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Finley Hays was well known for his ability to tell a good story. His unique perspective was gained by growing up in a logging family, and after starting *Loggers World*, talking to loggers all over the country. Finley went on to his Heavenly Reward in 2008 but we have almost 40 years of his writing and storytelling to enjoy. Finley's Rigging Shack remains one of the most popular features of *Loggers World* and we think that is appropriate for the man that put so much of his life into his vision of a "Loggers Magazine".

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"We were able to keep our machines and our men busy steadily all during the CRUNCH. We have never had to cut wages and we have kept on going and showing enough profit to keep on going."

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"There are many loggers who are taking jobs too cheap and they aren't able to stay in business. It is time we learned all we can know about our business. Especially about the costs of logging. If we don't get the job we can't make it and if we take the job too cheap we are guaranteed to fail."

"There are many things that

are important but one thing is to concentrate upon your job and your business and learn all you can learn about it. Another thing is to try to keep busy all the time. To work every day."

The above quote is really quoted from several loggers and several loggers will be able to recognize their statements in the foregoing quoted statement. The quotes are real and they are as current as today's newspaper --- but a lot more accurate.

"We all want to work if we can make money but no one can work, for very long, if they don't make money."

This little saying applies to everyone. Everyone who has responsibilities to others. For most of us it is a matter of saving and thinking and scheming and studying to do what we need to do with the money we have. In other words our money (income) is limited to the money we are paid for doing our job. In that case we had better

learn to keep our outgo even with our income. If we don't we shall be bankrupt --- we can live this way for awhile and we can put off the day of reckoning. But eventually we must settle up, close the books, pay the orchestra and leave the dance. When that day comes we will have to pay up. Pay up if we can and go broke if we can't.

It doesn't matter if you are hiring thousands of people and are running a large business, or if you are alone and only concerned with your own personal needs and wants. The same rules of logic and economics apply.

It even applies if you are a country, such as the United States. Can you believe that we as a country have run so long on a deficit spending spree that we are now broke? Does it seem to you that the dance is over and it is time to pay the fiddler?

Being broke isn't all bad if you learn from your mistakes and make up your mind that you can get things going again and that this time you won't do it like you did last time.

During the sixties it was full speed ahead, charge everything you can because whatever you buy will be worth more tomorrow. During the seventies things became a little more sane and people became more careful. During the eighties things are changing a great deal and we are all becoming more businesslike and are rearranging our priorities and building a new and better foundation for our lives and for our businesses.

During the sixties millionaires popped up overnight. During the seventies those millionaires of the sixties (some of them) were back



FINLEY HAYS

on the bottom. During the eighties those that planned well and grew solidly during the seventies are doing alright --- (some of them.)

It takes more good common sense to make it in business today than it ever has before in my memory. The rules are more numerous and they are more complicated.

The public is smarter and they are more demanding and lawyers are quick to sue --- sue you and sue me.

The competition is keener in almost every trade or business and if you can't keep up with or get ahead of your competition you are going to be in trouble. That is true in business.

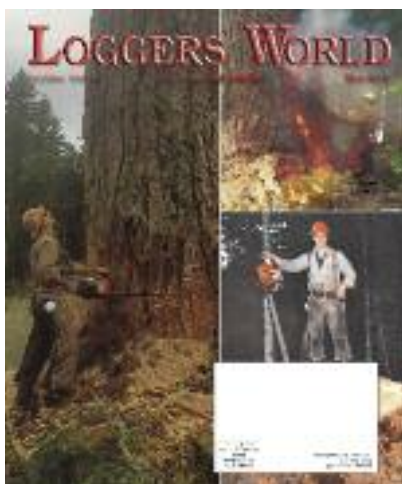
The way you make it in sports is that you develop a strong desire, then you consult the experts for help and then you study all about your field and then you practice and practice and practice. Then when you get a chance to get in the real game you know how to concentrate, how to keep a winning attitude, and you give your best when your best is needed.

Same in business. If you don't have a winning attitude; If you are not dedicated to learning all you can learn about your business; If you don't consult the experts and if you don't give it your best effort when that effort is called for you probably won't be in business very long. You probably won't even get started.

That is true of the logging business. It takes more smarts to make it in the Logging Business today (as a general thing) than it ever has in the past. You need to

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THE BROTHERS IN THE WOODS

The Urich Brothers graduated from Onalaska High School, home of the Loggers, grew up in a family of cutters and are now cutters themselves

Story by Brandon Hansen
Photos courtesy of the Urichs
For Loggers World

In a town like Onalaska, logging isn't far off. There is a mill coming into town, and even the mascot for the high school is a flannel-wearing, bearded timber cutter.

For Onalaska's Urich brothers, who were exposed to logging by their father, uncle and grandfather - a move into the industry felt natural.

"We're third generation cutters," the older Daniel

Urich said. "We got told at a young age that we weren't going to go out in the woods and going to do something else. But here we are so it must have been in our blood or been in our calling."

The younger Josh Urich has been falling for seven years. He spent around a year in the rigging for B&M Logging, moved into falling full time with J&O Timber before taking the opportunity to fall in Alaska.

Alaska was always a

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work harder, not only harder but smarter. You need to know more things, you need to consult more people. "Every logger needs a good accountant and a hungry lawyer," one logger told me.

A long time ago I read that any businessman needs to spend at least one solid hour every day to improve his knowledge and abilities. Self Improvement Study he called it. Any businessman needs to keep up with his business and with what is going on. He needs these things so he can set realistic goals and make plans for their attainment.

I think being in business is one of the most exciting games there is. It demands the best you can give and your success or failure is the score keeping method. It isn't easy, success is not guaranteed --- and it should not be either easy or guaranteed. Businessmen are sort of rare. They are in some ways the cream of our society. If it were easy it wouldn't mean anything.

You can be in business and do all things good and expertly and still go broke. Things you couldn't anticipate or you

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dream of Josh's and he fulfilled it by falling on Afognak and Zarimbo islands with Mark Carter for a year in 2013.

"I love it up there in Alaska but it's kind of a single man's game, camp life was fun but I have a wife and kid now so for me this is really home," Urich said.

"I really enjoyed the steady diet of old growth tim-

ber up there but we still get into quite a bit of fell and buck in Washington and Oregon, which keeps me happy." Daniel moved from working for private loggers into the commercial timber industry in 2013. The brothers both joined Rick Harper's falling crew in 2014.

"I love working with my brother," Josh said. "It's really cool when we're both on the same hill together."

While their Uncle Dave Urich and father Dan Urich passed away when they were

kids, both from incidents unrelated to the logging industry in 2002 and 2004, respectively, their uncle John Weiler helped Josh into the industry by breaking him into falling timber.

"It's addicting it gets in your blood," Josh said. "My dad had it right when he said, 'I like to cut timber the best' I've tried to imagine myself in a different profession and I just can't."

Their father Dan would often drive the crummy for cutters and everyone would come

to his shop after the workday to sharpen their chains and socialize.

"It meant a lot to have all those guys laughing there after work while we were kids playing in the backyard," Daniel said. "After dad passed away those cutters such as Owen Fickett & John Weiler still checked in to see how we were doing."

Daniel has moved into

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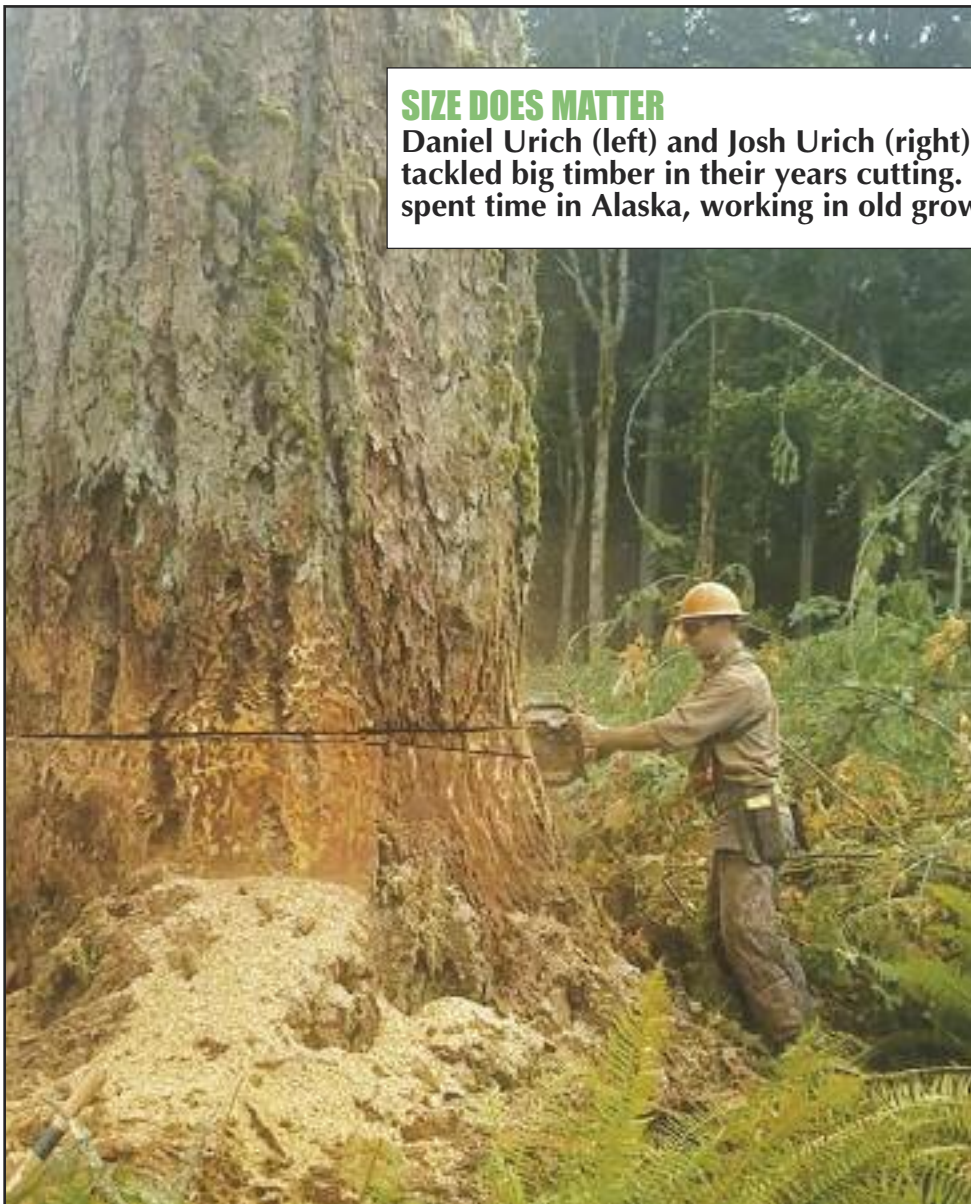
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Daniel Urich (left) and Josh Urich (right) have tackled big timber in their years cutting. Josh spent time in Alaska, working in old growth.



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modifying saws and what started as a side hobby turned into a full-time job. He'll still get out in the brush to cut occasionally but the demand to mod and bulk up saws has increased steadily.

"I grew up around saws and my dad was always on the bench looking to get more per-

formance out of his saw," Daniel said. "Then I worked in the automotive world for a while so I naturally started getting into modding saws."

When he started cutting, Daniel said he had his saw taken apart every night and modded or worked on the saw so much the threads in the case were stripped out.

He then started to talk to other saw builders and got in-

to the science of how to make power saws run better.

"That just became my niche and it's turned into something I can work on for seven days a week," Daniel said. "At first I would go cutting, come home, work on saws, put my kid to bed, go out at the shop late to work on saws again and then go to work cutting the next day."

He has now been modding

saws for about four years now.

"We were all over Western Washington and Northwest Oregon," Daniel said. "You could find us anywhere from Banks to Forks."

"We cover a lot of ground," Josh said. "I also cut to combat wildfires. I'm coming up on my fourth fire season with LL Meadow Wildfire Inc. and it's a nice change of pace. Last fire season I was based in The Umpqua National Forest. It's awesome to see new country and work with people from all over the world."

Both the brothers get a majority of their parts and gear from Madsens and Service Saw in Lewis

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CUTTER PROFILES

DANIEL URICH

Years falling: 5 years

Favorite saw brand and model: Stihl 661 – carb swap

Favorite saw bar: Sugihara

Favorite chain: Stihl 63 semi

Modified saw: Yes

Who did the work? Super Modify

Favorite chain grinder: Silvey SDM4

Favorite eye protection: Elvex

Favorite wedges: KnH

Favorite caulk boot brand: Wesco

Jacks brand: Silvey

Biggest tree you've cut: 7' 6"

JOSH URICH

Years falling: 7 years

Favorite saw brand and model: Stihl 084

Favorite saw bar: Oregon PowerMatch

Favorite chain: Stihl 63 semi

Modified saw: Yes

Who did the work? Super Modify

Favorite chain grinder: Silvey SDM4

Favorite eye protection: Sunglasses

Favorite wedges: KnH

Favorite caulk boot brand: Wesco

Favorite Jacks brand: Silvey

Biggest tree you've cut: 8' 8" fir

ADVICE FOR NEW CUTTERS

Pay attention, head on a swivel, soak up all experience and advice. You'll never know it all. Stay humble

Urich

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County.

"I have spent a lot of money there," Daniel said with a laugh. "Josh and I grew up on the barstool at Madsen's at their old shop and we'd get pennies from the employees there to buy candy as kids."

A mechanic there, Mike, is someone that the Urich's have known all their life.

It's a nice and busy lifestyle now for the Urichs after picking up the work ethic bug from their late dad.

"When I was working in other lines of work I'd go to lay down at night and be restless and feel like I didn't accomplish anything in the day," Daniel said. "When you go out cutting, you feel like you're making a difference and making an impact."

Sure it can be a dangerous profession, but being adrenaline junkies who like things like motocross, the Urich brothers enjoy it.

Daniel learned how to cut from Josh, trial and error, and by comparing notes with his friends Jordan Palmer (who he broke in with). The boys also consult with John Pollman and Larry Butterfield.

"They were always willing to help people with lots of tips and communicate that with other people online," Daniel said. "That's important as younger cutters aren't being brought up anymore in the traditional sense so guys like this that can share the knowledge are important."

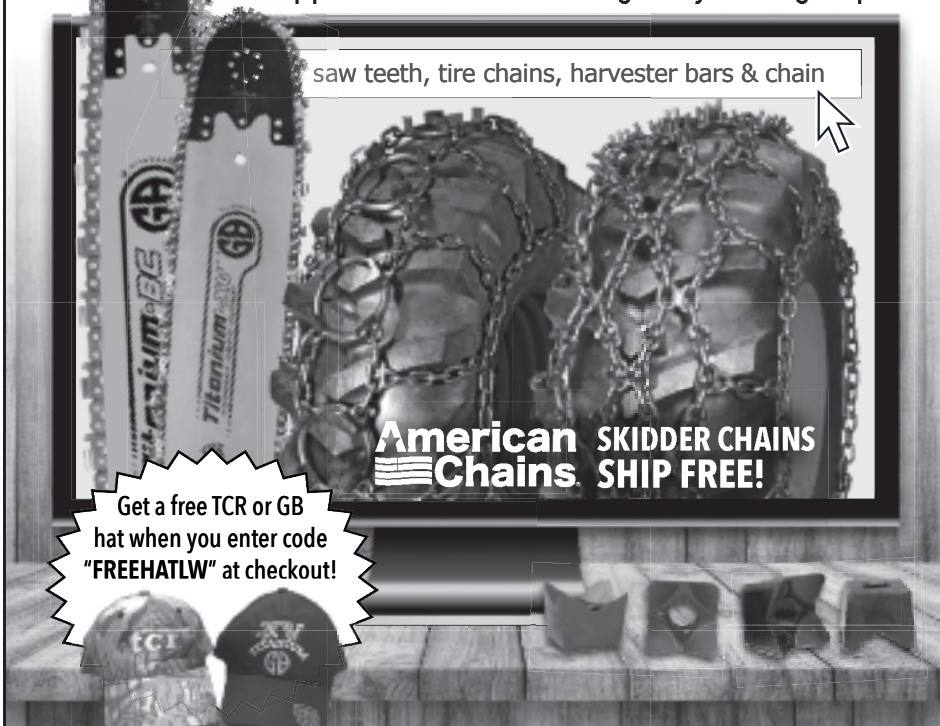
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VARIETY OF LIFE

Daniel Urich and his son Easton work on modifying saws for cutters across the country (right). Daniel has moved into modifying saws and what started as a side hobby turned into a full-time job. He'll still get out in the brush to cut occasionally but the demand to mod and bulk up saws has increased steadily. Josh Urich (left) has spent the past three summers with LL Meadow Wildfire Inc. and it's a nice change of pace for him. Last fire season he was based in the Umpqua National Forest.





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Josh Urich bucks a gnarly tree (left) while Daniel competes at a logging show. "I love working with my brother," Josh said. "It's really cool when we're both on the same hill together."



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Daniel Urich now modifys saws, making them more powerful while still keeping reliability. He spends more time in the shop now as he mods saws seven days a week for people across the nation. He still sometimes finds himself cutting sometimes as well. The grinder in the photo originally belonged to Urich's dad Dan. Daniel rebuilt the SDM-4 and continues to use it.



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"I Like to cut timber the best"

Story and Photos by Mike Crouse - July 1996 issue

Dan Urich, more or less, runs the cutting crew for Alex and Jeff Oberg's Four Seasons Logging out of Toledo, Washington. "I just run the cutting for him," says Urich, who's been performing in the capacity the past 30 years. "They don't call me a boss, but when something goes wrong, they come to me."

While Oberg has "about 10 guys cutting for him," Urich's crew for the day was five men, including himself. Of that crew, three have worked together as a unit the past few years, Owen Fickett, Dan's brother Dave Urich, and Dan. "We work private jobs too," Urich said

"I worked with dad from the time I was four years old," said Urich, whose father, Dale Urich, was involved in a serious logging accident before Dan was born. "He was on crutches and I was his right hand man." The Urich's were raised in the Ethel, Salkum, Washington areas. "I still live within five miles of where I was raised," Urich said. The senior Urich, who has been a logging contractor and road builder



This article is reprinted from the July 1996 issue of Loggers World. The Dan Urich in this article is the second generation of loggers in the Urich family. He is the father of Daniel and Josh Urich, who are the fallers in the article featuring the 3rd generation of Urich loggers (starts on page 6)

now lives and works in Anchorage, Alaska. "I was setting chokers behind a Cat when I was old enough to drag them over the fairlead," laughed Urich. "He (the senior Urich) always had a bunch of iron around...Cats and skidders." Urich's entry into the woods full time was at a fairly young age. "I quit (school) when I was a junior," he said explaining, "I had a bad motorcycle accident when I was 16 and going to school in Onalaska..." This laid him up a while and set him behind in school. "A few weeks and I was up and moving and I was back in school but didn't go to school much longer after that. I quit half way through my junior year, but I almost had enough credits to graduate even then. I didn't think they could teach me much more then." In retrospect to that decision, Urich says, "I wouldn't have it

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Packing in to cut a new patch are four of the members of Dan Urich's crew, all of which work for Four Seasons Logging of Toledo, Washington.

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any other way. I work for a living. I quit to go to work, period."

"In my mind, I wanted to make money and live on my own. That's what brought me here," recalled Urich. "I hopped around for a year or so," in various logging jobs.

Fox and Fox, who were logging contractors out of Onalaska (WA) provided young Urich with his first job in the woods. "I chased on the landing for them," Urich said. "Dad had me pretty well broken in for anybody else. I pick up things fast."

From there he moved on to Breen Construction, where he "hooked behind a Cat on a right-of-way for Harvey (Breen)."

TO THE SAW

"I broke in on the saw the summer of '89 for Brian Coleman, who's a cutting contractor," Urich said. "At the time he may have had six guys working for him." Urich had worked on a saw be-

fore, having been raised in and around logging, but this was the first as a full time cutter and he liked it. "He worked for Coleman for a few months "and another outfit offered me \$20 a day more and I took it."

It was Don Bates' cutting crew out of Randle (WA) who made quite an impression on Urich. "He was killed driving out of the job one day," recalled Urich, who noted of Bates, "he was a man you measure yourself by...he was 54, I think, at the time...when you'd shut off your saw, you'd still hear him running."

From the Bates crew, Urich first went to work for Four Seasons Logging. "I went to work for Alex (Oberg) and worked, off and on, for other outfits, then came back to work for Alex in May of '92.

AT FOUR SEASONS

"Things were different with Oberg," says Urich. "He lets you do it right, and doesn't give you the run around. He likes the production but he feels he can get it

without pushing you...I speak highly of Alex. He's a good guy."

The mesh between Urich and Oberg seems to have worked well. "When you've got a good man working for you," says Urich, "you want them to hang on and you keep them busy. I've been real busy, steady as a rock, except for a week or two this past winter...this winter's the most time I've missed in five years, mostly weather related (reasons) though. Alex works us 20 days a month and keeps us good and busy. I like that. I don't like any time off."

It's a good job," says Urich of his association with Four Seasons and Oberg. "He supplies me with a crew bus, puts whoever with me I want...it's pretty good for a young guy," he laughed. "No one's crowding me. He waits for the job to be cut out. My job's to cut out and work hard. We don't go home when it gets a little nasty. We work right through the bad weather. Nothing that's real dangerous, you can't be stupid. But you've got to be tough some-

times too and get 'er in. There's a lot of cutters that like to go in when it gets a little windy, and nasty out, or cold. I've got the attitude we stay and work. Once you get that programmed into everybody, everybody just gets out and goes to work. Some guys would talk you out of working before you get to work."

Oberg's cutting crew runs upwards of ten men, says Urich with "eight of us cutting steady for him now." Urich usually runs a four man crew but notes sometimes they'll get spread out. "Sometimes there's just two of you."

"Alex waits to see what you've cut out, and see what you're doing. He understands good ground, bad ground, good timber and that there is a difference."

SAFETY

Urich noted there is an ongoing commitment to safety. "Alex depends on his men to be safe,

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2004 JD 2554, w/DM 4400, good running delimber, 18,800 hrs.....	\$65,000
2001 Cat 320B, w/DT 4400, recent repairs & spare parts, 14,000 hrs.....	\$60,000
2003 Daewoo 300, w/Pierce 3348, good cond.....	\$69,500
1998 T-Bird 1236, w/DM 3500, good running limber	\$23,000

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2013 Tigercat LX830C, Tigercat 5702, 350 rotation saw, 7,000 hrs	POR
2011 Tigercat LX830C, Tigercat 5702, 350 rotation saw, 11,000 hrs, rblt motor, pump drive, recent UC, good cond....	\$180,000

2012 Tigercat L870C, Tigercat 5702, 350 rotation saw, 10,500 hrs, good cond	\$180,000
2015 Tigercat LH855D, Tigercat 5198 felling saw, 3,400 hrs.....	\$425,000
2007 Madill T2250C, w/Madill 350 rotation, 4000 hrs on Cummins, 2,500 hrs on pump, UC, bushings, xlent cond.....	\$150,000
1997 Madill 3200B, w/29" RotoSaw, recent complete rebuild.....	\$75,000
2013 Cat 522B, w/Cat 23" hot saw, good uc, tight machine, motor new pump, 9,200 hrs.....	\$250,000
2006 Prentice 1190T, w/Quadco 22", 360 rotation, Cummins power, new u/c, 6000 hrs, nice buncher	\$130,000
2011 Valmet 450 FXL, w/Quadco 22" 360 rotation head, new u/c, good pins & bushings & new pumps, 11,000 hrs.....	\$210,000
2001 Timbco 445D, w/Quadco 22" saw, rblt Cummins, pumps, drive motors and recent u/c, 12,500 hrs.....	\$77,500
1994 Timbco 425, w/24" bar saw, 5,000 hrs on motor & pumps, good uc	\$37,500
Cat 2440 Hot Saw, 24" saw 40 degree tilt, new bearing.....	\$12,500

SKIDDERS & DOZERS & GRADERS

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T-Bird TSY 255, Detroit 8V92T, c/w msp, good u/c, very good cond, two av.....	POR
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Dan Urich (left) and John Weiler pause briefly to pose for the *Loggers World* camera. Urich has worked full time in the woods since he was 16 and was running a new Husqvarna 371. Weiler was running a Husky 394. Both were running 30 inch Oregon Bars.



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but it's not like we have this plan. We've cut around each other enough that when you get close, you need to pair up, and we do," said Urich. "We are safety minded. We've had a couple small accidents, but nothing major."

"These are all good men," repeated Urich.

LIKES THE HUSKY SAWS

Like most cutters, Urich has his preferences towards chain-saws. "I run Huskys all the time now," says Urich, "because I feel

it's better for my body, and pocketbook. Some people argue with me over that."

"What I've always run," says Urich, "is a (Husqvarna) 394. They're a little heavy, but when you're on the stump, they're a whole different machine. When you run something for 17 months, every day, and make a lot of money from them, you're not going to buy another one of them."

"It's not like I work three days a week," Urich said. "I work 20 days a month or whatever, sometimes 22, five, sometimes six or seven, days a week. I like a small

light saw, but I like the power."

When we caught up with them, Urich was running Husqvarna's just introduced 371 chain saw. "It's smooth like the 394," Urich stated, "with the same spring mount system (that cushions vibration), and air injection...you don't have to fight cleaning your filter every night. You wash it every couple of weeks. I don't even take the filter cover off. That's

nice because you don't have to pack an extra filter with you."

Urich noted the 371 has good power. "It pulls through wood real good. A seven tooth sprocket and a 30-inch bar, and much less vibration." He noted that the 371's new clutch design is similar to the 394's. "The Husky clutch is

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Owen Fickett starts out on a new patch, keeping his eyes up for falling limbs and debris. The setting was a little cramped on the bottom, as always, but they opened it up with little fanfare. Fickett runs a Stihl 066 Magnum and has worked in the woods since '87 and has been falling timber nearly five years.



Dave Urich is Dan's older brother and has been in the woods the last several years doing a bit of everything from chasing to Cat logging and road building

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Larry Peterson, watching the results of his handiwork, was finishing up a patch above where the rest of Urich's crew was working. "I worked with thier dad," said Peterson. "He and I even went to school together and were even partners This was starting in '57. He's worked with them the past 2 years now. "I was riding to work there one morning and was thinking, jeesh, I'm working with three guys I've known since they were virtually babies...These guys I used to toddle on my knee! Now they're packing me around." Peterson runs a Stihl 066.



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a good one...good strong springs on it...it's pretty durable."

In particular, Urich likes Husqvarna's new anti-vibrating setup. "It's hard to run something that makes your hands feel miserable." He noted that both the Husky 394 and 371 are "...all spring mounted," he explained about the handle's mounting to the sawhead. "You don't even feel the chain go around. It takes the shock right out of them. When you run something like this, you don't have any problems with your arms getting numb at night."

"It's a good little saw," said Urich of the 371. "It worked just fine, pulls through wood good with much less vibration."

TINKERING WITH SAWS

Most cutters we've dealt with do a lot of tinkering with their saws, and Urich fits that class. When they're out of warranty, inevitably, they will "hop-up" their saws.

"I'm a saw mechanic," says Urich explaining, "I have a saw-room full of Stihls and Huskys. As far as tearing them down and building them back up, I do it

all." They go to a great deal of trouble, fine tuning the saws to get maximum performance from them, in addition to longevity.

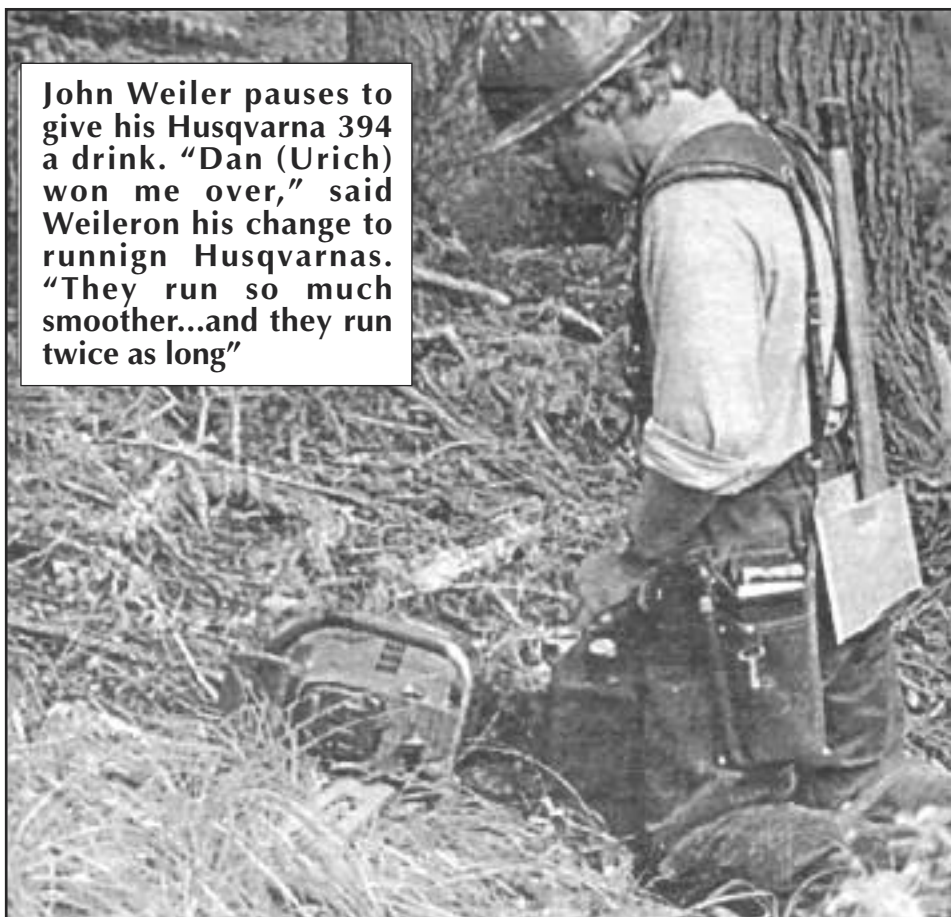
"We like to run hot saws and short bars," Urich said, "but you get into the big wood you've got to bring big bars. We all run these 30-inch bars, although most people will run 32s, and we get our sprockets up, running nine-two sprockets with a 30-inch bar that gives more power. You take a small (sprocket) with a longer bar on it, you probably wouldn't get away with it in this bigger wood...it would be too slow, but with the short bar, and geared for it...it works fine." They also use 3/8th inch chain. "That 3/8ths chain loves the chain speed...run good sharp chains with a good sharp bar, and lots of power in it...the 3/8ths chain loves speed...the more the better, that's the way I find it...power and speed."

"I run semi-comp chain too," Urich said. "I grind a lot of chains and the semi-comp has more teeth than a normal full skipchain. A few extra teeth and a smoother cut."

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John Weiler pauses to give his Husqvarna 394 a drink. "Dan (Urich) won me over," said Weiler on his change to runnign Husqvarnas. "They run so much smoother...and they run twice as long"



RIGHT: Dave Urich makes his second cut with this Stihl 066 Magnum while keeping an eye out for branches. The Urich crew was just opening a new patch up for Four Seasons Logging, who they cut for.



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As We See It....

Loggers Working For Loggers at 2018 Washington DC Fly-In

By Danny Dructor

The American Loggers Council held its annual Fly-In to Washington DC in March, connecting loggers to members of Congress and the Trump Administration. Our event would've had record participation if not

for an early spring snowstorm. Fortunately, 60 members made it to our nation's capital, and together we made progress on several policy priorities to benefit loggers across the country.

As with past events, the Fly-In gave ALC members an opportunity to meet with their respective members of Congress. However this year, loggers enjoyed increased access to administration officials. ALC held a meeting with officials in President Trump's Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As the people who most commonly do the work on federal forests, we urged the Administration to change the way the U.S. Forest Service does business. We also had an audience with Interim Forest Service Chief Vicki Christensen and Deputy Director of Forest Management John Crockett.

A highlight of our Fly-In was passage of the bipartisan wildfire and forest management agreement in the omnibus appropriations bill. The forestry package includes a new fire suppression funding mechanism that will adjust funding caps to accommodate federal firefighting

needs and end the need for regular fire borrowing from non-fire accounts at the Forest Service and Interior Department.

The package also provides land agencies with some new tools to reduce wildfire risks, including a new categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Wildfire Resiliency Projects, an amendment to the Healthy Forest Restoration Act to allow creation of fuel-breaks and fire-breaks under that law, and reforms to vegetation management regulations around power lines. In addition, the package allows repair and reconstruction of forest roads on Good Neighbor Authority projects, and provides relief from the "Cottonwood" decision that has threatened federal timber production throughout the West.

For years ALC has worked with other forestry organizations to bring attention to the poor health of our federal forests and the social and economic devastation caused by the decline in federal timber harvests. Unfortunately, the agreement excludes many of the reforms in the House-passed Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017. Even with the positive provisions in the omnibus agreement, it's clear that more needs to be done to significantly expand the amount of work that's needed on our federal forests.

The spending agreement also offered loggers a partial victory

on the issue of wood-based biomass, a byproduct of logging operations that can serve as a source of renewable energy for industries and communities. The utilization of biomass has been hampered by low costs of fossil fuels and federal energy policies. The spending agreement extended the government's policy of biomass' "carbon neutrality" through September 2018.

We've also made progress in our effort to promote uniform truck weight limits for log truck drivers. For many years ALC has sought to create a more predictable system across state lines on federal interstate highways, especially as individual states have received various exemptions from the limits. We've have proposed creating an additional exemption for agricultural (including forest) commodity loads that meet state-legal requirements and tolerances.

As we've written in the past, our efforts to establish more predictable weight limits have been met with fierce resistance from lobbyists in the railroad industry. During the Fly-In several members of Congress pledged to introduce legislation to provide relief from this patchwork system. Moving forward ALC will invest in researching solutions and developing policy that can pass Congress and be signed by the president.

We're also continuing to advocate for ALC's Future Logging Careers Act to give 16- and 17-

year-olds in family logging companies more hands-on experience in mechanized logging. Since it passed the House last year as part of the larger Resilient Federal Forests Act, the bill has languished in the Senate and is unlikely to move forward this session. Nonetheless, our bill's supporters on Capitol Hill have pledged to continue searching for a legislative pathway in current and future sessions.

At this time it's unclear what additional actions this Congress will take on forest-related issues. The prospects for a 2018 Farm Bill as an additional vehicle for reforms is murky due to partisanship in the Capitol. That's why we are increasingly focusing on working with the Trump Administration to advance our priorities. Thank you to the members who participated in the 2018 Fly-In, including those who were stopped by the weather. We are loggers working for loggers, and we are making progress.

Danny Dructor is the Executive Vice President for the American Loggers Council with offices near Hemphill, Texas.

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The rest of Urich's crew was busy opening up the patch they'd started the day we arrived. They operate within a 60-100 mile radius of Toledo.

Owen Fickett has worked in the woods since '87, strictly as a cutter the past five or so years.

Dave Urich is Dan's older brother and has also worked in the woods the past five years.

John Weiler, "...is going to be my brother-in-law soon," said the younger Urich, who is going to marry Weiler's sister sometime soon. Wyler runs a 394 Husky as well saying, "Yeah, Dan won me over on them."

The veteran of Urich's Crew that day was Larry Peterson, who's worked with them the past two years but has been falling wood steady since 1965. At one time, Peterson was partners with Dale

Urich, Dan and Dave's father. "I've known these guys since they were babies," laughed Peterson. "I worked with their dad. He and I went to school together and we were even partners. This was starting in '57. I was riding to work one morning and thinking, jeesh...I'm working with three guys that I've known since they were virtually babies. These guys used to toddle on my knee!" Recalling this, he again laughed saying, "that's how I got to know these guys, and now they're packing me around...a lot of guys would appreciate them," he said of the Urichs. "They kept me in this corner so I wouldn't have to walk out of a hole (at night.) A lot of times, if I'm way down there, and they're around and I've got stuff to pack out, but they run over there and pack it out for me. That makes it kind of nice!"

Dan Urich clearly enjoys what he's doing. He shows it in his enthusiasm both for the job and life in general. "I feel fortunate to have been raised in a timber community," said Urich. "It's a good industry. It puts food on the table, and keeps me healthy, as far as I can tell."

And with that kind of positive attitude, we're sure it will serve him well for many years to come.





Summary Judgment....

Ranchers “Get” the Dreadful Bear Glamorized by Urbanites

by William Perry Pendley

The grizzly bear is in the news thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS’s) removal of a massive, isolated, and thriving population of the predator from the Endangered Species Act (ESA) list to allow management by western wildlife officials. That drew lawsuits by several radical environmental groups that argue there are too few grizzly bears to which three western States responded in a rare show of support for a federal ESA program. Days ago, ranchers from Wyoming and their associations joined those lawsuits to put human faces on an environmental cause célèbre supported by coastal urban elites.

“It’s difficult not to anthropomorphize grizzly bears,” writes Scott McMillion, author of *Mark of the Grizzly, Recent Bear Attacks and the Hard Lessons Learned*. “They are so much like us. They... love sugar and meat and fat. They stand upright[,] wander, [] are curious, [] get angry[,] can be jealous, possessive, and promiscuous. They spank

their children. And they are so much stronger than us [‘and incredibly fast’].” Little wonder the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) is the subject of such wild fascination and idle curiosity for those outside the rural West.

Wyomingites like Mary E. Thoman of La Barge (population 551) and Charles C. Price of Daniel (population 150), who graze their livestock south of Yellowstone National Park, know the grizzly bear is indeed “horrible” and even “dreadful.” In 2016, for example, the Thomans lost 8 ewes and 15 lambs to grizzly bears and suffered massive indirect costs from grizzly bear activity. Worse yet, one of their employees was nearly killed while guarding a flock in 2010. In 2017, Charles Price, along with his fellow ranchers in the Upper Green River Valley, lost 71 cattle to the grizzly bear, and endured indirect economic losses because of grizzly bear activity. That is why they, along with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation and Wyoming Stock Growers Association entered the lawsuits.

In 1975, two years after enactment of the ESA, the FWS designated the grizzly bear as a threatened—not an endangered—species under the Act. In 1982, the agency issued its first recovery plan for the species by identifying six ecosystems within the coterminous United States. Over the decades, much to the horror of rural western residents and to the detriment of their economies, the FWS continually proposed audacious recovery plans.

In 1996, the FWS approved designation of grizzly bear populations that are distinct, separate, and significant from other grizzly populations. In 2007, the agency designated grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem—a 9,200 square mile area (the size of New Hampshire) in northwestern Wyoming, eastern Idaho, and southwestern Montana—as a “distinct population segment” and removed it from the ESA list. Last summer, after extensive revision and research, following a remand from a legal challenge, the agency issued a new, 133-page rule. It noted, among other matters: more than 700 bears roam the area (the original goal was 500); there is only a one percent chance the area’s bears will go extinct in the next 100 years; the grizzly

has doubled its occupied range since the 1980s; and the bears have successfully recolonized 92% of the region’s suitable habitat. Still that is not enough for radical environmental groups.

Charles Price, whose ranching family is in its fourth, fifth, and six generations in the region, knows the importance of Wyoming having the authority to manage the bear population consistent with human economic and safety needs. A former commissioner of the Wyoming Game & Fish Commission, he and his colleagues were often frustrated by the intransigence of the FWS and the inflexibility of the ESA. Mary E. Thoman, whose family arrived from Austria around 1900 to homestead near Kemmerer, where they still ranch, spent decades attempting to educate well-meaning outsiders about real life grizzly bears and not the one’s of their fantasies. She hopes she will have more luck with the judge.

*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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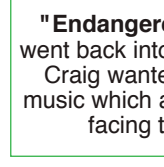
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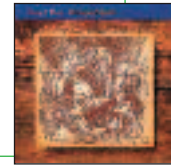
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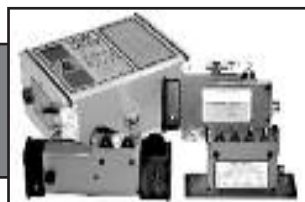


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