out on his own.

"Fallers could see the fellerbunchers come in and while we realized we couldn't keep up, the delimbers in those days couldn't handle the bigger wood and you'd always have the steep ground or trouble spots in a piece," John said. "So cutters still had their niche."

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BREAKING OUT

At age 35 in 1991, John and his wife Melanie (married for 38 years in February!) formed Homchick Timber and got his first shovel in 1992.

"We had been cutting old growth but around forest ser-

vice jobs there were a lot of 5-10 acre patches that loggers wouldn't do because they were just interested in the big jobs," Homchick said.

So John gobbled up those pieces as friend Jim Stewart lined them up for him to log. He joined forces with Gene Parks to form J&G Forestry and they began acquiring some equipment. They also

got a delimber and despite having a small crew was able to get eight loads a day out. That improved to 14 loads a day and Dave Williams began running processor for them.

Through 93-95, they purchased two shovels, a Cat 325 in 94 and a second 325 in 95. With it being a profitable venture, Homchick told Loggers World he learned a lot busi-

ness-wise from Gene and the two went their different directions in the logging industry -Homchick focusing on small private job

GROWING

John came to work for Olympic Resource Management in 1996 after Campbell group contract supervisor and friend Iver Matisens hired

> him to do shovel work. This is when he bought his first new shovel, which was a CAT 330.

The work for Olympic required tower logging and since Homchick had some rigging experience, he dove in, buying a Washington 88.

"That was a heck of a little machine," John said.

He had to expand the company by getting a rigging crew, but he continued ahead and added a Cat crawler along the way. The turn of the century saw things slow, the Campbell group sell out and Homchick shift his operations to work for Rayonier. The work changed from thinning to clear cuts and it got very competitive in the timber industry.

"It was so competitive, you'd go to check out a job and there was a trail worn up there of people going in to check it too," Homchick said.

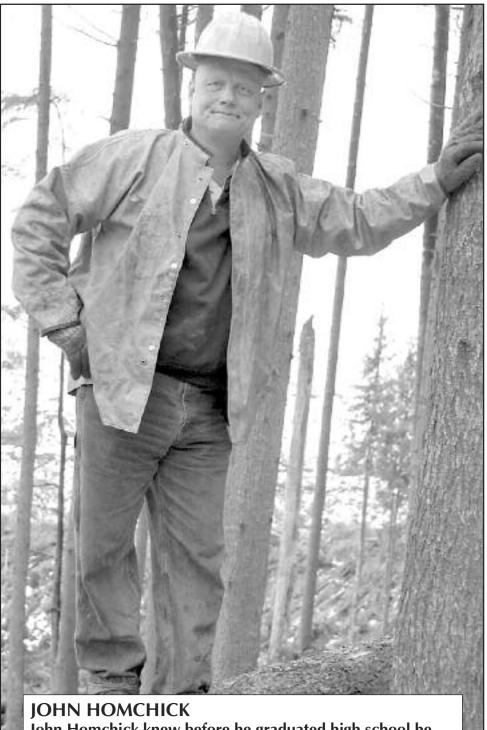
He also got into log trucks around this time, and had three until about 2002.

THE BIG TOWER

Homechick upgraded to a Washington 127 tower from Pacific Manufacturing, after taking his crew

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John Homchick knew before he graduated high school he wanted to be a logger and after five decades in the timber industry, you could say he's done that!



SHOVEL IN ACTION

Here is one of Homchick's new CAT 330's in action during Homchick Timber's operation. In 2009 the company grew to its biggest with 19 employees and two sides - a shovel and tower side. Now John works for RCD Timber, owned by Brian and Joey Dhooghe ... who worked for John at Homchick Timber and John had worked for Dhooghe's father Walt in the 1970's. It's a small world in the timber industry.



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WALT DHOOGHE (ABOVE) Walt Dhooghe, father of Joey and Brian, stands for this 2008 photo by Mike Crouse while he does some cutting around Homchick Timber's operation.

THE DHOOGHES OF RCD TIMBER

(LEFT) Featured in the 2014 issue of Loggers World, Joey and Brian Dhooghe were born and raised in Hoquiam, Wash. Now John Homchick runs shovel for them as they operate on the Quinault Indian Reservation.



Homchick

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to the 2002 Oregon Logging Conference.

"We'd had a lot of beer to drink and in our feeble state, I agreed to buy it from them without consulting my wife Melanie," John said. "When I got home I told her I'd bought the yarder."

The 2008 edition of Loggers World said that Homchick's wife is a very understanding lady.

He worked for Rayonier until 2009 with the tower, they'd be working in some tight spots, laying out a lot of cable and generally doing work that made them very proud. Homchick Timber got to be its biggest with 16 employees in 2008 and two sides: a shovel and tower side.

"We had a lot of line we could lay out a road in advance of the tower," Homchick said. "We'd be out 3,000 feet to a mile on some jobs."

They used a Boman Mark VI Magnum Skycar in 2004, added a new Cat 330 shovel logger in 2006 and two processors in 2007.

2009 brought the big crunch for the timber industry and Homchick didn't turn a wheel for a year. In 2011 he picked up a contract for the Fruit Growers Association and they tower logged for the landowning company. That provided about two years worth of work for the company.

"They had a long range plan but in 2013 big fires in California burned up a lot of timber and they put their efforts down there for recovery," Homchick said.

RCD TIMBER

Now Homchick runs shovel for Brian and Joey Dhooghe of RCD timber. Brian worked for



John when logging for the Fruit Grower Association and John had worked for Brian's father, Walt. They're now logging on the Quinault Indian Reservation, so the workplace hasn't changed much as it's in the woods of Western Washington.

"Brian and Joey have been building their company and doing a really good job," Homchick said. "They're a good company to work for."

Homchick also wanted to thank Bank of Pacific, Harbor Saw and Supply and Sweatman Trucking for their support through the years.

From a timber cutter tackling old growth in the 1970s to being an operator in today's market, Homchick has seen plenty of change. He says he's glad to see operators and owner operators getting treated better and being valued higher by companies for their skills. Using old state rates in a changing economy had hurt the individual operator for years, he said.

He remembered in the 2000s when truckers were having walkouts for not properly getting compensated for fuel prices. Fluctuating fuel prices caused an industry that ran on people understanding operating expenses to go into flux.

"For example in one month my little operation would see the fuel bill change from \$32,000 to \$56,000," he said.

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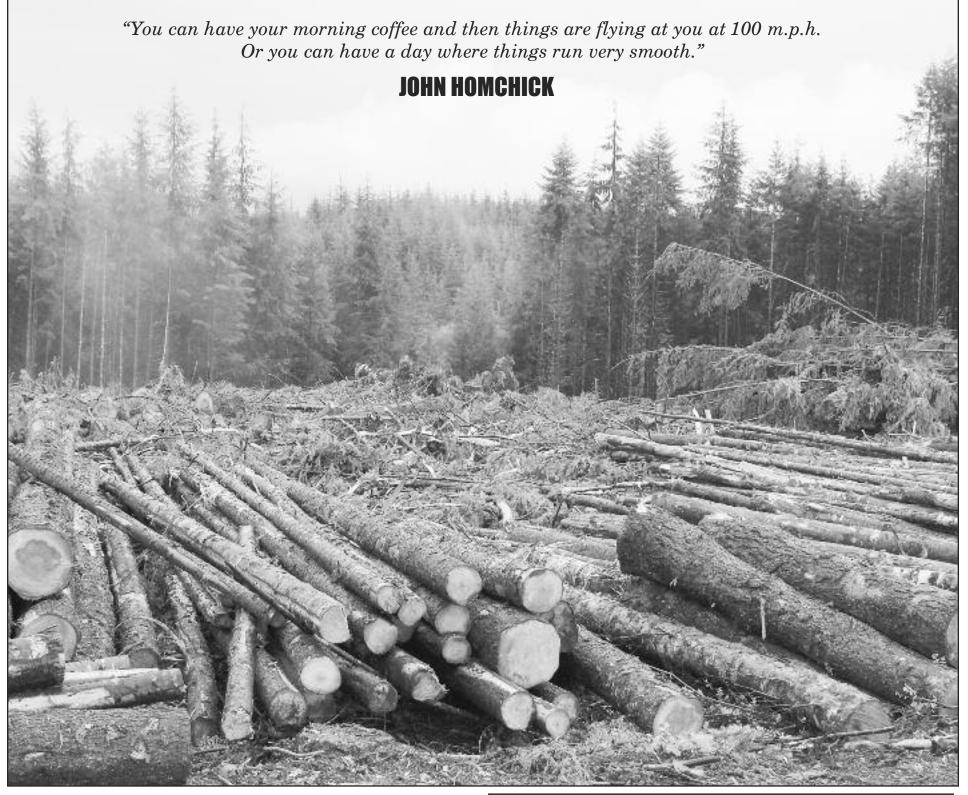
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FOUR GENERATIONS OF HOMCHICKS

(From Left to Right) Son Chris Homchick, grandpa Jake Homchick, John Homchick and John Sr. Homchick posed for this photo out on the jobsite in Central Park, Washington near Aberdeen. John was doing work on the last existing drive-in theatre in Grays Harbor Washington.



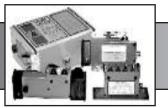
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Fuel prices have stabilized however, and equipment like the Doosan 300 shovel from Cascade Trader he's running are more fuel efficient for loggers compared to the machinery of the past. The changing philosophy of keeping newer machinery is also something of a change of Homchick but the idea makes sense as it can cut down on maintenance.

"Before, it was you bought something, rebuilt it and kept running it," he said. "Now when the warranty is up you go and upgrade to a newer machine."

A lot more loggers are getting off the ground and into the cab. Homchick said he still falls trees and hazard trees when needed, but sees how the no boots on the ground philosophy is also affecting logging.

"With shovel logging there are some parts where you'd want to use a tower to get to things but now they're doing tethering with a shovel," he said. "It's all to make sure there isn't a crew out there on the ground."

The thing about logging though is still the challenge and working as a crew to overcome that.

"That's part of it," he said. "You can have your morning coffee and then things are flying at you at 100 m.p.h. Or you can have a day where things run very smooth."

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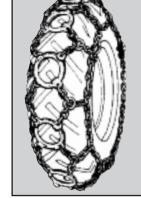
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OLD ARCH ^

This old, early day hydraulic hi-wheeled arch completely hides the cat that pulled it, but the picture clearly shows what it is supposed to do: pick up the log so that it can be pulled with a small tractor, of about 30 horsepower. How would you like to be the rigging man man-handling the chain? To make the job easier, you would have a chain hook, a slightly curved D-ringed bar with a grab hook on the other end about 3 feet long. After digging a hole under the log, placing the end of the chain in it, you would take your bar, hook the chain, and pull it under the log. A fun and labor-intensive job, as handling chain in the brush is hard work.

DONKEY PUNCHER >

Evidently, Mr. Hartson knew that he was going to get his picture taken. His clothes look awfully clean. In contrast, the clothes of most donkey punchers of the day were heavy with grease and oil, as the machines required lots of lubrication. This Dabob, Washington engineer was obviously very proud of his job and the machine he ran, as this picture was probably sent to distant family members.



Summary Judgment....



Unbounded Lawlessness: Obama's War on Energy from Federal Lands

by William Perry Pendley

On energy, the Obama administration ends the way it began, with lawless placating of environmental extremists by warring against energy from federal lands. Obama's officials' first efforts in 2009 in northwestern Pennsylvania failed; nonetheless, in their waning days, their mischief spreads to Colorado and Montana. Whether they get away with it depends, not just on the incoming Trump administration, but on a federal district court in Washington, D.C.

Days ago, President Obama's Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell skittered excitedly across America doing what made his administration infamous: unilaterally plundering the rule of law. In Denver she voided twenty-five contracts—all issued by the federal government to permit private lessees to search for, discover, and develop oil and gas from Colorado's economically depressed western slope—that had incurred the wrath of "leave it [American energy] in the ground" radical groups. The region is not a pristine wilderness, but the

site of decades of drilling; it sits astride the geologically significant, energy-rich "Overthrust Belt." Alongside the cancelled leases are twenty-four producing leases Secretary Jewell affirmed and thirteen she subjected to confiscatory rules; all are atop trillion of cubic feet of natural gas. "Imprudent," "illogical," and "arbitrary and capricious" spring to mind to describe Secretary Jewell's decree, but most on point is "lawless.'

The fate that awaits the lessees, the energy they plan to produce, and the men and women of the region who yearn for high paying oil patch jobs is uncertain. Their future may turn largely on what happens to an elderly Louisiana man who, like them, fell victim to one of Secretary Jewell's edicts. Sidney Longwell won an energy lease on federal land in Montana in 1982, and after ten years, four National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies, and four National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) reviews, obtained the right to drill on the lease (an application for

permit to drill—APD). Unfortunately, the Clinton administration suspended the lease and there it sat until 2013 when he sued demanding that federal officials allow him to exercise his property rights, pursuant to his government-issued contract. On hearing of his forlorn plight, a federal judge called it "Kafkaesque" and ordered a prompt decision. At long last, on March 17, 2016, the Obama administration ruled but instead of allowing him to do what he contracted for and was permitted to do, it cancelled his lease and voided his APD.

At the end of this year, after months of legal filings and briefings, including numerous exhibits and lengthy appendices, the matter will be ready for a ruling by the judge following as yet unscheduled arguments in Washington, D.C. To call Secretary Jewell's decision—like so many other actions by President Obama—unprecedented is an understatement. At no time in the history of the Mineral Leasing 1920—through which Congress authorized Secretaries to issue and oversee oil and gas leases, including the one held by Mr. Longwell, and which has been amended and updated over

the decades—has an energy lease been cancelled, unilaterally, let alone one issued more than three decades earlier and subjected to a decade of intense, thorough, and painstaking review. Stunningly, however, Secretary Jewell concedes that her cancellation of the 33-yearold lease is not based upon any express delegation of authority from Congress. Instead, she argues she has an amorphous "inherent authority" under the Constitution's Property Clause. The argument takes one's breath awav.

The Property Clause reads: "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States...." It may be arguable, chiefly by westerners, whether that power is "without limitation," however, one thing is clear: the power over all federal lands belongs solely to Congress. The Property Clause grants no authority, express or implied, to the Secretary.

Restoration of the rule of law, preferably by a court of law, cannot come soon enough.

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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Election Results Bring New Opportunities, But Old Challenges Remain

By Nick Smith

Against all odds, Donald Trump was elected as our new president. Republicans also kept control of both houses of Congress. Since November 8, many stories have been written about rural America's influence on the election. But what does it all really mean for the American Loggers Council, its members and professional timber harvesting?

There's no doubt the new year will bring opportunities to reform federal forest management, restore the health of our federally-owned forests, and create more family-wage jobs where they're desperately needed. For ALC, there will be new opportunities to advance key priorities such as ensuring uniform truck weight limits and passing Youth in Careers in Logging legislation. It will also be easier for ALC and its partners to stop antiforestry measures before they can hurt the industry.

But make no mistake, getting things done in Washington DC won't be easy. Our work isn't done. It's only just beginning.

When it comes to federal land management, Trump now has the chance to appoint officials who can change the culture of federal agencies, emphasizing a shift back to multiple-use management of our lands and natural resources. But the truth is the new Trump Administration will be saddled with the same counterproductive and complex web of federal laws, rules and regulations that have resulted in the neglect of our forests and the loss of thousands of jobs across the industry. It's already clear antiforestry groups will double-down on lawsuits that bring projects to a halt and put forest health in the hands of judges instead of foresters.

Relieving our federal agencies of obstructive litigation, "analysis paralysis," and chronic budget shortfalls requires congressional action. Given the enormous power and influence anti-forestry groups continue to enjoy in Washington DC, it's likely any real change will require bi-partisan support in the U.S. Senate, where Republicans lost seats. Any legislative measure will likely require 60 votes in the Senate before President Trump is able to sign it into law. Many policymakers, even those in the new administration, will need to be educated on responsible logging practices and the benefits loggers provide to the American public.

The new administration and Congress offer new opportunities, but many of the old challenges facing the industry will remain. ALC City

members, led by Executive Vice President Danny Dructor, are working proactively with key leaders to hit the ground running. But ALC still needs your help, even with a federal government that will be friendlier to timber harvesting. Now more than ever, it's important for all loggers to stay informed and stay engaged to make the most of the opportunities that American voters have given us.

Stay tuned to for updates in future issues in our newsletter. And don't forget to "like" us on Facebook!

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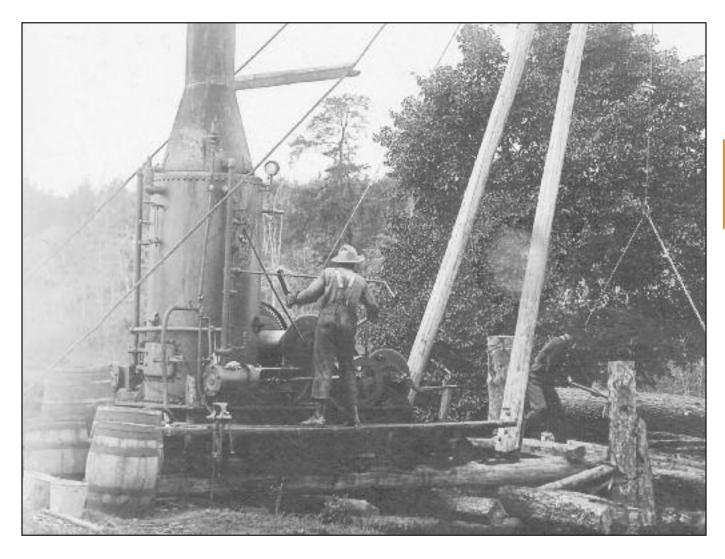
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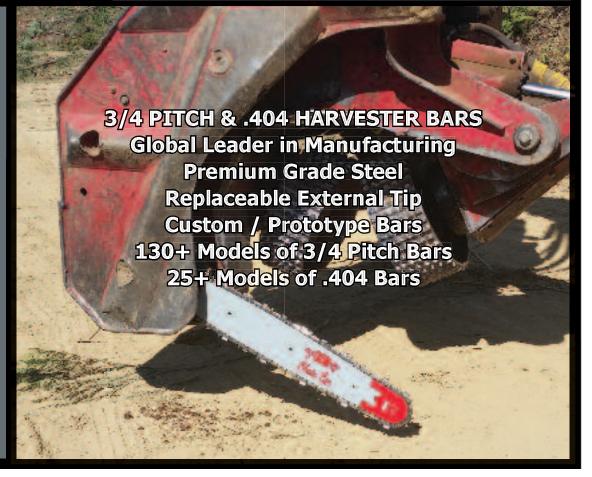
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