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President's Message

Hello CTIA!!

WOW! Was that not an intense annual meeting we had with SAF this year? There were many talks on things I have never thought of in the forest but I am glad there are those professionals who pay attention to that detail! I was very impressed on our safety meeting attendance and participation so I commend all of you. We also had great input in our business meeting so keep it going. Thanks again for your participation.

In June I attended a meeting at the FS regional office in Denver to meet with Steve Lohr (Jacque Buchanan's replacement). The meeting covered many things from product mix, contract mix, efficiencies, Veg management and FY 2017 outlook. Oh, don't forget the Lynx discussion! Overall, it was a very lively meeting to say the least. There was a push to have the Regional Office pressure each forest to put more timber out. The meeting ended up being a nice introduction to Steve Lohr.

Now I would like to remind every one how important it is to increase our list of folks to help with our cause. I believe with greater numbers we have a **LOUDER VOICE** in the industry. Please keep pushing for new members and please keep being safe. Thank you all.

Dan Casey

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 management designed to promote long term forest health.

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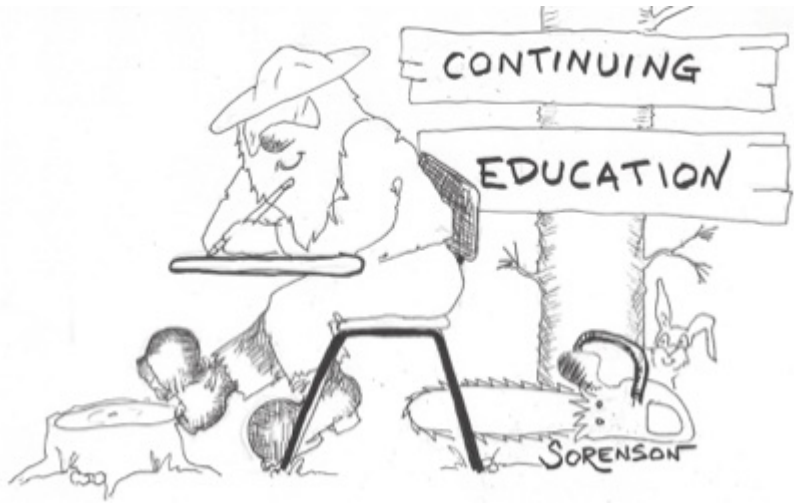
Following are several interesting excerpts from a new publication titled "**The Four Corners Timber Harvest and Forest Products Industry, 2012**":

- Colorado has 10.8 million acres of nonreserved timberland; the national forests make up 70% of those acres.
- In 2012, standing sawtimber volume on timberlands was about 68.7 bbf. Commercial timber harvest was 82.1 mmbf. That means harvest was about .1% of standing sawtimber volume.
- 67% of 2012 timber harvest in Colorado was from the national forests.
- The county with the highest percentage of 2012 Colorado timber harvest was Grand County, at 24%. Teller County was #2, at 12%.
- 50% of 2012 Colorado timber harvest was lodgepole pine. Spruce was next, at 19%.
- 98.7% of the timber harvested in Colorado in 2012 was processed in Colorado.
- In 2012, Colorado's forest products industry consisted of 58 manufacturers in 25 counties. 31 were sawmills, 12 were house logs and log homes, and 15 were "other", including excelsior, fuel pellets, posts, poles, log furniture, and biomass/energy.
- Sawmill capacity was 176.3 mmbf. Sawmill production was 95.4 mmbf, utilizing 54% of lumber production capacity.
- Sales from Colorado primary forest products industry during 2012 totaled \$91 million.
- About 2,015 workers were employed in primary jobs harvesting and processing timber or in private sector land management during 2012. Another 4,650 workers were in Colorado's secondary forest products industry.

If you're interested in all the details, here is a [link](#) to the on-line version of the report. Or, if you'd like a hard copy, let Tom know and he will mail one to you.

ANNUAL MEETING/ LOGGERS ED By Tom Troxel

The 2016 CTIA Annual Meeting and Logger Continuing Education were held in conjunction with the CO-WY Society of American Foresters, similar to our meetings and continuing education program in 2015. This has turned out to be an excellent partnership with the Society of American Foresters, with attendees getting the benefit of an excellent slate of experts in their fields, including Fire Behavior Effects from Beetle Epidemics, Stream Corridors, Climate Change, Adaptive Management, and Wood Utilization.



There were 44 CTIA attendees signed up for Logger Continuing Education credit. We have updated the training records for all CTIA attendees. For anyone who would like a copy of their logger continuing education records, those are available by sending an email to Deb Reub at deb_reub@hills.net. There was a question at the Annual Meeting about how CTIA members could make up Logger Continuing Education credits if they missed the annual program. The answer is that the Board of the Central Rockies Sustainable Forestry Education Program has agreed to give credit for alternate programs including programs in other states, online programs, community education programs related to forestry such as computer or business courses, or relevant self-study. Feel free to call or email Tom Troxel at t_troxel@hills.net if you have any questions.

23 CTIA members and guests attended the Annual Meeting. One of the important discussions was about CTIA membership. As of the Annual Meeting, there were 29 paid members and 8 paid associate members, with Honnen Equipment and Titan Machinery our new associate members; it was especially nice to see Titan Machinery bring a 620E skidder and a Barko 930B mulcher with a Seppi mulching head and to see many CTIA and SAF members looking at the new equipment. Troxel said he and Pitts would appreciate and follow-up on any leads for potential new CTIA members.





Tom Troxel accepting an award from the American Tree Farm System, Celebrating 75 Years of Excellence. The award was to IFA/CTIA as a Valued Stewardship Partner.



CONGRESS

FY 2017 Appropriations -On the Appropriations front, Appropriations Committee funding for Forest Products Line Item is up by \$25 million in the House and \$10 million in the Senate. The House stated an expectation for 4.0 bbf program. R2 is not included in expanded IRR in Senate. Right now, it's anybody's guess on when Congress deals with Appropriations.

Fire Funding – There's been a lot of talk and commotion about fire funding, but nobody has completely addressed the issue yet; IFA and CTIA just signed-on to (another) fire funding letter. The problem is two-fold:

- A. FS budgets are based on a 10-year rolling average of fire suppression costs. As fire suppression costs have increased, fire funding has increased from 13% of the FS budget in FY 1991 to over 50% of the FS budget in FY 2015. This reduces available funding to all other resource programs, including proactive forest management, recreation, wildlife, special uses, etc., etc., etc.
- B. When actual fire suppression costs exceed the fire suppression budget, the FS is forced to "borrow" funds from other resource programs. The FS had to "borrow" about \$700 million in FY 2015. "Fire borrowing" withdraws funding from project implementation, disrupts all FS programs, and distracts from on-the-ground program implementation.

Congress appears to have (at least) four pathways to deal with fire funding – 1) the Obama budget proposal/bipartisan bills, 2) the House bill, now included with the Energy bill conference committee, 3) Senate bipartisan bill, and 4) appropriations. The good news is that all of the Colorado Congressional delegates are supporting fire funding. If you have a chance to meet with any of your Congressional representatives during the August recess, please thank them for their support and remind them of CTIA 3-pronged approach

Position: All of our Colorado delegation understand the problem and have supported getting this done – we just need them to keep pushing. There are lots of ways Congress can solve the problem. What's really important is that Congress finally gets this across the finish line. Legislation should 1) stop, and reverse, the trend to a higher and higher percentage of the FS's budget devoted to fire suppression costs, 2) eliminate need for "fire borrowing", and 3) increase funds for proactive forest management that will reduce the potential for catastrophic fires.



FOREST PLAN REVISION/LYNX

As we've discussed in this newsletter for years, the lynx management direction that the Forest Service amended into forest plans has had, and will have, significant, long-term detrimental effects on the national forests in Colorado. The Forest Service committed to "review and reconsider" forest plan lynx direction when each of the current forest plans is revised. A top priority for both IFA and CTIA is to ensure that the Forest Service actually follows-through on that commitment. Some of the detailed issues the Forest Service needs to analyze are:

- Effect of the Colorado Roadless Rule on lynx habitat
- The percentage of lynx habitat affected by timber harvest and precommercial thinning
- The significance of Colorado's lynx population toward recovery of lynx
- Techniques to minimize adverse effects of precommercial thinning on snowshoe hares
- Criteria for mapping lynx habitat, and the need to allow public review and comment
- What about prioritizing some lynx habitat and giving less priority to other lynx habitat

We encourage all CTIA members to participate in the forest plan revisions on this and other important issues.

FOREST SERVICE FY 2016 3RD QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOREST	SOLD	TARGET	%ACCOMPLISHMENT
GMUG	25,459	70,000	36%
MED/BOW ROUTT	42,741	105,000	41%
RIO GRANDE	34,706	42,000	83%
ARAPAHOE/ROOSEVELT	12,394	36,300	34%
SAN JUAN	13,254	30,100	44%
WHITERIVER	1,470	40,000	4%
GRAND TOTAL	130,114	323,400	.04023%

****According to Region 2 Timber Program Manager Sharon Paul, all Forests anticipate meeting or exceeding their FY 16 targets.



Dan Jiron, Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, has been promoted to Associate Chief, which is second-in-command for the entire Forest Service. During his tenure as Regional Forester, Dan was very supportive of forest products companies, rural communities, and forest management. In his first year as Regional Forester, Dan took time to personally attend the 2012 CTIA Annual Meeting and discuss forest management and timber industry issues and concerns. CTIA wishes Dan all the best in his new assignment.



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!**

Excellent Article.....

“Blowing Smoke about Forest Thinning” by Peter Kolb

http://missoulain.com/news/opinion/columnists/blowing-smoke-about-forest-thinning/article_3c996697-a184-5608-b498-7210a9631dcc.html

Very Well Done Video.....

“Unacceptable Risk – Fighters on the Front Lines of Climate Change”

Produced by The Story Group

<https://vimeo.com/117534959>

FORESTRY EQUIPMENT TAXES

At the Annual Meeting, the question was raised about exemptions on taxes on forestry equipment. Following the meeting, Tom sent out information including:

- Affidavit for Colorado Sales Tax Exemption for Farm Equipment
- Colorado Department of Revenue FYI – Sales 75 Farm Equipment Exemption
- Two pages from SB 10-177
- March 6, 2012 Research Memo to Senator Gail Schwartz.

If you need this information, please contact Molly and she can send it your way. Also, Dave Dodd has helped several CTIA members with this process.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FTPC MEETING

- DENVER
- OCTOBER 25-26 (See details below)

IFA ANNUAL MEETING/ POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE FS

- DENVER
- NOVEMBER 16-17 (Details will be available soon)

FEDERAL TIMBER PURCHASERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Coming soon to Denver... October 25-26

The Fall FTPC meeting will be held at the [Double Tree by Hilton Denver](#) at 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado. The hotel is on the east side of Denver, 16 miles from Denver International Airport, 6 miles from downtown Denver, and close to lots of restaurants, etc.

The meeting schedule is:

- October 25, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Forest Service Pre-meeting (lunch on your own)
- October 25, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - FTPC Pre-meeting (lunch on your own)
- October 25, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Joint Reception (dinner on your own)
- October 26, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Agency/FTPC Joint Meeting (lunch provided)

Hotel rooms are \$139/night. Following are the details and link so you can make your room reservations:

Your web page address is: [Federal Timber Purchasers Committee Reservations Link](#)

Group Name: FTPC - Federal Timber Purchasers Committee

Group Code: FTP

Check-in: 22-OCT-2016

Check-out: 29-OCT-2016

Hotel Name: [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver](#)

Hotel Address: 3203 Quebec Street
Denver, Colorado
80207

Phone
Number: 303-321-3333

Room reservations must be made by **September 26, 2016** to receive the group rate.

Other details:

- shuttle bus to/from Denver International Airport every 30 minutes (Westside, Door 508 at the airport)
- shuttle bus to/from Quebec Square/Northfield Mall (including Bass Pro Shop) every hour from 3:00 pm to 10:20 pm
- the group room rate is good 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting

Below is the RSVP form. Please fill that out and send to Michelle, with payment, by September 30, 2016.

The agenda will be coming out shortly...

Local purchasers and loggers are always welcome. Come learn more about the important work this group does to help you be successful!

Member Spotlight Trinchera Ranch

By Molly Pitts

Trinchera Ranch is CTIA's newest member, having joined in March of 2016. But, as Ty Ryland (Ranch Manager) explained when I visited with him recently, they are not new to active forest management.

Trinchera Ranch is located in the eastern part of the San

Luis Valley and is made up of approximately 172,000 acres, of which 93,000 acres are forested. Trinchera Ranch has actively been managing their forests for awhile, and is primarily focused on forest restoration, including aspen restoration, for habitat. As Ty stated, "we have very overstocked forests that need thinning if we want to stay sustainable long-term." The ranch employs one full-time forester (James Fischer) and has one main logger – J.T. Timber Falling, owned by Jim Trumble, who is also a CTIA member. Forestry operations on the ranch have been SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) certified.



As many of us have heard over the past few months, Trinchera is currently in the process of building a sawmill. When I asked Ty, "why now?" He explained, "building the sawmill is the culmination of 7 long years of working with a consultant to determine the best opportunity to process the material that is being removed from the ranch, with the goal of breaking even on the existing forestry operation." The sawmill will be operational in late October/ early November, with full production starting in January of 2017. The sawmill will have a capacity of 20,000-22,000 million board feet annually, with up to half of that material coming directly from the ranch itself. The sawmill will employ about 45 employees for a single shift and 70-75 once they start a double shift, which likely won't happen for 1-3 years. The sawmill is primarily built for small diameter material (down to a 6" top), but can take material up to 25-27 inches in diameter. Given the additional capacity, Trinchera looks to purchase 10,000-15,000 million board feet per year from outside sources.

Trinchera Ranch is excited to be part of CTIA and is looking forward to the networking opportunities and the access to resources.

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!

Healthy Forests



Healthy Communities



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

Firefighters, Wildfire Mitigation and Wildfire Partners Save Homes in the Cold Springs Fire By Jim Webster (Boulder Co. Land Use)

Boulder County, Colo. – The headline of the Cold Springs Fire was proclaimed by The Mountain-Ear on July 14 as “Firefighters win!” The subheadline of the fire is “Mitigation wins too!”

Seeing homes standing untouched by a wildfire—even though they are surrounded by destroyed structures and burned vegetation—can be so surreal that some people want to declare these scenes as miracles. In fact, these homes are still standing thanks to hard work—performed by homeowners completing mitigation measures before fires occur and by firefighters suppressing the fire as it burns.

In and around the Cold Springs Fire perimeter, there is a long list of “saves,” homes that survived the fire. All residents in the region are indebted to the firefighters who protected and saved so many homes. From the mitigation perspective, all eight Wildfire Partners homes within the burn perimeter survived intact as well as all 13 homes that were constructed in compliance with the county’s wildfire mitigation building code requirements. The fact that none of these mitigated homes were destroyed is an important story that needs to be told. Dozens of additional Wildfire Partners homeowners who were evacuated received benefits from their mitigation work simply by knowing that they had acted responsibly and prepared their structures in advance.

During the Cold Springs Fire, firefighters were able to do structure prep on a number of homes that were not already mitigated—trying to create non-combustible zones around structures; moving large firewood piles, pine needles, wood mulch, deck furniture and other items away from homes; and cutting down and limbing trees right up against structures.

On many other fires, firefighters do not have the time to do this work. Their message is clear—homeowners need to take responsibility and mitigate their homes in advance with the assistance of programs like Wildfire Partners.

According to Jay Stalnacker, Boulder County's Fire Management Officer, "Mountain and foothills homeowners have a direct responsibility to maintain and prepare their homes and property for a wildfire. When homeowners and government can collaborate as a community to both restore natural ecosystems and create defensible wildfire mitigation, both the environment and homeowners benefit. Wildfire Partners is an example of this effort and the results are obvious as you look at the post fire effects of the Cold Springs Fire. The mitigation created defensible space for firefighters to safely work in and ultimately helped create a more natural and healthy looking forest."

National mitigation expert Pat Durland stresses that "Home loss to wildfires is a solvable issue, and programs like Wildfire Partners help folks understand and act to make that happen. It's NOT a miracle or luck, it's the process of combustion, and if we manage the fuels, combustion is interrupted and we win!"

Wildfire Mitigation Success Stories

Wildfire Partners homeowners have success stories to tell because they performed comprehensive mitigation that often entailed many hours of hard work and hundreds of dollars of expense. Wildfire Partners homeowners spend an average of 60 hours and \$2,400 performing mitigation and receive an average of \$700 in financial assistance from the program.

Wildfire Partners Background

Launched in 1994, Wildfire Partners is a collaborative initiative with more than 35 partner organizations led by Boulder County. The program provides critical technical and financial assistance to help Boulder County homeowners in the foothills and mountains prepare for wildfire. It is funded by Boulder County, a \$1.5 million grant from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and a \$1.125 million grant from FEMA. More than 800 homeowners are currently participating in the program with more joining every day.

Apply to Wildfire Partners

Applications are available at www.WildfirePartners.org. Call 303-441-1420 or email info@wildfirepartners.org with questions.

To read the complete article, visit the following link:

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/COBOULDER-1597ac9?wgt_ref=COBOULDER_WIDGET_3



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Maximum annual dues to IFA members \$1,000

Associate Membership

Bronze	\$250
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Platinum	\$2,500

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