

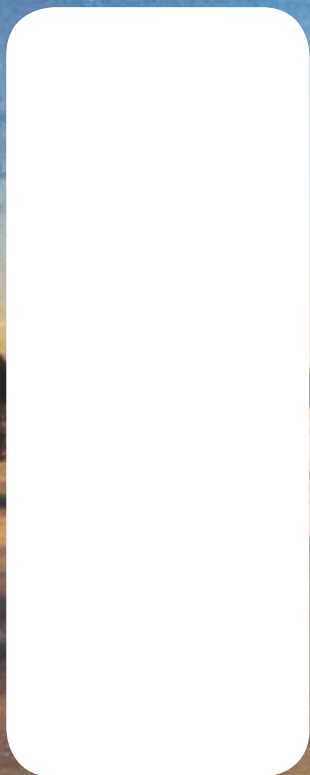
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**W**inter has come early this year, which is a good thing if you're in the timber business. The early freeze with little or no snow should give us a nice jump on winter roads. As I sat in my deer stand this November, with a stiff northwest wind blowing I couldn't help thinking the maybe I should

## President's Column



be sitting on the cat instead. Deer hunting, or should I say bird and squirrel watching, turned out to be quite slow around our camp, still a good chance to relax before winter.

The DNR has released their new publication "Standing Tall." I thought they did a nice job with it. It is a real educational piece; check it out on the DNR web site or most field offices will have copies.

The board of directors meeting was held in October with many presentations and good discussions to follow. Thanks to all that participated.

This must be a record for the 10% increase in weight on state roads coming on as early as it did. It's always nice to get that extra wood to the mill per trip. We should be careful not to abuse this allowance.

With the demands of winter on us it's easy to let things slide or to take shortcuts. We have a sign in our shop that serves as a good reminder: "If you don't have time to do it right, how will you find time to do it over?"

Happy Holidays and work safe

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## Years Ago in the Bulletin

*A sampling of stories and topics from the archives of the Timber Bulletin*

### 25 Years Ago

- Potlatch Corp. will cease operations at its Cloquet sawmill as early as April, according to Edwin F. Erickson, Northwest Paper Division vice president, and Thomas J. Smrekar, vice president of the company's Minnesota Wood Products division. Potlatch officials report that the shutdown of the mill is necessitated by ongoing plans for modernizing and expanding the Northwest Paper Division's Cloquet facility. The Cloquet sawmill started up in 1973 and supplies studs to the home-building market in the Midwest. It produces 26 million board feet of two-by-fours annually.

### 40 Years Ago

- **Beaver Supply Giving Minnesota Problems:** "We have beaver coming out of our ears," Milt Stenlund, Region 2 Director of the Minnesota DNR moans. "And it will be ten times worse next year." The statement that parts of northern Minnesota have too many beavers is somewhat of a contradiction. The state legislature – against the wishes of the DNR – closed the 1975 beaver trapping season in most of the northeast because of lower than normal populations.
- **White House Urged to Investigate Timber Supply:** Forest industry, labor, and homebuilding spokesmen have called on President Ford to appoint a special investigator to review the nation's timber supply situation. Fifteen leaders of the three groups charged that an artificial and unnecessary timber shortage, created by Forest Service management, has driven up timber prices sharply, aggravated unemployment, and placed barriers on the road to recovery for the forest products industry. The group met at the White House with officials from several federal departments.

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**A**s we move through Christmas and into the New Year it's a great time to reflect on the year that's ending and the year to come. I'm grateful to have a wonderful job working for our members, the best people you can find. I'm hopeful that 2015 will find better markets and profitability for all segments of our industry from forest to finished product. I'm grateful for my health and hopeful for a safe year to come for all of our members and their employees. I'm grateful for our staff here in the office and hopeful that we'll be able to deal with the challenges that are presented to

**Executive Vice President's Column**



us in the coming year. I'm grateful for my family and friends and hope that 2015 finds them, you and your families happy and fulfilled in the coming year. I'm grateful for the many people and organizations that help us in our work and hopeful that we will have success on our members behalf in 2015.

It's a great life and I optimistically am looking forward to another great year.



Congratulations to MLEP Executive Director Dave Chura who has accepted a position with Minnesota Power. Dave has done an outstanding job at MLEP and made it a model for other programs around the country. We will miss him at MLEP but look forward to his continued contributions in his new position.



I was saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of long-time Carlton County Land Commissioner Milo Rasmussen. Milo was a great guy and did a wonderful job as land commissioner. I used to see him skiing at Spirit Mountain and on in-line skating trails in the area. Milo was always moving forward on issues, solving problems and not causing them. I'm glad that he had some time to enjoy retirement.



The November elections have come and gone with Republicans re-taking control of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This means a change in committee leadership and committee membership. Representative Denny McNamara will once again chair the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee that is so important to us. Representative McNamara is a great guy. A long-time nursery and landscape company owner, he has spent a lot of time in the woods and on mill tours to understand our industry and issues.



The Federal Timber Purchasers Committee held its semi-annual meeting with the U.S. Forest Service the first week of November. I was very impressed with the new director of forest management, Bryan Rice, and the team that he has assembled. They were positive about timber harvesting and forest management, focused on how to do more and looking for ways to do things better. They were a breath of fresh air!



A big thank you to the 39 state forestry, fish and wildlife agencies who recently wrote the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about the northern long-eared bat. In a lengthy letter the state agencies challenged significant portions of the assumptions regarding the bat and submitted additional research. Most significantly they went on record urging the USFWS to list the bat as threatened and not endangered. They also urged that a "4d" rule be adopted that would allow normal ongoing timber harvest, forest management and silvicultural activities.

The states made powerful points supported by documented research. In response the USFWS reopened the comment period to formally accept this information as part of the record. A final decision on the bat is still expected in early April.



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# Continuing the Cycle

**Berthiaume Logging has been managing the forest for decades and watching it regenerate, earning recognition for their excellence.**

by Ray Higgins

It's a situation all loggers have faced: the breakdown of a critical piece of equipment at the most inopportune time.

For Dave Berthiaume, it was the week of Thanksgiving. An unusually cold fall had driven frost into the ground deep enough optimal logging conditions in the area of Carlton County where Berthiaume lives. Plus, the cold

also allowed MnDOT to implement winter load increases – meaning loggers can haul 10 percent heavier loads than other times of the year – two weeks earlier than normal.

But wouldn't you know it, Berthiaume had sent his feller buncher for pre-winter maintenance. Among the issues discovered was a cracked hydraulic manifold. The part was ordered from Canada and

traveled through Buffalo, N.Y., right as seven feet of snow was piling up during that big November mega-storm, which prevented nearly all travel. That's where the hydraulic manifold sat for a week and a half.

So, Berthiaume had to improvise. "We know," Berthiaume says, "when the buncher goes down, the chain saw comes out."

For four days, Berthiaume's crew





Lyle Jokinen places tree-length aspen into the Hood slasher to be cut into 100-inch lengths. Jokinen's father, Arnie, harvested this same site in the 1960s.

hand-felled timber on a 3500-cord DNR aspen sale in the Fond du Lac State Forest southwest of Cloquet. Production was pretty good, considering the circumstances: 50 cords per day.

"This is nice wood," Berthiaume says. "And they worked in the best patch of it so their production would be higher."

There's a reason the wood here is so good, and it's a classic success story of proper forest management practices: It was part of the infamous 1918 Cloquet fire, and has been well managed ever since.

Before the fire, this area was part of Minnesota's lush red and white pine forest. But during the summer and fall of 1918, Carlton County was in the midst of a severe drought. On the afternoon of Oct. 10, the humidity dropped rapidly and high winds picked up. The history books say sparks from a passing train ignited dry grass, starting the devastating fire. In all, 390 square miles were burned, stretching from Duluth to Moose Lake and Kettle River. Most significantly, 453 lives were lost, over 2000 were injured,

and more than 11,000 lost their homes.

Gradually, the forest recovered, and aspen grew in the place of the pine. By the middle 1960s, this site in the Fond du Lac was harvested by logger Arnie Jokinen. Now

50 years later, the Berthiaume crew is here again. With 25 to 30 cords to the acre, it's the perfect time to be working here, not only for maximum wood quality and economic return, but also for best forest management practices.



High quality aspen is piled on the landing, waiting to be hauled to Sappi Fine Paper's mill in Cloquet.

"This cuts so much nicer and cleaner, and the mill likes it," Berthiaume says. "There's no rot. It's what they need to do, cut this wood now, the 50-year-old wood, and forget about the 100-year-old stuff, because you're never going to catch up. By the time you cut all that, this is going to be the same age."

Berthiaume knows that thanks to a lifetime of experience. His father, Richard, was a longtime logger in the area, so Dave was out in the woods with brothers Don and Duane as far back as he can remember.

"I was picking rocks when I was six years old," Dave laughs. "The old man would dump us out at the beginning of the road, and it's nothing but rocks out here, so when they'd build the road, after my dad would blade it, we'd have to go throw the rocks off the road on the way in, so they wouldn't poke a hole in the tires or something."

When he graduated from Carlton High School in 1973, he never gave a thought to doing anything other than heading to the woods with his brothers and his dad in the family



After severing an aspen tree with the Tigercat X822C feller buncher, Bob Berthiaume lays the tree down for efficient skidding to the landing.



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logging business. The family also operated a small sawmill.

"Lawrence Oswell had the mill," Dave says, "and I edged for him a bit when I was in high school and right after. It was a portable sawmill with a 48-inch circle saw. We bought it from him in the mid-70s, and we used it during the spring during break-up. We'd save sawlogs for it here and there throughout the winter."

By the mid-1990s, it was time for Richard to retire, at least from the logging operations, so the three sons took over that end of the business while Richard continued to run the sawmill. Four years ago, Don retired and Duane decided to stick to firewood, so Dave is now the sole owner of Berthiaume Logging.

Of course, Berthiaume isn't alone in the woods. Joining him on his conventional logging crew are his son, Bob, who operates the feller buncher; nephew Andrew Berthiaume, who drives the skidder, as does Dave's son-in-law Ryan Olesiak; slasher operator Lyle Jokinen – son of Arnie, the logger who harvested this site some 50 years ago – and Lyle's son Derek,



Ryan Olesiak, Dave's son-in-law, drags harvested aspen to the landing with a John Deere 748G-III skidder. Berthiaume Logging also utilizes a Tigercat 620C skidder driven by Dave's nephew, Andrew Berthiaume.

who operates both the delimeter and the Morbark chipper. For his part, Dave hauls the wood to the mill along with handling the business operations. He hasn't always done the hauling but is doing it now out of necessity.

"I used to drive the skidder and then do the chipping," he says. We used to have two truck drivers, but it's hard to find truck drivers right now."

Finding qualified drivers is a common problem in Minnesota these days. Like all loggers, Berthiaume strives to be as efficient as possible to keep the business profitable.

"When fuel prices went up," he says, "we started staying closer to home. We used to be down to Pine City, Rutledge, Willow River, and down that way all the time. Now we try to stay around here as much as possible."

For example, this site is eight miles from Berthiaume's home. While being as cost-efficient as possible, it's also important to take care of the equipment and to closely follow Minnesota's Forest Management Guidelines.

"Maintenance is ongoing," Berthiaume says. "You have to watch everything. We know that

when the buncher goes down the chain saw comes out.

"We're not as fast as the rest of them, but we do a clean job. We like to get the production up, but if you have to stop, if it gets wet, you stop."

That's a common philosophy among Minnesota loggers, but Berthiaume goes far beyond that. His attention to detail and his desire to take care of the forest are two of the many reasons Berthiaume Logging was named National Outstanding Logger for 2010 by the Forest Resources Association. In accepting the award, Berthiaume paid tribute to his father.

"My father started the Berthiaume family logging business nearly 60 years ago," Dave said in 2010. "As my brothers and I grew up and entered the business, he instilled upon us the values of hard work, the unbendable rule of treating people fairly and that if you treat the land with respect, it will provide for you always."

Kent Hall, product manager for award sponsor STIHL also had glowing words. "Berthiaume Logging represents the caliber of work that STIHL is proud to honor. Their commitment to sustainable

efforts as well as safety initiatives helps the timber harvesting field continue to thrive, and makes them an industry leader."

Four years later, Berthiaume remains humble about the recognition.

"It's a great honor," he says. "It took a while to sink in. I just do my little thing here."

In addition to his work on the ground, Berthiaume has also been willing to support the industry in others ways, including serving on TPA's board of directors and executive committee. In addition, he regularly allows students at the U of M's Cloquet Forestry Center to visit his logging jobs, allowing them to ask questions of the crew

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members about the way they conduct harvests. Berthiaume has also participated in research projects at the center.

"If you're not active, then don't complain about what's going on," Berthiaume says of his involvement on behalf of the industry. "If it's not right, you have to get involved and straighten it out."

That reputation is a big reason Berthiaume has traditionally been sought by private landowners to handle their timber harvests, commonly being asked to manage the land for deer habitat or to select out certain species.

"I get a lot of private sales," he says. "For a while I was doing 75% private, but that's down to around 40% now. But I still get a lot of them. I just looked at 120 acres yesterday for someone."

"It's gone down because the state started putting up bigger sales. You can go get a 1500 or 3000 cord sale from them now, where before it was only 200 cords or 300 or something like that," he says.

In fact, Berthiaume credits DNR forester Clayton Rakes for administering his current sale in



Derek Jokinen loads aspen limbs and tops into a Morbark chipper with a Hood loader. The chips are being blown into a chip van for transport to Sappi in Cloquet.

the Fond du Lac State Forest. All of the wood here will end up at Sappi, including the chips. Berthiaume also occasionally will send birch and balsam to NewPage.

So, Berthiaume and crew keep

plugging along, continuing to manage the forest, as well as the tradition Dave's father started more than sixty years ago.

"I love the challenge of doing it right," Berthiaume says.

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# Lake States Women in Timber Ceases Operations

*After thirty years of advocating for the betterment of the Forest Products Industry, the Lake States Women in Timber has decided to cease operations. What follows is a news release that tells the story of this valuable organization.*

**L**ake States Women in Timber was established in 1984 by a group of women in Wisconsin and Michigan who believed that there was a need for an active organization supporting the Lake States forest resource and the families who live and work in the Forest Products community. Minnesota joined our organization a few years later.

Our Purpose Statement reads: The purpose of Lake States Women in Timber is to promote a positive image of the timber industry. Our goal

is better communication between the workers, the regulators and the users of the forest.

At the height of our organization, almost 200 women and men were members of Lake States Women in Timber. Our membership was made up from all parts of the Forest Products community: foresters, landowners, office workers, business owners, mill workers, local businesses and other concerned citizens. Our membership was open to "any individual or business supportive of the Purposes and Objectives of Lake States Women in Timber."

At one time there were 10 Women in Timber organizations in the western half of the United States, and several Women in Timber organizations in Canada.

Every spring since the early 1980s, Women in Timber organizations from around the United States would converge in Washington,

D.C. for a week of meetings with our elected and appointed officials to talk about how the laws they made affected our lives. We were not professional lobbyists, and felt that we were effective advocates for our industry. We were the wives, the daughters, the mothers of the families that Washington's policies affected. We were the small business owners, the mill workers, the "Little People" who still feel the brunt of decisions that are being made in Washington, D.C.

The Lake States Women in Timber booth was always a very busy place at Logging Congress. This was the time we raised most of the money needed for our annual Washington, D.C. trip, and the money we used for our Lake States Women in Timber scholarship that was awarded to a deserving college freshman for many years. Our members sold four editions of our

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Boise forester Mary Peralo, a long-time member of Lake States Women in Timber, presents a check to TPA's Ray Higgins as part of the sunset of this worthwhile organization.

cookbook that was put together by our members. Our raffles were popular, as we usually had a hand-made quilt as our first prize as well as smaller prizes.

Lake States Women in Timber members were very active in other forest-related organizations. We had representation at one time or another on the Wisconsin SFI Board, The Wisconsin Environmental Education Board, The Lake States Resource Alliance Board, and on Wisconsin's Project Learning Tree Board. One of our Minnesota members served on Minnesota's Tree Farm Board, and served as head of the Tree Farm Program in Minnesota. We were invited and participated on the planning committee for the U.S. Forest Service's Centennial Celebration in 2005.

Forestry Education has always been a big part of Lake States Women in Timber's focus. Over the years we had many facilitators and educators who visited local schools to discuss any aspect of forestry that was requested by the teachers and students. Our mascot, Martin Moose for Multiple Use, was featured on over 31,000 book covers, as well as his own coloring book. The book covers and coloring books were distributed to school children along with pencils and bookmarks featuring interesting forestry facts.

In 1998 our Forestry Education took a new turn, when we wrote

and produced a 15-minute safety video with a grant from the Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation (THAT'S) and the assistance of the Forest Industry Safety and Training Alliance (FISTA)

titled "Safe and Home Again." This video featured Lake States loggers and has been used in logger's safety training throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. This video is still timely and will soon be featured on the Forest Resources Association national website.

Lake States Women in Timber organized the Lake States Log A Load For Kids campaign in 1995 and administered that campaign for the first two years before turning it over to GLTPA (at that time MI-WI TPA).

After 30 years, with deep regret, we have decided that it is time to sunset Lake States Women in Timber.

The remaining funds that had been earmarked for educational projects have been divided and awarded to three deserving forestry organizations to benefit their education projects. These monies have been awarded to Minnesota Timber Producers Association, The Iron County Historical Museum in Caspian, Mich., and The Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association.

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by J. C. Ryan



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# Page and Hill Closing

**P**age and Hill Forest Products in Big Falls is closing its doors after over 100 years in business.

Company owner Rich Hufnagle says the closure is due to a dispute over contaminated soil on the company site and attempts to clean it up. The contamination is from a

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treating plant that was on the property that pre-dates Page and Hill's ownership. Efforts to clean up the contamination had been ongoing for several years at significant cost to Page and Hill, but in the end, completing the job was too expensive.

With a sawmill, treating facility, and logging operation, Page and Hill is the largest employer in Big Falls. Twenty-two employees are

losing their jobs in the closure.

Hufnagle says the company has a little sawmill that saws cedar for furniture customers and that will continue to operate. The company has two years of cedar inventory on hand and will keep going beyond that, as well.

According to Hufnagle, several government agencies have been involved in the issue looking for solutions, including the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MnDOT (which has shared ownership of the land over the years), the attorney general's office, Koochiching County, and various state legislators. In the end, finding that solution proved to be elusive.

"We have pictures back to 1899 of old steam haulers," Hufnagle said. "Big steam engines with wooden runners on the front. Page and Hill owned three of those. There's a real legacy here. It's sad to see it end."

## Chura Leaves MLEP for MP

**M**innesota Logger Education Program Executive Director Dave Chura has resigned his post to take a job at Minnesota Power.



Chura will be a Key Account Manager in MP's Paper Segment, replacing Steve Betzler who is retiring. Chura will be based in MP's

Duluth headquarters.

Chura joined MLEP in 2003. Prior to that he worked for the Minnesota House of Representatives, and also served on the staff of former U.S. Senator Rod Grams.

"I enjoyed my time at MLEP, working with loggers in our state," Chura said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the forest products industry through my job at Minnesota Power."

MLEP's board of directors will be starting the search for a new executive director in January.

## Deer Hunters Hire Engwall

**T**he Minnesota Deer Hunters Association has named Craig Engwall as its new executive director.

Engwall replaces Mark Johnson, who left MDHA in September to become executive director of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

A resident of Dora Lake, Engwall has worked for the Minnesota DNR for several years, most recently as Forest Legacy Projects coordinator. He was director of the DNR's Northeast Region from 2006 to 2013, and prior to that was a special assistant to the DNR commissioner for two years. Engwall worked as an assistant attorney general from 1995 to 2003.



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# Comment Period on Northern Long-Eared Bat Reopened

In response to a letter from natural resource officials representing 39 states, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reopened the public comment period on a proposal to list the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

In the letter submitted jointly by the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Southern Group of State Foresters and the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters, the agencies concluded that the proposed endangered listing is not supported by the best scientific and commercial data available, and substantial evidence was provided that NLEB populations remain well above the threat of becoming extinct, a standard required by the Endangered Species Act prior to



listing a species as endangered. In addition, the letter asked the Service to exempt "normal forest management activities" if an endangered listing is implemented. This would allow for continued

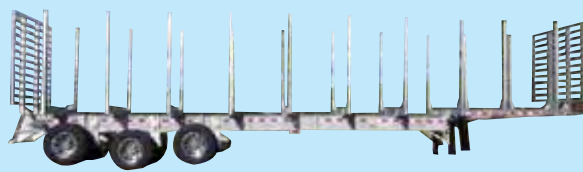
summer timber harvest in the NLEB's range.

It's the second time the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reopened the comment period in response to strong opposition to the listing proposal.

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The letter, which spanned 18 pages, cited scientific studies in stating that, "normal forest management activities provide conservation benefits to NLEBs that far outweigh any potential harm done to the species due to its opportunistic summer roosting behavior. Maintaining healthy forests within the NLEB's range provides suitable habitat for the benefit of the overall population."

The letter also stated, "normal forest management activities have been practiced at a large scale and for many years by states across NLEB's range. The well-documented ubiquity of NLEBs across this range attests to the effectiveness of normal forest management activities in providing suitable foraging, roosting, and swarming habitat for the NLEB."

TPA has been active in lobbying the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in defense of summer timber harvest since the proposed listing was announced, and is taking advantage of the opportunity again submit comments on the issue. In the latest comments, TPA Executive Vice President Wayne Brandt cited data from research conducted this year that found that the odds of a tree where NLEBs are roosting being harvested are incredibly small.

"The benefits of forest management far outweigh the chance of harvesting a roost or maternity tree or harming an individual NLEB. Even if 20 percent of the trees were roosting or maternity trees the chance of harvesting one of these trees would be 1 out of 4,000 (0.025%)," Brandt wrote.

A decision on whether to list the NLEB as either threatened or endangered is expected in April.

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# Industry Competitiveness Study Released

**M**ore wood on the market, more summer wood, higher interstate truck weights, and more reasonable environmental review on state projects were among the more than two dozen recommendations contained in the Report on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry, released in December. It will be used to guide decision-makers, including state agencies, legislators, and the governor, during the 2015 legislative session.

The report was requested by Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr and completed by the Minnesota Forest Resources Council as the result of several meetings during 2014 of industry stakeholders. Among those participating in this steering committee were TPA Past President Kit Hasbargen, as well as representatives from Minnesota mills and state agencies, including DNR Forestry Division Director Forrest Boe.

The report was followed by two days of meetings in Baxter in mid-December among roughly 75 industry stakeholders. Several state legislators, land department staff from several counties, staff from several state agencies – including DNR – and forest products company personnel participated in the two days of discussions. Representing the logging community were TPA board members Dale Erickson, Wayne Skoe, and Hasbargen, as well as TPA's Wayne Brandt and Ray Higgins.

Legislators who participated in the meetings included Sen. Tom Saxhaug (DFL-Grand Rapids), Sen. Dave Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm), Rep. Denny McNamara (R-Hastings), and Rep.-elect David Hancock (R-Bemidji). Rep. McNamara will chair the House Environment and Natural Resource Policy and Finance Committee, and Sen. Tomassoni will chair the Senate's Environment, Economic Development and Agriculture



TPA Board members Kit Hasbargen (L) and Wayne Skoe were among the roughly 75 industry stakeholders who participated in the two-day Forest Futures Working Meeting that discussed the Industry Competitiveness Report. Also participating were TPA board member Dale Erickson, as well as Wayne Brandt and Ray Higgins of TPA's staff.

Division of the Finance Committee.

DNR Commissioner Landwehr opened the Baxter meetings by stressing the importance of the relationship between the industry and forest health.

"The forest products industry and forest management have a true symbiotic relationship that's a win-win for both sides," Landwehr told the conference. "We need industry to manage for healthy forests, and the industry needs a competitive environment globally. We cannot have a forest that's falling down around this state and expect to get the benefits the forest provides, like jobs, recreation, clean water, climate benefits, and more."

Recommendations in the report were broken into seven categories: wood fiber availability and cost, cost of energy, workforce development, environmental review and permitting, taxation, transportation, and bioeconomy.

Among the report's 27 recommendations to the legislature, state agencies, the governor, and others:

- Increase availability of wood on

the market

- Increase outreach to family forest landowners by professional foresters
- Develop a comprehensive plan for identifying and accessing sites that can be made available for summer harvesting where site conditions and management objectives support non-frozen ground operations
- Conduct pine thinnings year-round
- The state should continue to exempt vehicles used for off-road activities from the biodiesel mandate
- Develop new apprenticeship and training programs for entry level logging business employees
- Urge Minnesota's Congressional delegation to support legislation so that 16- and 17-year-olds would be allowed to work on mechanized logging operations under parental supervision
- Exempt wood harvest from the environmental review process until a cumulative harvest threshold quantity of four million cords per year is reached



DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr (C) participates in a panel discussion during the Forest Futures Working Meeting. Joining Landwehr on this panel were Roy Smith of the IRRRB (L) and Heather Rand of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

- Urge Minnesota’s Congressional delegation to move federal highway vehicle weight limits at least up to current state limits to ensure a more seamless road network.
- Fund improvements to and maintenance of existing forest roads and bridges in the forested parts of the state
- Create biomarkets to use sawmill and forest residuals, with specific

initial focus on pellet technology that can replace propane with locally grown and produced renewable fuels and other public buildings

- Require that industrial electric rates be based upon cost of service
- Continue to exempt vehicles used for off-road activities from the biodiesel mandate and from fuel taxes for logging vehicles and equipment

According to the report, “No single recommendation on its own will make a significant difference. It is the combination of recommendations, which are aimed at improving forest health, increasing the availability of quality wood, and improving the business environment in which the industry and all its affiliated constituents operate, that will start bending the curve toward a more competitive position.”

The entire report can be read online at [http://mn.gov/frc/documents/council/Forest\\_Industry\\_Competitiveness\\_Report.pdf](http://mn.gov/frc/documents/council/Forest_Industry_Competitiveness_Report.pdf). A link is also included on TPA’s website, [www.mntimberproducers.com](http://www.mntimberproducers.com).

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# Scheff Harvests Christmas Tree for U.S. Capitol

It's been a big year for Scheff Logging and Trucking. In April the Marcell-based company was named the "Logger of the Year" by the Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee (MN SIC). That recognition led to Jim Scheff having the honor of cutting the white spruce that is lighting up the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

The 88-foot tree comes from a portion of the Chippewa National Forest just west of Cass Lake. Scheff harvested the tree during a public ceremony on October 29, and then it began a nearly 2000 mile journey to the Capitol in Washington, making stops in more than 30 communities along the way during the three week trip.

"It's is a big day," Scheff said before doing the honors. "We've had a very good year, being chosen



Scheff harvests the Capitol Christmas tree with a 30-inch chain saw.

as logger of the year and doing this honor. It's a great day."

Among the dignitaries on hand at the harvest ceremony were U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota.

"As Minnesota's 2014 'Logger of the Year' and owner of an outstanding family-run business, Jim Scheff is the perfect choice to cut down this year's U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree," Senator Amy Klobuchar said.

The Logger of the Year Award recognizes outstanding independent logging contractor performance and honors Minnesota's competent, professional and independent logging contractors.

Founded in September 1977, Scheff and his family established a thriving business in Scheff Logging and Trucking. The business includes five harvesting crews, one wood

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Jim Scheff shares a laugh with Matt Paulson (in yellow vest) before the Capitol Christmas Tree Harvest ceremony. Scheff was a popular figure at the event, posing for pictures with dozens of attendees and conducting several media interviews with news outlets from throughout Minnesota.



On a December lobbying trip to Washington, Howard Hedstrom of Hedstrom Lumber in Grand Marais poses with the Official Christmas Tree on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol.

chipping operation, a fleet of 17 trucks and a complement of heavy equipment to build and maintain roads and landings. The family-owned enterprise supplies wood fiber to Minnesota's forest products economy, while harvesting trees in an environmentally sensitive manner.

"Not only are Jim Scheff's standards for his operations above the norm, he is a volunteer with several professional programs and associations that meet the challenging demands of the logging profession," said Tim O'Hara, coordinator of the Duluth-based MN SIC.

Once in Washington, the tree was decorated with 10,000 lights made by Minnesota children and community members, along with 70 companion trees on the Capitol grounds. The tree was lit by Speaker of the House John A. Boehner during a ceremony on Dec. 2. The tree will be lit from nightfall until 11 p.m. each evening through Jan. 1, 2015.

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# On the Markets

The *Timber Bulletin* publishes information regarding results of a sampling of recent timber sales and other market indicators, as well as other market-related news items.

## Recent Timber Sales Average Prices, as reported by each agency

Agency            Regular    Intermediate

### Cass County

October 30 – Oral Auction

Aspen	\$29.27	\$14.51
Basswood	\$ 9.54	\$ 9.19
Red Oak	\$24.66	\$16.17
Birch	\$20.11	\$11.09

8 of the 10 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### Koochiching County

November 19 – Oral Auction

Aspen P&B	\$52.93	\$36.48
Balsam P&B	\$18.14	\$13.16
Spruce P&B	\$33.11	\$20.53
Norway Pine P&B	\$27.50	\$24.87

All 26 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### DNR – Baudette Area

November 25 – Oral Auction

Trembling Aspen (WC)	\$50.34	\$33.11
Aspen Species (WC)	\$28.47	\$26.15
Jack Pine (WMP)	\$29.31	\$26.06
Mixed Spruce (WMP)	\$26.97	\$18.70

24 of the 25 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### Cass County

November 26 – Sealed Bid

Aspen	\$30.70	\$24.25
Red Oak	\$24.77	\$23.45
Birch	\$18.65	\$16.07
Maple	\$16.91	\$13.22

11 of the 14 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### DNR – Blackduck Area

December 2 – Oral Auction

Aspen Species (WC)	NA	\$31.00
Trembling Aspen (WMP)	NA	\$39.20
Ash (WMP)	NA	\$ 8.64

Balsam Fir (WMP)	NA	\$20.95
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All 11 tracts on the Intermediate Auction were purchased. 2 tracts were offered on the Regular Auction, but neither sold.

### DNR – Tower Area

December 2 – Oral Auction

Trembling Aspen (WC)	\$29.93	\$30.48
Aspen Species (WC)	\$17.85	\$21.25
Pine Species (WMP)	\$38.08	\$32.80
Black Spruce (WC)	\$ 6.69	\$14.56

13 of the 21 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### Beltrami County

December 4 – Oral Auction

Aspen Pulp	\$45.00	NA
Jack Pine P&B	\$28.66	NA
Red Pine P&B	\$85.68	NA

10 of the 11 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

### Carlton County

December 4 – Oral Auction

Aspen	\$36.09	NA
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**Itasca County**

December 4 – Oral Auction  
Aspen \$43.70 NA  
Black Spruce \$28.42 NA  
Paper Birch \$11.86 NA  
Maple \$10.58 NA  
Balsam \$21.15 NA

37 of the 38 tracts offered during the sale were purchased. Average prices per species reported by the county were for the combined regular and intermediate auctions.

**Aitkin County**

December 8 – Oral Auction  
Aspen \$25.03 NA  
Basswood P&B \$13.20 NA  
Maple P&B \$11.52 NA  
Oak P&B \$20.02 NA

48 of 58 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Aitkin Area**

December 8 – Oral Auction  
Aspen  
Species (WC) \$34.67 \$33.73  
Northern Hardwoods  
(WMP) \$11.24 \$20.93  
Oak Species  
(WMP) NA \$24.62  
Norway Pine  
(WMP) NA \$27.40

22 of the 28 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Littlefork Area**

December 9 – Oral Auction  
Aspen  
Species (WC) \$75.35 \$46.42  
Black  
Spruce (WC) \$30.09 \$12.75  
Jack Pine  
(WMP) \$46.78 \$57.35

Pine Species  
(WMP) NA \$34.88  
15 of the 21 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Sandstone Area**

December 10 – Oral Auction  
Trembling  
Aspen (WC) \$45.52 \$19.56  
Aspen  
Species (WC) NA \$47.84  
Maple Species  
(WMP) NA \$21.77

All 6 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Backus and Deer River Areas**

December 10 – Oral Auction  
Trembling  
Aspen (WC) \$28.01 \$36.38  
Aspen  
Species (WC) \$28.55 \$43.96  
Black Spruce  
(WC) \$12.75 \$12.75  
Norway Pine  
(WMP) \$56.61 \$66.73

21 of the 24 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Hibbing Area**

December 12 – Oral Auction  
Trembling  
Aspen (WC) \$30.02 \$33.52  
Northern Hardwoods  
(WC) \$ 8.77 \$17.22  
Mixed Spruce  
(WC) \$19.44 \$19.38  
Pine Species  
(WMP) \$50.74 \$45.70

16 of the 17 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

**DNR – Warroad Area**

December 16 – Oral Auction  
Aspen  
Species (WC) \$17.31 \$12.54  
Jack Pine  
(WMP) \$32.78 \$33.09  
Trembling  
Aspen (WC) \$20.90 \$18.72

Pine Species  
(WMP) \$11.33 \$15.76  
All 46 tracts offered during the sale were purchased.

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**DNR Offers “Super Permit” in Cook County**

In an effort to sell stumpage in Cook County where it’s been difficult to do so, the Minnesota DNR has developed a strategy unique for the region.

The DNR is informally calling it a “super permit:” one tract with a huge volume – more than 24,000 cords – that might attract a logging company to work in the region for several years.

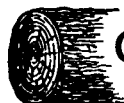
The tract will be sold via sealed bid auction on Jan. 15, 2015, through the Two Harbors Area office.

“Due to ten years of depressed timber markets in Cook County, MN DNR has a large amount of backlog planned acres that did not get managed through timber harvest,” the DNR said in a statement. “A very large timber permit might attract some logging interest by providing enough volume in one location to overcome the long haul distances to existing markets. In addition, the large harvest will help us to catch up on meeting the management objectives in our subsection plan.”

In all, the tract is 24,775 cords, over 1,260 acres. It has eight cutting blocks, five of which are summer chance, featuring 64% of volume. The species mix is 47% aspen species, 26% paper birch, 15% mixed spruce, 10% balsam fir, and 2% other.

The permit will also have a five-year sale duration with an option to delay the permit start date for up to 18 months from date of purchase.

Further details are available at the DNR’s website: [http://webapps1.dnr.state.mn.us/timber\\_sales/calendar/show\\_reports/368](http://webapps1.dnr.state.mn.us/timber_sales/calendar/show_reports/368).



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## "Entertainment in the Camps"

by J. C. Ryan

This story is reprinted from an earlier *Timber Bulletin*—one of the first of "Buzz" Ryan's ever-popular contributions to these pages. The *Bulletin* will continue to reprint selected stories from the memories he recorded for us.—*Editor*



Whenever there is a discussion of the camp life of the Minnesota lumberjacks, the question, "What did they do for entertainment?" is asked. The fact is that they did very little in the form of entertainment other than listen to some of the old timers tell of their experiences.

Younger jacks were always interested in hearing the old timers recall some memorable events. When an old timer had several young listeners, he enjoyed telling about a large load of logs that had been hauled, about the swift water on some of the streams he had driven, the largest tree cut some winter in a camp, some of the cold winters he had put in, how a team broke through the ice on the lake with a load of logs and how they got the horses out, the poor food some camps had or the

good food furnished by some other camp, and who might be the best cook. He might also tell tales about some of the ladies he had met up with while spending his stake in town. At any rate, both the teller and the listener seemed to get a big kick out of these tales and this furnished much entertainment.

Any new man arriving in camp brought the jacks up to date on what was going on in town and they welcomed a new arrival and his news of the outside.

On Sundays, in the early days when most of the men spent the entire winter in the camps, if there was a violin in camp some of the younger men might pair up, one dress as a girl by tying an empty feed sack around his waist, and dance a waltz or square dance. The rest of the jacks

would clap their hands and enjoy the affair. However, this was rare and done only after they had enjoyed an extra good Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

Other games similar to "Button, button, who's got the button?" might be played by a few of the younger jacks, but again this type of game was rare.

However, the jacks did enjoy music and were happy to have someone in camp who could play a violin or mouth organ or another musical instrument. They also enjoyed singing and would sometimes join in and sing with someone leading. The lumber companies and foremen in the camps liked to see entertainment that would keep the men happy.

In the early days in the Bemidji and Deer River areas, there was a lumberjack by the name of Hank Underwood who had a beautiful voice. Many a tale has been told about how he held the whole bunkhouse spellbound with his songs. Some of the logging companies put Hank Underwood on the payroll and had him travel from camp to camp singing for the boys several winters.

Card games were played each night until the lights went out at nine o'clock. Cribbage and poker were popular, but gambling was never very heavy because of the lack of cash in the camps.

Occasionally there would be games of strength like wrist-wrestling or turning, but wrestling itself was not allowed because one might get hurt.

On warm Sunday afternoons, the younger jacks would gather outside in the sun and try their luck at two main types of skills. One was "tossing the caber," an old Scottish sport where they would pick up an eight-foot-long stick of wood, run to a given line and throw or toss it as far as possible. Another one that was more popular was throwing an axe. They would stand back 40 or more feet and throw an axe from over their shoulder and make it stick in the end of one of the logs in the camp building or another log set up on blocks for this purpose. They would put a six-inch circle on the end of the log as a target and try to stick the axe in the circle.

Also, late in the spring after the snow

These three ladies were logging camp visitors about 1905.





Above: A sleighing party visited the Howard Camp just north of Duluth in 1898.  
Below: A camp cook feeds a pet deer and a typical crew poses in camp.



This nice four-horse load was photographed in the Burnside Forest in 1910.





Camp visitors: a group of businessmen and their ladies (above) and a few of the local girls and their boyfriends at a Brimson camp (below).



Six nice pine logs made a load for this team of six oxen.



had melted, they would put up stakes and play horseshoes as there were always lots of horseshoes available at the blacksmith shop. Occasionally on a Sunday toward spring when the weather was warm, a group might gather at the blacksmith shop or sleigh repair yard and try out other feats of strength such as bending a horseshoe or lifting heavy weights. However, this was rare.

I remember coming into camp one soft day and seeing several snowmen that the boys had built all dressed up in lumberjack clothes. Even the lumberjacks recalled their childhood days, but again this was rare as most of their spare time was spent resting up, washing clothes and sharpening tools.

Visitors in camp were rare, other than people connected with the camps or the lumber companies. The camps near towns, such as landing camps, would have some of the townspeople visit now and then but the camps back in the woods seldom had any visitors. Visiting of camps by outsiders was not encouraged as it would interrupt the routine and slow down the work.

The cooks did not like to set up an extra table for visitors who might want to eat at the camp. However, occasionally, some relatives of the camp owners, including ladies, might make a visit to the camp and be served a meal. This was a treat for the jacks as they would get a chance to view some real ladies.

The Sisters visited the camps regularly selling their hospital ticket and holding services. The "sky pilots" made their regular visits, also. They were both well accepted by the jacks as well as the camp foremen.

I remember representatives of orphanages visiting the camps soliciting funds and while they were tolerated in some camps, other camps did not encourage them.

There was one man who was always

"Sky Pilot" Frank Higgins made regular visits to preach in camps.



welcomed and that was the man who sold and repaired watches. Lumberjacks, like most working men of the period from 1870 to 1925, all carried a good watch. They felt that having a good watch in their pocket was like having money in the bank. If they were broke in town, they could always sell their watch for a few meals or a few drinks to get them over a drunk. Besides that, they took pride in having a good watch.

There were several watchmen who traveled the camps. I remember one from the Barker Company in Bemidji who traveled the camps along the M.&I.R. Railroad and one from Virginia who covered camps of the Virginia and Rainy Lake Co. The Eastern Jewelers of Duluth had a man who made the camps throughout the northeastern part of the state.

They would arrive in a camp carrying a pack full of watches. If the jacks' watches were in need of repair, they would take them or trade another watch for them. Most of the time they traded another watch for the one in need of repair, but there were some jacks who wanted their own watch repaired and the watchman would have it repaired and sent to them or bring it back on the next trip to camp. There were also men who had lost their watch in town and wanted a new one.

These watch salesmen were honest men and were approved by the companies to do business in the camps. As a rule, they would spend only one night in camp, but would make several trips during the winter. They seldom sold anything but watches and occasionally pocket knives as jacks also liked to carry a good pocket knife.

The camp foreman would give his permission to the clerk to let the men draw money from their wages to pay for watches or pocket knives.

During the later days of logging in the Virginia and Rainy Lake camps and the camps of the Alger Line and Weyerhaeuser Company, a tailor by the name of E.H. (Clickey) Clark was allowed to make trips to the camps and take orders for tailor-made suits. He only made about one trip a year to a camp and because the regular run of lumberjacks were not much for tailor-made suits, the orders were confined pretty much to the foremen, clerks and supervisory personnel.

In the early days, Indians would sometimes visit the camps to exchange fish, venison or moose meat for coffee and sugar.

Where the camps were near settled areas, settlers would make an occasional visit.

Logging camps were not set up for entertaining visitors, but rather were designed for the work of getting logs out for the mills that provided lumber for the development of our great nation.



Above: an Oliver Mining Co. camp about 1912.



Above: cutting with a two-man saw. Below: haircut time in camp.



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