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President's Message

Hello to the CTIA Members!!

Hope that all of you are thriving in this time of year! The Indian summer keeps on being summer! I am not complaining, and for those of you who work out in the weather, I think you will agree the warm weather has been very nice!

Well, it is fall and our November board meeting is coming up! I hope you are planning to attend for there are quite a few things to discuss. On November 16 is the IFA business meeting and then on November 17th there is the combined IFA and R2 Forest Service meeting. At 3 PM we will have our CTIA Board of Directors meeting, so I hope board members will attend.

The meeting will be held in Denver at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North, located at 4040 Quebec Street.

This meeting with R2 Forest Service has always been a good time to meet up with your FS Forest Supervisors for the whole region. Please put this on to your schedule and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Dan Casey
CTIA President

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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LYNX



On September 7,
US Federal
Judge Dana
Christensen, in
the District
Court of
Montana,
ordered the US
Fish and
Wildlife Service

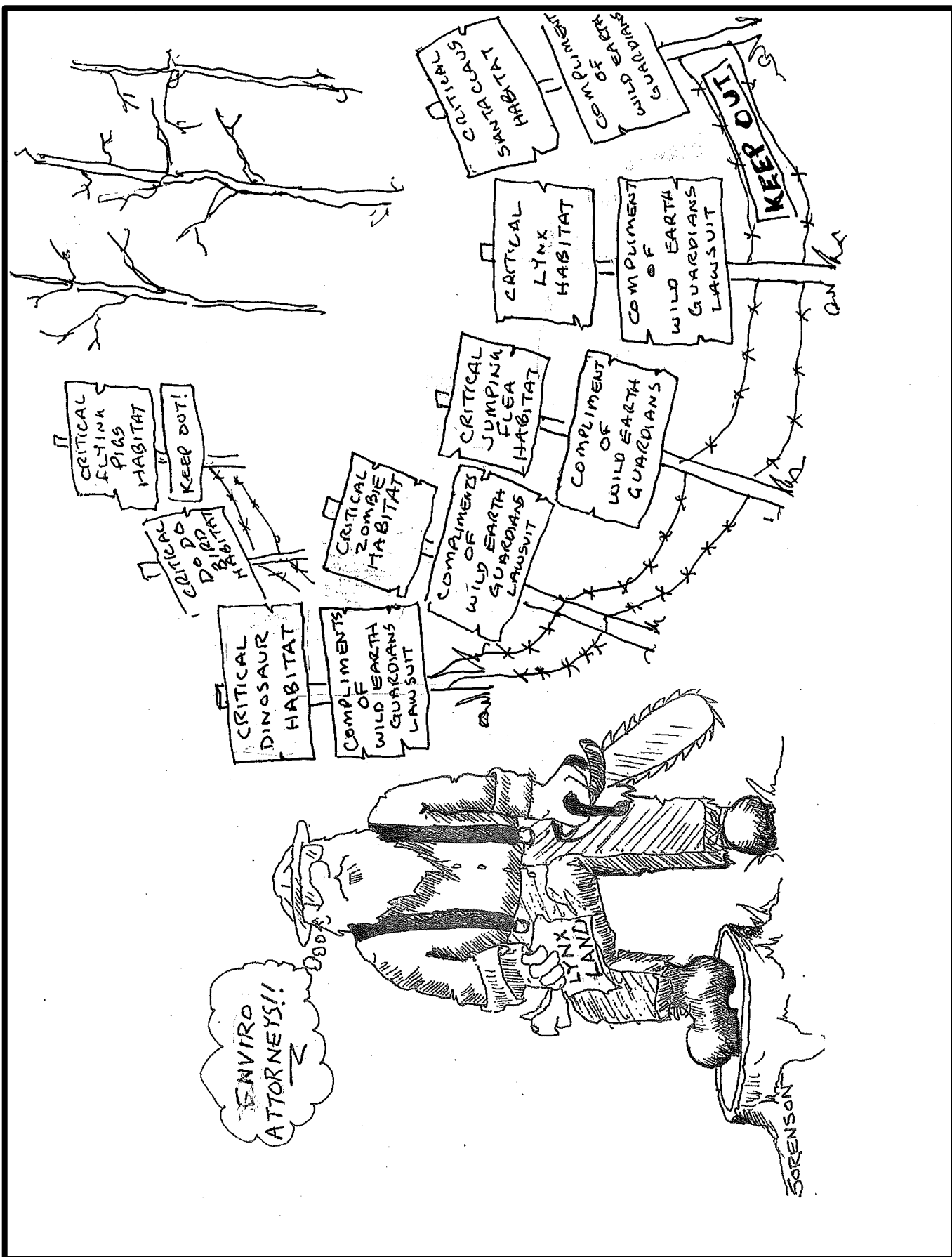
to, again, reconsider designation of critical habitat for
Canada lynx in Colorado.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit were the WildEarth Guardians,
Conservation Northwest, Oregon Wild, Cascadia Wildlands,
and Wilderness Workshop.

The USFWS has already considered critical habitat in
Colorado when they designated critical habitat in 2006,
2009, and 2014.

Judge Christensen's decision was apparently based on the
presumption that since lynx are reproducing in Colorado,
there must be critical habitat, taking issue with USFWS's
conclusion that "even the best potential lynx habitat in the
Southern Rocky Mountains is marginal and unlikely to
support lynx populations over time" (Sept. 12, 2014 Federal
Register).

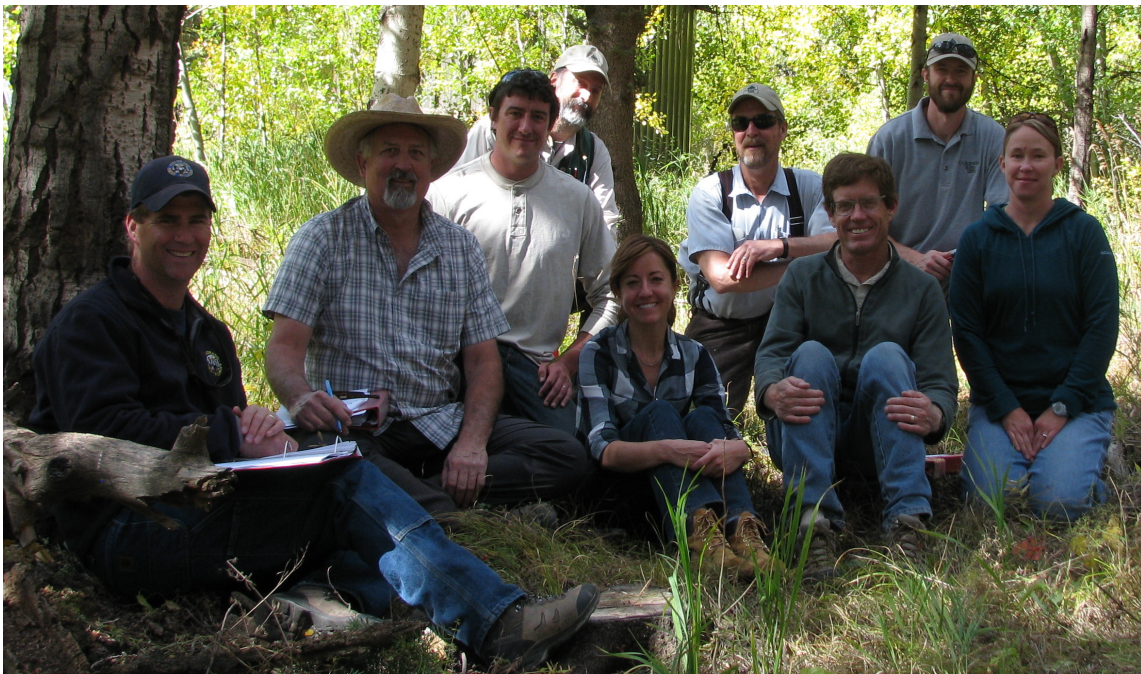
Bottom-line, what this means is that the USFWS will have to
go through another round of analysis and make a new
determination about lynx critical habitat in Colorado. CTIA
will monitor the USFWS's next steps and review and
comment on any proposed designation of critical habitat in
Colorado.



BMP MONITORING - By Molly Pitts

During the week of September 24th, I had the opportunity to participate as a member of the BMP Field Monitoring Committee, which is overseen by Rich Edwards with the Colorado State Forest Service. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate the application and effectiveness of BMP's for forestry activities to protect water quality in Colorado. This committee, made up of a wide diversity of interests, meets every two years and visits a different part of the state each time. Over the course of 4 days, we visited 7 different sites including: 3 private (one for practice), two Federal, 1 State Land Board, and 1 Utility. In order to be part of the review, the project must have the potential to impact water quality. Overall, the trip was great and I learned a lot. Rich Edwards and I are planning on giving a presentation at the Logger's Ed meeting this coming spring that will highlight both good and bad examples of where BMP's were utilized. Here are some great links for those who want to know more about BMP's:

- Forestry Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality in Colorado, 2010: <http://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/ForestryBMP-CO-2010.pdf>
- Colorado Forest Road Field Handbook (2011): <http://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/csfs-frst-rd-hndbk-www.pdf>
- Colorado Forestry Best Management Practices 2008 Field Audit Report: http://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/2008_Field_audit_report_final.pdf
- Colorado Forestry Best Management Practices 2012 Field Audit Report: http://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/BestMgmtPractices2012FieldAuditReport_www.pdf



Casey Cooley (CPW), Peter Monahan (EPA), Tony Auciello (Jeffco Open Space), Mark Loveall (CSFS), Laura Schweitzer (Wyoming State Forestry), Rich Edwards (CSFS), Peter Ismert (EPA), Derek Sokoloski (CSFS), Molly Pitts (CTIA)

NEW REGION 2 REGIONAL FORESTER – BRIAN FEREBEE

Brian Ferebee has been named the new Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, which includes national forests and grasslands in Colorado, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Brian is currently an Associate Deputy Chief in the Washington Office. Before that, Brian was Deputy Regional Forester in the Rocky Mountain Region, so Colorado is familiar territory and he is already up-to-speed on Colorado forest management issues. Our congratulations to Brian on his promotion, and we look forward to working with him in his new position. Brian's first day on-the-job as Regional Forester will be November 7.



FIRE FUNDING

It's no big news that Congress hasn't been all that productive in 2016 and that they've punted lots of work to the "lame duck" session that is scheduled to start the week of November 7 and run until December 16. Among their many tasks is taking another run at addressing funding for Forest Service fire suppression costs.

CTIA has been advocating for a "fire funding fix" for several years. Again, CTIA's position is that a fire funding "fix" must include a) eliminate fire borrowing, b) address the effect of 10-year average on overall FS budget, and c) increase proactive management to reduce susceptibility to catastrophic fires and increase forest resiliency.



STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS

On September 30, 2016, the US Department of Labor published a Final Rule to implement Executive Order 13706, which requires certain contractors with the Federal Government to provide sick leave for their employees. Here's a link to the Final Rule –

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-30/pdf/2016-22964.pdf>

Based on discussions with the Forest Service –

- The Rule will not apply to Forest Service sale contracts or IRTCs (“Timber” Stewardship Contracts).
- The Rule will apply to IRSCs (“Service” Stewardship Contracts) and Procurement contracts, but, only for contracts awarded for solicitations issued after January 1, 2017. Existing contracts will not be affected.

If you submit a proposal for an IRSC issued after January 1, 2017, be sure to read the fine print and consider this new requirement in your proposal. When in doubt, ask the Contracting Officer, in writing, before submitting your proposal.



FOREST SERVICE TIMBER SALE PROGRAMS

The Rocky Mountain Region exceeded the FY 2016 timber sale target, selling 346,286 ccf compared to a target of 342,400ccf, for 101% accomplishment. Our thanks to all the FS staff who contributed to those accomplishments, especially the folks who were out there on-the-ground hanging ribbons, painting trees, cruising, and then administering those sales. On the negative side, there were several no bid sales that will need rework or re-appraisal so they can be re-advertised.

Looking ahead to FY 2017, the picture is still pretty fuzzy, mostly due to Congress' failure to pass an appropriations bill already. The initial FY 2017 target from the Washington Office to the Region is down 28% from the Region's FY 2016 target. Targets for the various Forests are down by similar percentages. The important thing is that the Region has been advocating for additional funds and targets, the Region has a good track record of accomplishment, and the RO staff have been advising Forests to plan for program levels comparable to FY 2016. Considering forest management needs and forest industry capabilities, CTIA has also been working to ensure that the Region's FY 2017 program is equal to, or higher than, the FY 2016 program.

FOREST SERVICE FY 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOREST	SOLD	TARGET	%ACCOMPLISHMENT
GMUG	71,000	70,000	101%
MED/BOW ROUTT	110,323	105,000	105%
RIO GRANDE	44,142	42,000	105%
ARAPAHO/ROOSEVELT	24,979	36,300	69%
SAN JUAN	29,381	30,100	98%
WHITE RIVER	42,846	40,000	107%
PIKE/SAN ISABEL	23,615	19,000	124%
GRAND TOTAL	346,286	342,400	101%

Be sure to vote on November 8!!

If you see your elected representatives or candidates for office, please take a few minutes to remind them of the importance of the national forests to your business and your community, and discuss the issues in this newsletter.



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 Articles.....

http://www.ihb.de/wood/news/US_timber_harvests_49436.html

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_journals/2016/rmrs_2016_cooke_b003.pdf

Videos.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUElPYaxgqs&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0qfJoq3xVg>

INTERMOUNTAIN FOREST ASSOCIATION MEETING WITH U.S. FOREST SERVICE

The annual IFA Policy Committee meeting with the Regional Forester, Forest Supervisors, and staff will be November 17 at the Doubletree by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North Hotel at 4040 Quebec Street in Denver. The meeting will start at 8:30 am and adjourn at 3:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and discuss forest issues with Forest Service leadership, and all CTIA members are invited and welcome to attend. Agenda items include:

- FY 2016 Accomplishments, FY 2017 Program
- New tools and authorities (GNA, DxP, I&D Nepa, and CEs)
- R2 Vegetation Management Strategy
- Forest Plan Revisions
- Lynx direction and Implementation
- WY Biomass Conference and BANR
- Forest Breakout Sessions
- Congressional Reports and Outlook

CTIA members are also invited and welcome to attend a brief CTIA Board of Directors meeting immediately following the IFA meeting, as well as the IFA pre-meeting and business meeting on November 16, also at the Doubletree.

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. 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

Member Spotlight

Intermountain Lumber Consulting

By Molly Pitts

While Tony Lewin with Intermountain Lumber Consulting is a relatively new member of CTIA, he is a seasoned professional with 30+ years in quality control and production in sawmills. Intermountain Lumber Consulting was started in 2005 as a family-owned business with Tony taking the position of President, his wife Colleen as VP, his son Chris, daughter Heather, and son-in-law Christopher all taking an active role in the business. The business is based out of Black Forest, Colorado.

Prior to starting Intermountain Lumber Consulting, Tony started with on the job experience at Roseburg Forest Products, Boise Cascade, Bohemia and other mills. Tony spent a bulk of his career working for TPI (Timber Products Inspection) and then a short amount of time working for Idaho Timber.

Now, through Intermountain Lumber Consulting, Tony provides services to SPIB (Southern Pine Inspection Bureau), WWS (Western Wood Services), RRA (Renewable Resource Associates), Stafford Inspection and Consulting Services, and multiple sawmills. He has experience with 22 North American and 10 import lumber species and is qualified to inspect log home material, treated wood, IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention) compliance, Glulam beams, and engineered wood products. Tony is an expert at all aspects of lumber production, quality control and treatment and provides consultation services on efficiency and training.

In 2015, Tony had the privilege of working on the construction of Noah's Ark (<https://arkencounter.com>), the largest wooden structure in North American history, by sourcing large logs across the U.S. that were used for the main support of the ark.

When asked, Tony said he is very excited to be part of CTIA as he works directly with several members and recognizes the importance of not only maintaining infrastructure in the state, but looking after the interest of the people whose lives are affected by changes to the lumber industry. Please see the ad below for contact information.



Chris, Tony, Colleen, Heather & Christopher

Colorado Timber Industry Association Membership Application

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Your Name: _____ Title: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

____ New Member	____ Renewal	____ Mailing List Correction
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Please circle your company's primary business:

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Please circle your membership category:

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16-30 employees \$1,000	Gold \$1,000
31-49 employees \$1,500	Platinum \$2,500
50+ employees \$2,400	
Maximum annual dues to IFA members \$1,000	

All Members Receive:	Electronic newsletters and periodic updates on forestry news and issues, along with a listing on the CTIA website.
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Advertising Opportunities

	Circle
(Free for Silver, Gold & Platinum) 1"x2½" Ad every Newsletter	\$50
(One booth free for Gold & Platinum) 8'x10' Booth at Annual CTIA Meeting	\$50
(One free for Silver Member) ¼ Page Ad for 1 issue	\$75
(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

Check us out at:

www.coloradotimber.org

Membership Payment \$ _____

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Mail the completed application along with your check, to:

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Questions? Call Tom Troxel at 605-341-0875 or email t_troxel@hills.net



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