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President's Message

HELLO CTIA!!!

I hope this quarter's newsletter finds all of you well, profitable and safe!!! This year is not waiting around for anyone - it is forging ahead whether you're ready or not. Yes it is July and it is not too late to join CTIA!

I am urging everyone to get your vendors involved in CTIA; we are hoping all you members are still promoting CTIA. I myself have enlisted a few of my suppliers here at Casey's Lumber and they have mention they have already saved a few hundred dollars licensing their equipment as AG harvesting equipment. I know there are still many out there that are not taking advantage of those savings. If anyone is having trouble tapping into that benefit, let any of us know and we can walk you through it.

Let's all not be shy and get the good word out about CTIA. Let's keep safe and productive. Thanks to all of our members.

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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2017 Woman-Owned Business Contractor of the Year



Markit! Forestry Management ("Markit! Forestry") has been selected as the 2017 Woman-Owned Business Contractor of the Year by the US Forest Service. Leigh Ann Wolfe, the President of Markit! Forestry, recently accepted the award in Washington D.C. Upon receiving the award, she stated, "It is a tremendous honor for Markit! Forestry to be recognized as the leading woman-owned contractor for the U.S. Forest Service. The award is a testament to every employee of Markit! Forestry, and to our drive to perform our work with excellence. Markit! Forestry is proud to have completed a number of stewardship projects for the U.S. Forest Service in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, and we appreciate the Forest Service's recognition of our work."

Pictured, left to right: Patrick Gayner, Alyssa Priest, Leigh Ann Wolfe, Jeremy Moore, Mark Herndon, Jesse Wittry



Congressional Update – by Tom Troxel

We're tracking two bills, plus Forest Service Fire Funding legislation and FY 2018 Appropriations:

H.R. 2936 - Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2017

Introduced by Rep. Bruce Westerman, the only professional forester in Congress, with bi-partisan co-sponsors, including Rep. Scott Tipton (CO-3). Expanding upon provisions from the 2014 Farm Bill, the bipartisan bill provides new categorical exclusions to the Forest Service, reduces unnecessary NEPA and ESA bureaucracy for a wide variety of projects, provides relief from the Cottonwood court decision, and gives the Forest Service access to emergency fire suppression funds. It also includes an innovative pilot program to test binding arbitration as an alternative to litigation, and provides authorization for 16 and 17-year olds to work in family run logging businesses.



S. 605 - Litigation Relief for Forest Management Projects Act Introduced by Sen. Daines (MT), this bill would amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to prohibit the Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Department of the Interior from being required to engage in any additional consultation with respect to: (1) the listing of a species as threatened or endangered, or a designation of a critical habitat, if a land management plan or land use plan, respectively, has been adopted by USDA or Interior as of the date of the listing or designation; or (2) any provision of such an adopted plan.

FY 2018 Forest Service Appropriations On July 18, the House Appropriations Committee approved the Interior Appropriations Bill, which includes funding for the Forest Service; details include - \$3.4 billion went to fire suppression, \$370 million for timber management which is an increase of \$2 million with a national target of 3.2 billion board feet, direction to discontinue Integrated Resource Restoration funding, and Hazardous Fuels funding to be transferred to the National Forest System from State and Private Forestry.

Congressional Update - Continued

S. 1571 – Re-authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program

Interestingly enough, Section 102 of this bill adds a new title to the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which requires Congressional fire suppression at 70% of the 10-Year Average, requires Congress to fund projects that reduce fire potential at 30% of the 10-Year Average, prohibits transfer of non-fire funds to fire suppression accounts, and authorizes funds from the Disaster Relief Fund with a presidential declaration.

CTIA strongly supports Congress legislation that meets the following criteria to address the FS's Fire Funding problem 1) Eliminate any need for 'fire borrowing' to ensure forest management funds are not diverted away from implementing essential projects on-the-ground, 2) Stop further increases in the percentage of the Forest Service's budget designated for fire suppression, 3) Increase proactive forest management and fuels reduction programs as means of reducing the potential for catastrophic fires through additional funding and/or streamlined analysis requirements.

If you happen to see your Congressional representatives during the August recess, please take a minute to ask them to support these bills.

Fire Funding Trivia - as of July 21, 4.5 million acres have burned this year, compared to an average of 3.3 million acres over the last 10 years.



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 Colorado National Forest 3rd Quarter Accomplishments

Following are timber program accomplishments for the first 3 quarters of FY 2017

- Arapaho Roosevelt – 23%
- GMUG – 91%
- Medicine Bow Routt – 40%
- Pike San Isabel – 41%
- Rio Grande – 64%
- San Juan – 110%
- White River – 37%



That means there are lots of sales to be sold before September 30, but we are being told that all the forests are on track to meet their targets.

CTIA Membership



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!! **Since then, we've gained 8 new members – 5 loggers, 2 truckers, and 1 associate member.** We would like to formally welcome **Jason Conner** (J&J Logging), **Kurt Geiger** (Geiger Logging), **Winslow Golly Jr.** (Tree Trucking), **Victor**

Satterfield (Wannabe Trucking), **Harry Spellman**, **Allen Stepler** (T.W. Forest Products), **Chad Uthmann** (Rocky Mountain Log and Saw) and **Nancy Fishing** as new CTIA members.

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 either Dan, Tom, or Molly.

Governors Weigh-In

The Western Governors Association recently approved a very positive resolution regarding National Forest and Rangeland Management. Some excerpts from the resolution include –

- Western Governors support sound forest management policies that maintain and promote ecologic, economic and social balance and sustainability.
- Western Governors ... believe it is reasonable to expect that some portion of the federal landscape will be focused on long-term, ecologically-sound forest management – where jobs, forest products, and revenues are priorities and generated through sound stewardship.
- Western Governors encourage federal agencies to fully implement the tools provided in the 2014 Farm Bill.
- The impacts of forest management are felt most directly by those who live, work, and recreate in and adjacent to those forests, so the discussion needs to begin there.

For more information on the Western Governors' Association – click here:

<http://westgov.org>

You can also read more on the National Forest and Rangeland Management Initiative and the Species Conservation and Endangered Species Act Initiative by clicking here:

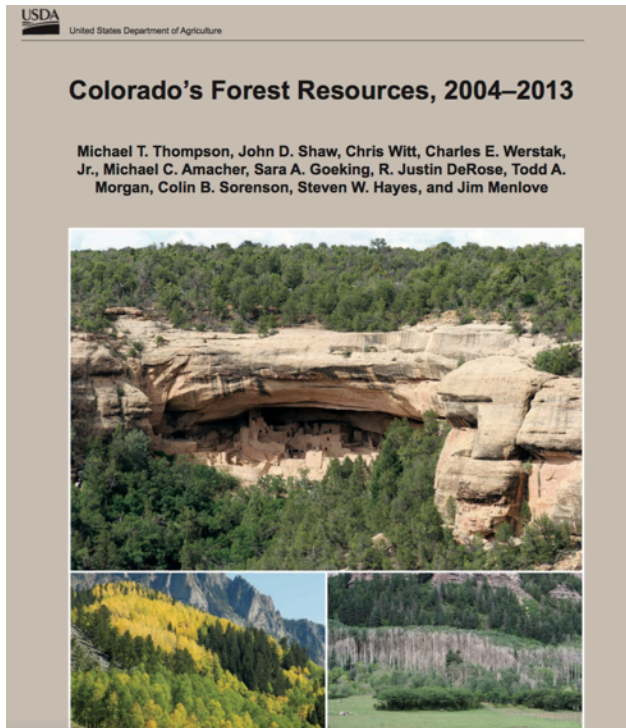
<http://westgov.org/initiatives/>

Colorado Water Report

As a result of legislation in 2016 (HB 16-1255), the Colorado State Forest Service in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Water Resources, put together a supplemental report to the Colorado Water Plan. This report highlights the effects of wildland fire, insect and disease outbreaks, a changing climate, and roads and human disturbances on Colorado's forests and water supply. The objective of this document was to bring to light more information on the devastating effects wildland fire can have not only on our forests, but our watersheds and communities as well. You can access the entire report here:

http://csfs.colostate.edu/media/sites/22/2017/07/FINAL-305335_Water_Resources_Rpt-www.pdf

Hot Off the Press



A new publication from the Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, "Colorado's Forest Resources, 2004-2013", RMRS-RB-23, contains a wealth of information about Colorado's forests, including forest land ownership (49% is managed by the US Forest Service), Forest Type (#1 is Pinyon-Juniper, #2 is Spruce-Fir, #3 is Aspen-Birch), Stand Age, Numbers of Trees, Tree Volume (32% is/was Spruce-Fir), Growth and Mortality (yep, lots of mortality), Removals, Forest Industry Facilities, Snags, etc., etc. While this is the most up-to-date information available, it is already somewhat dated due to the rapid spread and massive

mortality from the beetle epidemics. You can obtain a copy by either 1) downloading from <https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/53898>, or 2) requesting a hard copy from rmrsrepubrequest@fs.fed.us.

SB 17-302

During the past legislative session, Senator Coram and others passed Senate Bill 17-302, which finally clarified the issue of what is considered silvicultural equipment for the purposes of property tax exemption. According to the bill, silvicultural equipment is "silvicultural personal property that is designed, adapted, and used for the planting, growing, maintenance, or harvesting of trees in a raw or unprocessed state." This clarification was necessary because some counties in the state were not allowing the property tax exemption for silvicultural equipment, while other counties in the state were giving the exemption. CTIA would like to thank Senator Coram and the others who co-sponsored the bill for getting this Senate Bill passed.



2017 Colorado Outstanding Logger of the Year

Congratulations to Mike Jolovich with Windy Gap Logging, who was chosen by the Colorado Tree Farm Committee as the 2017 Colorado Outstanding Logger of the Year.

Here are some words from the nomination: Even though Windy Gap Logging is a relatively new logging company established in 2014, Mike Jolovich has been producing forest products in Grand County since 1992 as the founder and General Manager of Ranch Creek Ltd., a local sawmill just outside the town of Granby. Windy Gap Logging has two employees (Mike and Steven) who operate a John Deere 759G harvester, a Cat 525 skidder, and a D6 dozer. Windy Gap Logging in conjunction with Ranch Creek Ltd. produces a variety of wood products including fencing, house railings, paneling, packing material for pipes, dimensional lumber, log cabin packages and firewood. The diversity of wood products produced allows Mike to utilize a very large percentage of timber (and blowdown) from the timber sales he purchases, maximizing the efficient usage of forest resources.

The reasons why Mike is an outstanding logger/contractor: Mike is one of the friendliest guys in the woods – an absolute pleasure to work with! Administering a timber sale that he is cutting is easy, always enjoyable and educational. He continually seeks, and is responsive to, constructive feedback on how best to meet the project objectives and he is happy to share how the local conditions and contract requirements affect his operations without complaint. There is seldom any work that needs to be corrected. Mike takes great care of his equipment and employees, which equates to quality work, little down time, and deadlines met. Mike's work ethic is also well demonstrated in his land ethic as he cares for the land through his work on the ground. Whether it is the protection of advanced regeneration, excellent utilization, or adherence to BMP's, Mike's work is top notch!



Before



After



Member Spotlight

Rocky Mountain Timber Products and Entermountain Enterprises, Inc.

Cassandra Doyon, along with her husband Richard, have owned and operated Entermountain Enterprises, Inc. and Rocky Mountain Timber Products since 1985. Located outside of Del Norte, Colorado, Entermountain Enterprises is the logging side of the business, whereas Rocky Mountain Timber Products is the manufacturing/ sawmill piece of the equation.

Rocky Mountain Timber Works has a sawmill capacity of about 5 million board feet, but they typically run about 3 million board feet a year depending on supply and availability of help. In addition to regular surfaced dimensional lumber, they also produce rough-cut lumber, custom beams, tongue and groove paneling, tongue and groove house siding, decorative railings and posts, firewood, and mulch. They utilize a variety of species including spruce, white fir, ponderosa pine, and aspen. Rocky Mountain Timber Works currently employs 6 employees.

Entermountain Enterprises does most of their harvesting on the Rio Grande National Forest, but occasionally goes over the divide onto the San Juan National Forest. This part of the operation has 3 employees.

Doyons have been a CTIA member since the organization got started and are also a proud member of the Intermountain Forests Association. Cassandra and Richard have two daughters who are both grown, and they are anxiously expecting their first grand child.



2017 Colorado Timber Industry Association Membership Application

Company Name: _____

Your Name: _____ Title: _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Mailing List Correction

Please circle your company's primary business:

Logging Primary Manufacturing Secondary Manufacturing Fuels Mitigation Log Hauling
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Please circle your membership category:

Forest Products Companies

Individual Operator \$75
1-5 employees \$200
6-15 employees \$500
16-30 employees \$1,000
31-49 employees \$1,500
50+ employees \$2,400

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.

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:

Colorado Timber Industry Association P.O. Box 32 Delta, CO 81416

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

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!

For more information:

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