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CTIA Annual Meeting and Logger Education

May 12-14 in Gunnison, Colorado

Join us in attending the Annual Colorado Timber Industry Association Meeting and Logger Education, being held in conjunction with the Society of American Foresters.

Approximately 10-11 hours of continuing education credits can be earned by attending this 2-day event. In addition to some great speakers, there will also be an equipment show, social hour, vendors and some good food! The registration form can be found on pages 13-14. The agenda can be found on pages 15-16. **Save \$10 by mailing, rather than registering online.**

The Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA) is an association of small, family-owned businesses committed to logging, processing and performing service work in the forests of Colorado. We are exceptional partners to the public and private stewards of our valuable and beautiful forests. We embrace Best Management Practices (BMPs) and sustainable forestry. To meet these values, we host annual continuing education classes on BMPs and conduct field audits to demonstrate our accountability to high quality, active

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President's Message

Hello CTIA members!

Since our last newsletter there have been quite a few things happening. In February, we hosted our annual legislative social in Denver. I believe it was one of our best as it was very well attended, including many senators and representatives. Many were interested how they could be of help and another gave me her phone number to text her with any issues concerning our industry. I believe it was a very positive social. The next day, Tom, Norm, and Molly were present for the annual Forest Health Hearing, in which Norm testified. CTIA members have also been involved in giving testimony in support of HB 1255, which has passed and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. So many good things have been happening.

Our next big event is our annual meeting. I would encourage all of you to plan to attend and consider bringing a potential new member.

Hope to see you all there!

Dan Casey



Legislative Reception and Forest Hearing

Once again, the Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA) partnered with the Colorado/ Wyoming Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the Mountain States Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (MSLBMD) to host the annual Legislative Reception, which was held on February 16th at the City Grill in Denver. The event was very well represented by the three organizations and drew a record crowd in terms of legislators stopping by to visit and learn about the important forestry issues affecting the state. Much of the night was spent educating those in attendance on the merits of House Bill 1255.



On February 17th, the Colorado State Forest Service hosted the Annual Forest Hearing for the Joint Agriculture Committee. Those testifying included: Mike Lester (State Forester), Jacque Buchanan (USFS), Norm Birtcher (Montrose Forest Products) and Bjorn Dahl (SAF). Norm did a fantastic job representing the forest industry in the state by highlighting the fact that forests in Colorado are in jeopardy, and desperately need management. He then thanked the USFS R2 for meeting their targets for 2015, while gently encouraging them to set higher targets for 2016. Norm wrapped up his testimony by hitting on the 3 elements of HB 1255.

House Bill 1255

House Bill 1255, which has passed the House and the Senate, is now waiting on Governor Hickenlooper's signature. This bill, originally sponsored by Representative Don Coram and Ed Vigil, and later sponsored by Randy Baumgartner in the Senate, highlights the importance of healthy forests in Colorado. HB 1255 has three parts:

- 1) Redirects \$200,000 of state funds for one or more demonstration projects that utilize Colorado's Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) to implement forest management treatments that improve forest health and resiliency and supply forest products to Colorado businesses.
- 2) Directs the Colorado State Forest Service, in conjunction with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, to compile and summarize findings from existing studies to quantify and document the importance of forest management in protecting and managing Colorado's water resources. This includes looking at the potential costs and effects on watersheds, communities, water users, and infrastructure if appropriate forest management does not occur and forested areas burn.
- 3) Creates a Forest Health Advisory Council to advise the State Forester on a broad range of issues, opportunities, and threats with regard to Colorado's forests.

Getting this bill passed was a priority for the Colorado Timber Industry Association and they had strong support from the Colorado/Wyoming Society of American Foresters, the water community, and Colorado Counties, Inc.

FY 2016 Targets

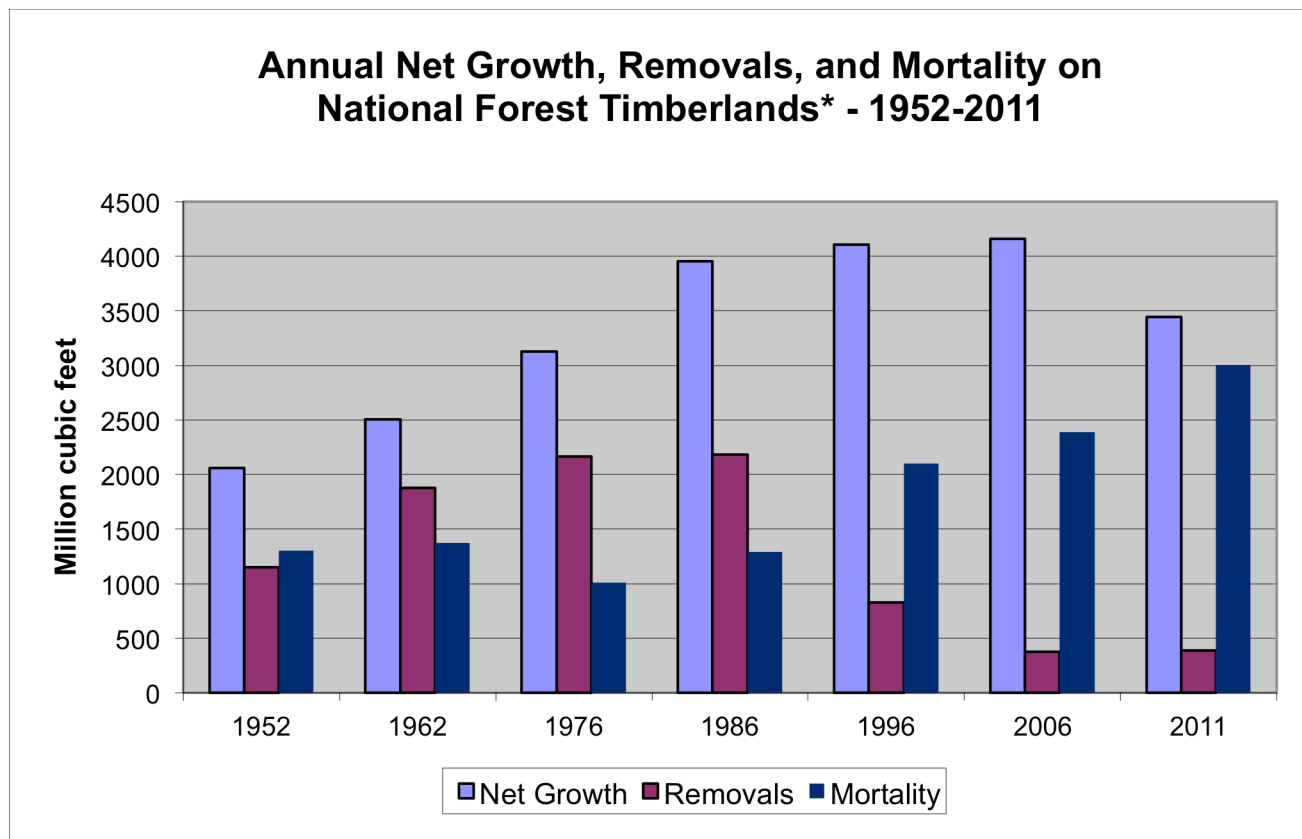


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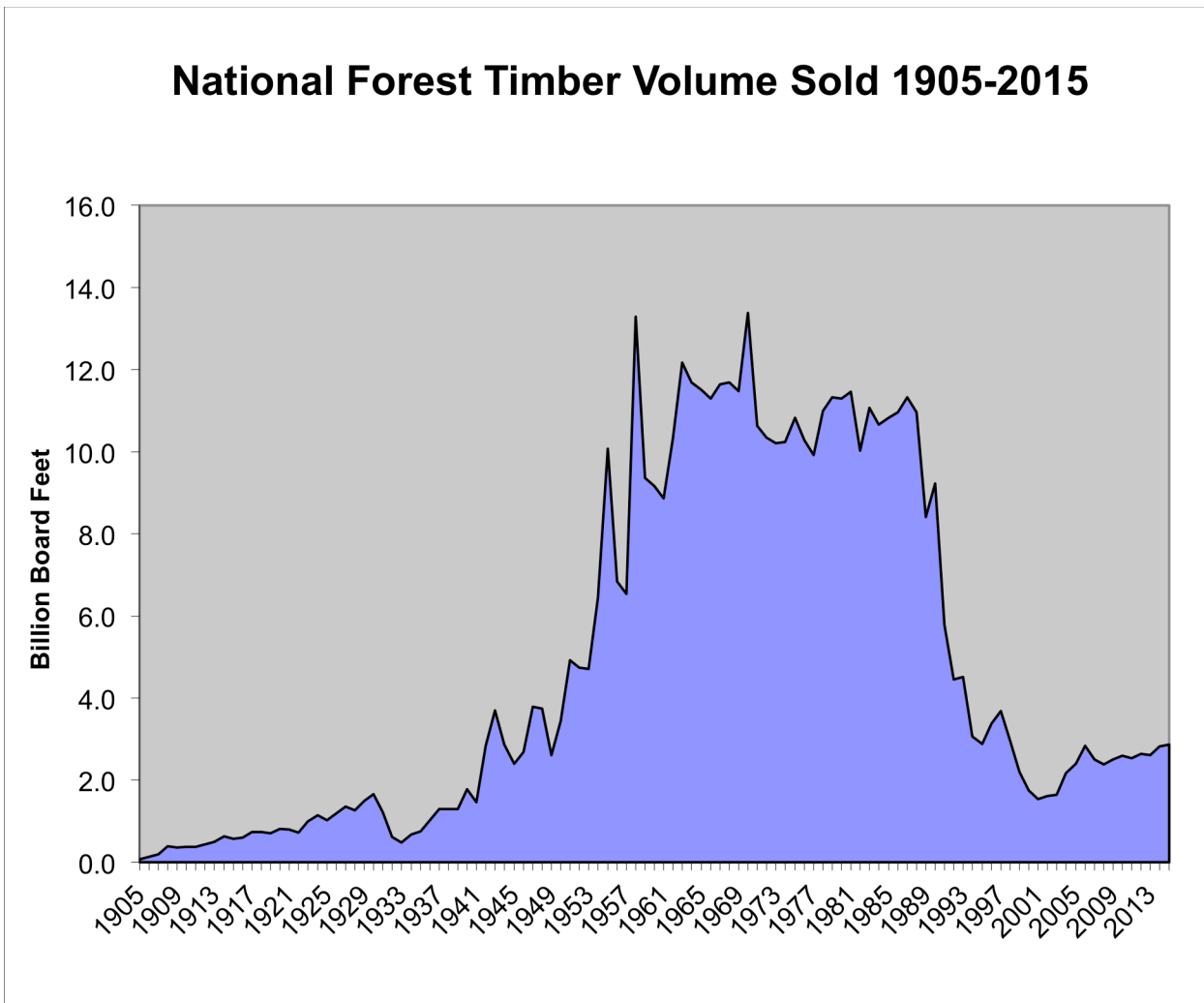
State of the National Forests by Tom Troxel

Just like a picture, the following graph is worth a thousand words. The graph is based on Forest Service data and shows the changes in annual growth, annual mortality, and annual harvest from national forest timberlands between 1952 and 2011. Three details – 1) timberlands are those lands capable of growing commercial timber and not withdrawn from timber harvest by statute or regulation, 2) net growth is the change in net volume minus the volume of trees that died, and 3) to estimate Billion Board Feet, multiply Million Cubic Feet times 5.

As of 2011, annual harvest was about 15% of annual net growth, and annual net growth was reduced and annual mortality was increased as a result of catastrophic fires and insect epidemics. Here in Colorado, the results are likely even more dramatic due to the high percentage of national forests affected by fires and bark beetles.



Following is a graph of volume sold from the national forests since 1905. The single event with the most significant effect on timber sales was the listing of the northern spotted owl as endangered in 1990. The high point was 13.8 BBF in 1970, and the low point was 1.5 BBF in 2001, followed by an agonizingly slow climb back up to just under 2.9 BBF in 2015.



WANTED - Raffle Items for the Foresters' Fund Raffle

Please consider donating an item to the Foresters' Fund raffle, which will be held at the joint annual meeting in Gunnison. Gift cards, gift certificates, books, ski tickets, forestry items, paintings, framed pictures, craft and culinary items are all great items to donate. Please bring an item to contribute to make the raffle a success. 50% of the proceeds from the raffle go the CO/WY SAF Scholarship Fund, and the other 50% goes to the SAF National Office Foresters' Fund. These scholarships support students in forestry and natural resource majors.



SAFETY EMAILS

Safety is a **Primary Focus** for the Colorado Timber Industry Association and therefore, each month you will receive a safety email that covers topics relevant to both manufacturing and logging. If you find an interesting article or an OSHA related issue, please let Molly know at coloradopitts@gmail.com and she will be sure to include it the next month.

**Let's be smart!
Safety First!**



FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS by Tom Troxel

Having just finished FY 2016 Appropriations, the Administration and Congress are moving forward on FY 2017 Appropriations. The President's budget proposes flat spending (\$359 million) and flat outputs (3.2 BBF) for the Forest Service's timber sale program. The President's budget also proposes spending \$62 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for more land acquisition. Finally, a permanent fix for fire funding is again a high priority for the Administration, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service.

CTIA recommends the following:

- Fix the fire funding problem, once and for all, including a) no more fire borrowing, b) reduce the percentage of the Forest Service's fire budget to the Forest Service's overall budget, c) invest more money in proactive forest management and fuels treatments to help the FS get ahead of the on-the-ground fire problem, and d) streamline the FS's analysis requirements so they can be more cost effective in implementing on-the-ground projects.
- Increase the Forest Products budget by 5%
- Increase the timber output goal to 4.0 BBF
- Increase the Forest Roads budget by 5%
- Don't spend a single dollar to purchase additional land for the national forests; redirect the money proposed for land purchases toward better management of existing national forest lands.

Excellent Article.....

Montana's National Forests: BURNING AN EMPIRE

by Jim Petersen with Evergreen Magazine

www.evergreenmagazine.com

<http://www.montanaforests.com/catalogs/catalog142/section361/file2674.pdf>

LYNX by Tom Troxel

Most of you understand the serious effects of the Forest Service's lynx amendments on forest management in Colorado's national forests. The virtual prohibition on pre-commercial thinning is having, and will have, detrimental effects on future habitat values and the health of the national forests. Arguably, the best part of the Forest Service's decision to approve the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment was the requirement to review and reconsider when each forest plan is revised.

Wildlife biologists, foresters, and forest managers know much more today about lynx in Colorado than when the US FWS listed the lynx as Threatened back in 2000. We need to ensure that that new information is considered in the in the forest plan revisions on Colorado's national forests. For example, following are several 2014 quotes from the US Fish and Wildlife Service –

-“verified evidence suggests that Colorado ... did not historically support a naturally resident lynx population over time.”

-“... we anticipate ... that Colorado and the Southern Rockies, in the absence of additional translocations of lynx from elsewhere, are unlikely to support lynx over the long term.”

-“... the available data suggests do not support that Colorado and the Southern Rockies contain the physical and biological features essential to lynx in adequate quantity and spatial arrangement to support lynx populations over time ...”

-“...the contribution of the Southern Rockies to the persistence of lynx in the contiguous United States is presumably minimal ...”

CTIA and IFA will continue to advocate for changes to the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment direction that consider long-term habitat for lynx and other wildlife, as well as long-term forest health and productivity. We encourage all CTIA members to participate in the forest plan revisions on this and other important issues.



Member Spotlight

Dave Goodrich

By Molly Pitts

Dave Goodrich, with Goodrich Contract Logging, has been a member of CTIA for over 30 years. Dave is currently working as a subcontractor to Richard Kenworthy, who is a contractor for Montrose Forest Products. Dave spends his days processing wood with his Log Max 7000 Swedish dangle-head processor, which is mounted on his Timbco 425d. When needed, he also does roadwork.

Although Dave has been a subcontractor for the past 3 years, he has done it all in his 40+ years being involved with the forest industry.



Dave passionately believes that being a CTIA member is not only necessary, but super beneficial as well. When I asked him why he is not only a current member, but also why he has stayed a member for so long, he replied, “that is simple... Because CTIA supports him and those in the business.” He also stated that he couldn’t imagine why anyone would NOT be a member. Dave really thinks events such as the Legislative Social and the Forest Hearing are critical to CTIA members. He also thinks the advocating that is done through CTIA is super important. Dave personally likes the annual meeting for the networking and continuing education opportunities.

Dave is currently 63, is happily married, and has two grown daughters. When asked if he plans on retiring, Dave pleasantly replied “not anytime soon.”

Healthy Forests Healthy Communities

The Colorado Timber Industry Association continues to support the Healthy Forests Healthy Communities coalition because HFHC is a strong partner in bringing attention to natural resource issues in Colorado and throughout the US. Currently, HFHC is focused on regional issues as we wait to figure out how the fire funding issue will be addressed this coming year in Congress. To better serve you and CTIA, please let Molly know when local projects get started and when the Forest Service is completing NEPA, so she can help with writing and submitting editorials, comments and Action Alerts. We have to be vocal and stand up for forest management!

For more information:
GO TO: www.healthyforests.org or
call Molly Pitts (928) 521-9476

Healthy Forests



Healthy Communities



Wood Utilization in the WUI CSFS Partners Workshop

Bringing together experts to investigate and discuss comprehensive strategies to increase the utilization of wood being harvested from the wildland-urban interface areas across Colorado.

When

Monday, June 20, 2016 at 1:00 (optional field day) - Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 3:00

Where

Doolittle Hall - 3116 Academy Drive, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO 80840



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"The New Normal: Adaptive Forest Management in a Changing World"

**Colorado/Wyoming Society of American Foresters (SAF),
Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA),
And Colorado Tree Farmers Association (CTF)**

Joint Annual Meeting

May 12th-14th, 2016

Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, CO



General Information: Please join us on the evening of May 12th as we kick off the meeting with a short-film series social at the WSCU movie theatre following either the CTIA board meeting or SAF Executive Committee Meeting. Collaboration from SAF, CTIA and CTF continues with our discussion of what the "The New Normal" is, how we adapt and continue to sustain healthy, resilient landscapes. Our main program on May 13th will feature notable professionals presenting on current issues, research, ecology and economy. The meeting will close out with live music and libations at Gunnison's IBAR Ranch music venue Friday evening followed by community outreach and field trips on Saturday.

Lodging: Reservations are being accepted at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Gunnison: Ask for the conference rate under **"Colorado/Wyoming Society of American Foresters"** of \$99 per night plus tax.

Deadline for discount room price is April 25th, 2016.

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Please fill out the following information for registration:

Name _____ Organization _____
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Group (circle one) (SAF) (CTIA) (CTF)

Special Needs _____

Spouse Name (if purchasing meals or spouse leisure activity) _____

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <https://www.regonline.com/JAM2016> (credit cards accepted)

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Send Registration Form and Check, Payable to Colorado/Wyoming Society of American Foresters:

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	Member/ Guests	\$Total
Registration Attendance – May 12th		
• May 12 th – SAF Executive Committee Meeting	_____	<u>XXXX</u>
Meeting Registration Prices – May 13th		
• CTIA Member : \$110 (includes May 12 th business meeting, And May 13 th lunch and banquet)	_____	_____
• CTIA Member : \$90 (includes May 12 th business meeting, And May 13 th lunch)	_____	_____
• SAF/CTF Member: \$110 (includes lunch and banquet)	_____	_____
• SAF/CTF Member: \$90 (includes lunch)	_____	_____
• SAF/CTF/CTIA Spouse: \$25 (lunch only)	_____	_____
• SAF/CTF/CTIA Spouse: \$40 (banquet only)	_____	_____
• Non-Member: \$150 (includes lunch and banquet)	_____	_____
• Non-Member: \$110 (includes lunch)	_____	_____
• Non-Member Spouse: \$25 (lunch only)	_____	_____
• Non-Member Spouse: \$40 (banquet only)	_____	_____
• Student: \$60 (includes lunch and banquet)	_____	_____
• Sponsor a Student (write in amount)	<u>XXXX</u>	_____
• Field Trip: \$25 (includes box lunch) Riparian Restoration and Spruce Beetle Salvage	_____	_____
• Vendor: \$250 (includes 1 registration, lunch, and banquet)	_____	_____
• Late Fee (if after April 29 th): \$25	_____	_____
• Forester's Fund Raffle Tickets (\$20 for 25 tickets)	<u>XXXX</u>	_____
Are you donating a Forester's Fund Item? (Write In Item: _____)		
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Lunch will consist of a Taco Buffet Bar and Banquet dinner will be BBQ.

Vegetarian Option Preferred (checkbox) ☐

Special Meal Needs? _____

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2016 CTIA Annual Meeting Agenda
Gunnison, Colorado
May 12-14
Western State Colorado University

Thursday May 12th – CTIA only (UC North Conference Room)

12:00-1:00 pm: Registration

1:00-2:30 pm: Sawmill Safety

Speaker: Chris Chathams, Director of Environmental Health and Safety for Timber Products Manufacturers

2:30-2:45 pm: Break

2:45-4:15 pm: Hydraulic Seminar with Troubleshooting Specifics

Speaker: Dave Dodd, DDI

4:15-4:30 pm: Break

4:30-5:30 pm: CTIA Board Meeting

5:30-7:00 pm: Social with SAF (beer and snack type food - included with registration fee)

Dinner on your own

Friday May 13th – CTIA/SAF

See SAF agenda

CO/WY State SAF Meeting - Gunnison, Colorado

Date	Start Time	End Time	Subject	Location
12-May	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Registration	WSCU Ballroom
	1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	SAF Executive Committee Meeting	UC South Conference Room
	1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	CTIA Business Meeting	UC North Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Short Film Series Social	UC Movie Theatre
			Subject	Speaker
5/13 at WSCU Ballroom	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Registration	WSCU Ballroom
	8:00 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	Welcome	Lyle Lavery, MC
			"The New Normal"	Lyle Lavery, CO/WY Chair
				Scott Armentrout, GMUG Forest Supervisor
				Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County Commissioner
	8:20 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	Land Use and Management	
	8:20 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	Policy Update	Eric Carlson
	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Pre-historic Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands	Dr. Mark Stiger, Western State Colorado University
	9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	Intensive Use in the Telluride Ski Area	Bruce Short, Short Forestry
	9:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	The Role of Environmental History on Management of Stream-Riparian Corridors	Dr. Kate Dwire, Rocky Mountain Research Station
	9:45 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	Networking Break	
	10:20 a.m.	11:40 p.m.	Current Situation Update	
	10:20 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	Fire Behavior Effects of Spruce Beetle Epidemic	Mark Nelson (USFS) and Sid Hall (USFS)
	10:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	Current Forest Inventory Analysis	Dr. John Shaw, Rocky Mountain Research Station (Ogden)
	11:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	Panel: Good Neighbor Authority	Joe Duda (CSFS), Rich Edwards (CSFS), Matt Etzenhouser (USFS)
	11:40 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	Lunch - Policy Update/Awards	Bill Yemma (CO/WY SAF)
	12:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	Positioning Ourselves for "The New Normal"	
	12:40 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	Past Climate Changes and Forests - What It May Mean for the Future	Dr. Peter Brown, Rocky Mountain Tree Ring Research
	1:05 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Preparing Forests for Climate Change	Jim Worrall, USFS, Gunnison Service Center
	1:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	Panel: Wood Utilization	Dr. Kurt Mackes, CSU/CSFS, TBD
	2:15 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	Mitigating Social-Ecological Tradeoffs: Fuels Treatments and Birds in Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands.	Dr. Jonathan Coop, Western State Colorado University
	2:40 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	Networking Break	
	3:15 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Adaptive Management	
	3:15 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	Adaptive Management for White Pine Blister Rust	Dr. Anna Schoettle, Rocky Mountain Research Station
	3:45 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change	Dr. Mike Battaglia, Rocky Mountain Research Station
	4:05 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Aspen - Post Sudden Aspen Decline	Suzanne Marchetti, USFS, Gunnison Service Center
	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	An Adaptive Management Response to Sudden Aspen Decline	Dr. Wayne Sheppard, Rocky Mountain Research Station (retired)
	6:00 p.m.	?	Banquet at IBAR Ranch with Live Music	

Colorado Timber Industry Association Membership Application

Company Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

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16-30 employees	\$1,000
31-49 employees	\$1,500
50+ employees	\$2,400

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Associate Membership

Bronze	\$250
Silver	\$500
Gold	\$1,000
Platinum	\$2,500

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(One free for Gold Member) 1/2 Page Ad for 1 issue	\$125
(One free for Platinum Member) Full Page Ad for 1 issue	\$250

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www.coloradotimber.org

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