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President's Message

Hello CTIA,

To all of you that work in the timber Industry - Happy Spring!

Wow! For all of you that might of missed this year's 2017 annual meeting, you missed out. First up was our business meeting, which in my opinion was a meeting with some great interaction. What is CTIA all about, how do we encourage others to see our passion and where are we headed? It appears we have this discussion every year, but this year we have some new members with interest, which is like a shot in the arm. We were able to honor Joe Pittington, whom we will truly miss his leadership in CTIA! We also highlighted our new and improved website, which Tom and many others worked very hard to get up and running. I personally want to say thank you to Joe Duda with the Colorado State Forest Service for helping fund this critical overhaul. I believe the new website will better help us interact with those not in the industry. We also had Jeff Parret (IFA President) inform us of the plans of finding a replacement for Tom Troxel, for he will be retiring at the end of this year. So, there is some work there to be done. Tom will definitely be hard to replace!

Friday was a full day of safety presentations including one by John Ball on how trees communicate better than humans do! We also had updates from the CSFS on BMPs and how CSFS can help with financing opportunities. Over all it was a great time in Delta Colorado! If you were not able to go, you'll want to plan on making it next year!

Till the next newsletter,

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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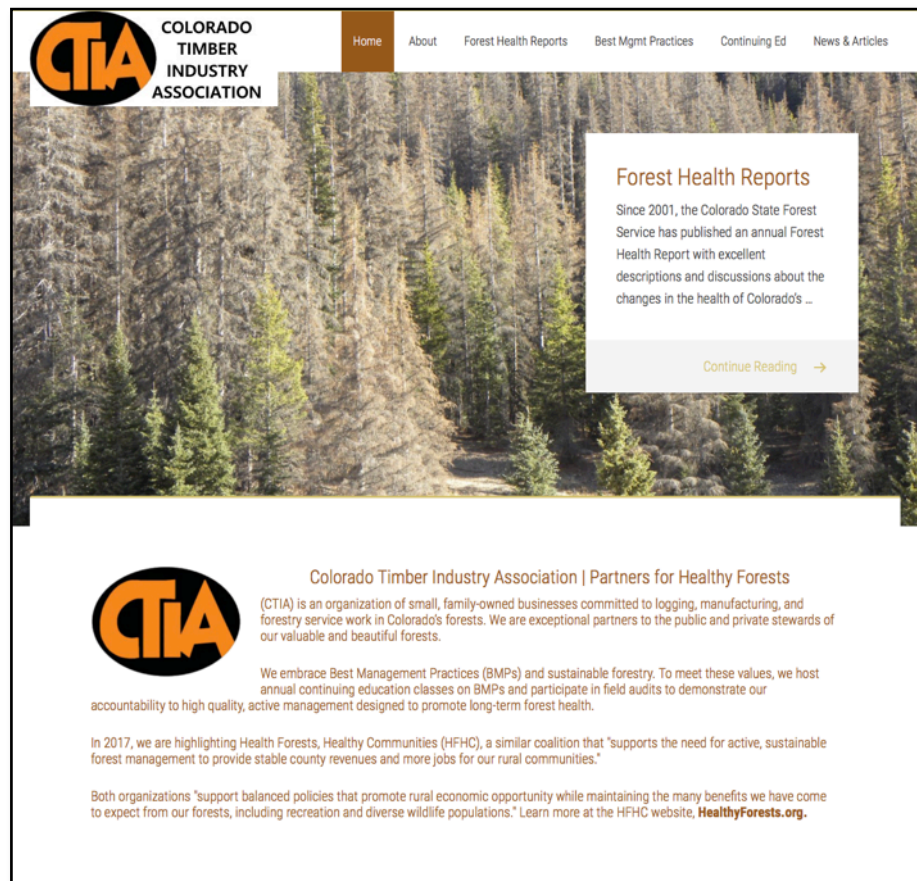
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New & Improved CTIA Website

CTIA has a new and improved website!! The website address is the same (<http://coloradotimber.org/>), but the look is brand new and the content is updated. New and improved features include a current membership list, a current list of Master Loggers, an option to pay renewal dues or donate using our new PayPal account (talk about up-town!), a page with the presentations from the Logger Continuing Education Program, and a "blog" on the front page where we'll be able to regularly post new information and commentary. Check it out. It's a work in progress, and Tom and Molly are always looking for new, creative ideas, so give either of them a holler if you have suggestions. Check out the screenshot from the front page below:



Legislative Reception and Forest Hearing

To help inform our state legislators and staffers on forestry issues within the state, the Colorado Timber Industry Association (CTIA) once again 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 14th at the City Grill in Denver. Even with it being Valentine's Day, the event was very well represented by the three organizations and was extremely well attended by Legislators. Lyle Laverty provided wonderful handouts that clearly illustrated the crisis we are facing with Colorado's forests. Lastly, this was the last reception for Geri Adams (MSLBMD) as she has since retired. We will miss Geri and wish her well on her retirement.

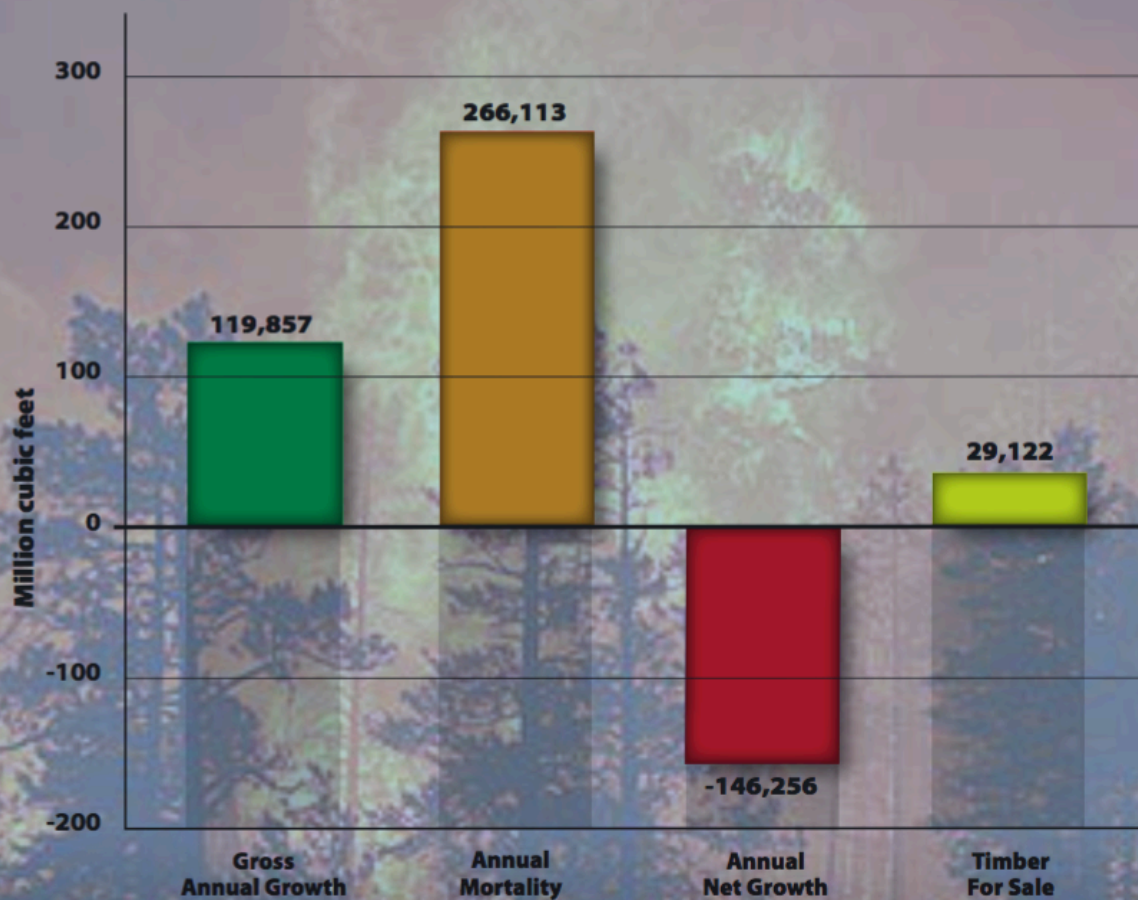


Although the Forest Hearing was originally scheduled for February 15th, we unfortunately got bumped due to a scheduling conflict. Not to be deterred, CTIA worked closely with Mike Lester (State Forester) to get the hearing rescheduled for March 8th at 7:30 am. Those testifying

included Mike Lester, Maribeth Gustafson (USFS), Molly Pitts (CTIA), and Lyle Laverty (SAF). CTIA's testimony focused on the continuing spruce beetle epidemic and the need for fast salvage, making sure we plan for "the next forest," thanking Region 2 for meeting their 2016 target while at the same time encouraging them to use all the tools in their toolbox such as Goode Neighbor and the Farm Bill CE insect and disease authority.

LYLE'S HANDOUT

COLORADO'S FOREST CRISIS



Testimony of Lyle Lavery
Past Chair, Colorado/Wyoming Section
Society of American Foresters

2017 CTIA Annual Meeting

The CTIA Annual Meeting was held in Delta on April 20 with 30 CTIA members and their families in attendance. As always, there was lots of socializing with friends and there was a lively discussion. Every Annual Meeting includes a discussion about CTIA finances and membership, and this year's meeting was no exception. An outcome of that discussion was an objective, approved unanimously, to increase CTIA membership by 25 truckers and 20 sawmill/logger/associate members. There were unanimous complements, to Molly Pitts, on the quality of the newsletter and on the Safety emails, as well as some constructive comments.

Elections were held, with the following results: Dan Casey was unanimously re-elected to another 2-year term, CJ Pittington and Rick Leonard were elected as Directors from District I, Eric Sorenson and Perry Brandt were elected as Directors from District II, Michael Rue and Ron Pleasant were elected as Directors from District V, and Tom Olden was elected as an At-Large Director. A hearty thanks to all the officers and Directors for giving their time, energy, and expertise to CTIA.

On a somber note, Dan Casey presented a plaque to Margie Pittington on behalf of all CTIA members in heartfelt and grateful appreciation for Joe Pittington's many contributions to CTIA and Colorado's timber industry.



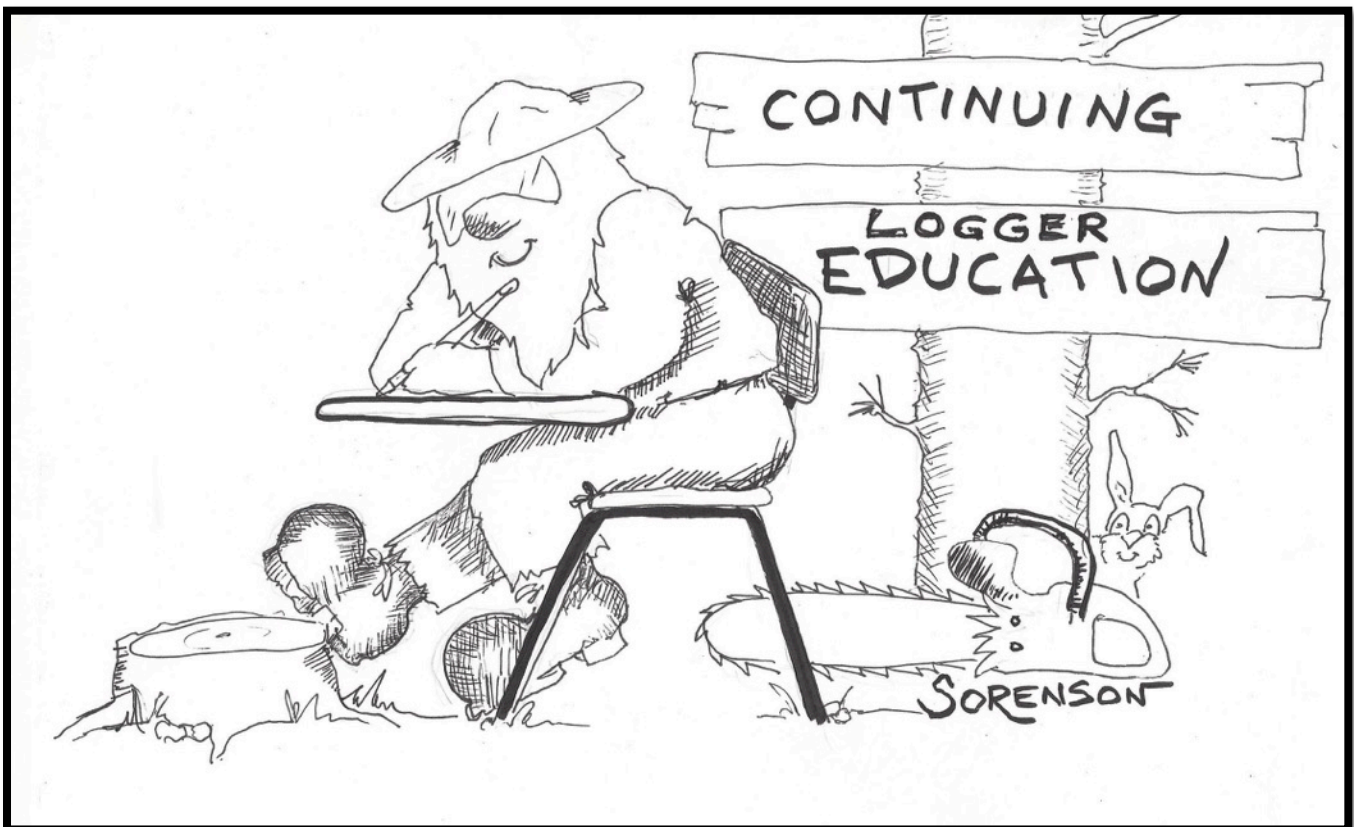
Logger Continuing Education Program

The 2017 Program was held on April 21. There were 37 attendees for credit, 3 attendees achieved Master Logger status – Cody Guyman, Kate Ulam, Maverick Ulam, and 8 attendees received enough credits to renew their Master Logger Status.

Topics included Safety, “How Trees Communicate,” Spruce Beetle Biology, Deterioration of Spruce Beetle Killed Trees, the CSFS Wood Products Program, Findings from the SBEADMR Science Team, Results and Lessons Learned from the 2016 BMP Audit, Trucking Regulations, and Running a Small Business. Participants gave very high marks to the presenters and quite a few great suggestions for next year’s program.

Honnen Equipment and DDI both brought equipment, and most attendees spent at least some time looking and kicking tires.





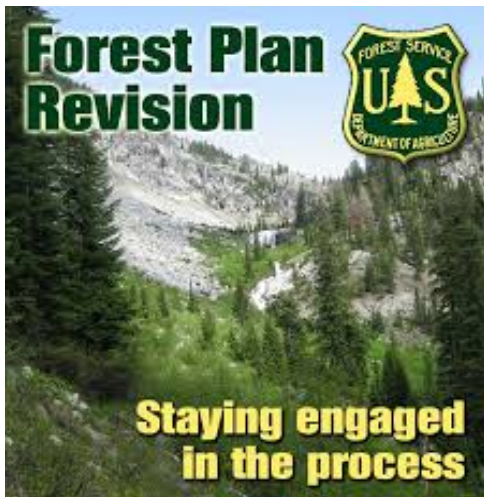
CTIA Membership

As discussed elsewhere, CTIA unanimously approved an Objective of recruiting 25 new trucker members plus 20 new sawmill/logger/associate members in 2017. This is critical to CTIA's future, and we need your help!! Please take a minute to discuss CTIA membership with companies you do business with and encourage them to join CTIA.

Their membership will help them and will help CTIA be even more effective. There is an application in this newsletter or there is an application on the new and improved CTIA website. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email Dan, Tom, or Molly.



Forest Plan Revision



The Rio Grande NF is well into revision of the forest plan. Forest staff is anticipating the release of a proposed revised plan and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement this summer for public review and comment.



The next Forest in the queue to revise their forest plan is

the GMUG. Their start date is June 1, 2017, and their timeline is to complete the plan revision in 3½ years.

FY 17 Forest Service Programs

Following are Forest-by-Forest timber sale targets for FY 17:

- Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison - 70,000 ccf
- Medicine Bow Routt – 104,000 ccf
- Rio Grande – 60,500 ccf
- Arapaho Roosevelt – 27,900 ccf
- Pike San Isabel – 17,000 ccf
- San Juan – 30,000 ccf
- White River – 34,000 ccf

Tom Troxel and/or Molly, plus various local CTIA members, have visited each of those Forests in the last 2 months to discuss the importance of the sale program, progress toward meeting those targets, issues that could affect the annual sale program, issues that could affect sale operations, and long-term issues.

Member Spotlight Cate Land Industries, Inc.

By Molly Pitts

E.C., Nancy, and Kelby Cates with Cate Land Industries, Inc. are some of CTIA's newest members. Upon visiting with Kelby, I learned that their business got started in 2000 with the name Cate Land Fire, before transitioning to Cate Land Industries in 2002. From 2000 through about 2008, Kelby and his mom (Nancy) and his Dad (E.C), primary focused on firefighting. During that time, they owned and operated 4 engines, 2 water tenders, and a couple of bulldozers. They typically staffed each engine with 3 employees who were usually hired for the entire fire season.

Around 2007-2008, the Cates made the decision to transition away from firefighting, and focus more on fuels mitigation work. This transition led to the purchase of 2 rubber-tired masticators, 2 boom mounted masticators, and 1 skidster.

More recently, the Cates have made the decision to move more into traditional logging (cut, skid, process, and deck). Over the past couple of years, Kelby and his dad have



been purchasing timber sales, and then selling the wood to small purchasers or processing the wood into firewood. This coming spring, Cate Land Industries will be working directly for Montrose Forest Products on sales near Old Agency. When I asked Kelby if he was excited to be working for MFP, he stated "I will be very glad not to be responsible for Forest Service paperwork anymore." Cate Land Industries still have their firefighting equipment (1 engine, 2 tenders, and 1 bulldozer) and will continue taking fire assignments as they come up.

When asked why Cate Land Industries recently joined CTIA, Kelby explained, "even though we have been in business for quite awhile, we have not really had the chance to meet others who do similar type work. Joining CTIA will give us the opportunity to meet people and network."



Kelby,
Stephanie,
Aiden & Asher



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!**

Check These Out.....

- America's Forests with Chuck Leavell - <https://vimeo.com/210431201>
- Treesource – Forest Journalism for a Sustainable Future - <http://treesource.org/>
- Rocky Mountain Research Station – <https://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/rmrs-new-publications>
- University of Montana – Bureau of Business and Economic Research - <http://www.bber.umt.edu/fir/>

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

2017 Colorado Timber Industry Association Membership Application

Company Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

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Please circle your company's primary business:

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Please circle your membership category:

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Maximum annual dues to IFA members \$1,000

Associate Membership

Bronze \$100
Silver \$250
Gold \$500
Platinum \$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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(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
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(One free for Gold Member) 1/2 Page Ad for 1 issue	\$125
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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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