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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

BOB SCHAEFER NAMED NCFA'S NEW EXECUTIVE VP

The NCFA Chairman of the Board Ashley Faircloth announced in the new business section of the NCFA's Board of Directors Meeting that Bob Schaefer has been chosen among the talented pool of 20 candidates who applied for the position as the next Executive Vice President of the NCFA.

"We are pleased to announce Bob Schaefer as our new Executive Vice President," stated Faircloth. "Bob has a great understanding of our association as a past president, and his management experience and forest products background will be a tremendous plus for our association as we move forward."

Schaefer, a past NCFA President, had been working with the association as a contract employee through the Sentinel Forest Project. A graduate of the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in Forestry, Schaefer has over 25 years in the forest products industry with Weyerhaeuser and Willamette.

In addition to his years on the NCFA's Executive Committee, Schaefer has been active on several NCFA committees. He also has been strong supporter of the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee. ■



Bob Schaefer

NANTAHALA & PISGAH FOREST DUE FOR PLAN UPDATES

Kristin Bail, forest supervisor of the USDA Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina, announced back in November that the USFS will begin the formal process of revising the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests Land and Resource Management Plans. The plans will guide management of the forests for approximately 15 years and most likely take three to four years to develop.

The schedule for the first round of public meetings have been established. The meetings will provide an overview of the planning process, as well as an opportunity for sharing information about these two national forests. Meetings will run from 6-9 p.m. The following dates are:

Cheoah Ranger District: Feb. 21 at the Graham County Community Center in Robbinsville.

Appalachian Ranger District: Feb. 25 at Mars Hill College, Broyhill Chapel, in Mars Hill.

Tusquitee Ranger District: March 4 at the First Baptist Church in Murphy.

Grandfather Ranger District: March 12 at McDowell Technical Community College, Room 113, in Marion.

Pisgah Ranger District: March 18 at the Transylvania County Library in Brevard.

Nantahala Ranger District: March 19 at the Tartan Hall in Franklin.

To learn more about these meetings online, check out www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/home/?cid=STELPRDB5397660.



Kristin Bail

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF FORESTRY ENTERS A NEW ERA

The North Carolina Museum of Forestry stands ready to reach the next stage of its growth. Following a two million dollar renovation, the question now is what does the North Carolina Museum of Forestry become?

A satellite of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, The North Carolina Forestry Museum opened its doors in the summer of 2000.

Located in a former bank building, the museum thrived for nine years presenting exhibits, educating visitors and serving as a crossroads for the collective community of foresters, students and the general public.

In its brief history, the museum initiated numerous innovative programs including distributing 85,000 trees provided by International Paper. The trees were free to the public and people lined up at the museum's drive-thru window to receive them.

However, the museum's building, constructed in the 1960's, suffered from mold, water leaks and a lack of basic facilities like public bathrooms. The state appropriated almost two million dollars in repair and renovation money in 2009. This transformed the 17,200 square foot building from an old bank to a modern museum. The museum reopened on November 3, 2011 with 2,548 people streaming into the facility to see the "Prehistoric Giants" exhibit.

The prehistoric giants are now gone and it's time for Forestry Museum to return to its roots. The museum's mission revolves around educating, celebrating, and communicating the magic and usefulness of North Carolina's greatest natural resource, the forest. This is, in fact, the reason the Forestry Museum was created.

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NINE ELECTED TO NCFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NCFA elects nine members to its board of directors to a three-year term annually. Members can serve up two consecutive terms on the board. Three members are elected from each region. The following are this year's newly elected board members.

Coastal Plain

Jimmy Jackson has worked for Canal Wood for over 30 years where he currently serves as a Regional Manager in northeast North Carolina and southeast Virginia. Jackson is active in several local forestry clubs as well as the NCFA. He has served on the NC SFI SIC and is currently serving



An artist's rendition of "The Deconstructed Tree" display which will be one of the permanent attractions at the North Carolina Forestry Museum once funds are raised to complete the renovation of the museum.

on the Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee. Jackson graduated from North Carolina State University with a Forestry degree.

Charlie Marshburn is a partner and procurement forester for Tri-State Land and Timber, LLC. Prior to forming Tri-State, Marshburn spent 17 years with Squires Timber as an area manager in procurement. He started his career with Federal Paperboard in 1976. He has been active in the NCFA throughout his career, chairing the Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee for several years. Marshburn graduated from Wayne Community College

with a bachelor's degree in Forestry.

Boyd McLaurin is the District Manager for Canal Wood, LLC. He has been with Canal Wood for 22 years, dating back to his days as a student at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. McLaurin currently is a member of the NCFA's Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee. He also chairs the Log A Load for Kids efforts in the Scotland County area.

Piedmont

David Hendrix is the Manager of the North Carolina Division for Claybourn Walters *(continued on page 6)*

2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ashley Faircloth <i>Chairman of the Board</i>	Bernard Rose <i>Piedmont Vice President</i>
Allen Plaster <i>President</i>	Fred Hardin <i>Western Vice President</i>
Ray Allen <i>President Elect-Treasurer</i>	Michael Walters <i>Chairman of the Board</i>
Frank Rackley <i>First Vice President</i>	Forestry Mutual Insurance Bob Schaefer <i>Executive Vice President</i>
Jim Durham <i>Eastern Vice President</i>	

2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Allen, Ray	Lassiter, Tom
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Corey, Billy	McCollum, Keith
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Davis, Joel Henry	Newcomb, Stephen
Decker, Greg	Overbey, Bill
Doster, Tony	Owen, Wib
Durham, Jim	Pate, Greg
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Faircloth, Ashley	Plaster, Allen
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Gray, John	Raynor, Fay
Gray, Jim	Ricks, Riddick
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Henson, Steve	Teel, Jamie
Howard, Brad	Thompson, Marshall
Hulka, Bryan	Thrash, Dale
Hull, Maurice	Vollinger, Mark
Hunt, Perry	Walters, Michael
Inman, Tom	Watzin, Mary
Jackson, Jimmy	Wiseman, Mark
Kenley, Charles	

DO YOU HAVE A NEWS ITEM?

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the North Carolina Forestry Association. News items and photographs should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org.

The NCFA, the state's oldest forest conservation organization, is a private, nonprofit partnership of forest managers, landowners, mill operators, loggers, furniture manufacturers and others that actively promote healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners and forestry-related businesses and organizations that responsibly manage or use forests.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS FOR BUSINESS

On Wednesday, January 9th, the 2013-14 General Assembly Session convened for a day to be sworn into office, elect officers, adopt rules, and organize the legislative year. It marked the first time since the 1890's that all three branches of government were held by Republicans.

Senator Phil Berger (R) was re-elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate, meaning he appoints committee chairs and members for the legislative session. Representative Thom Tillis (R) was re-elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In his role, Tillis appoints chairs and members to the standing committees in the House. In addition to adding one of their own, Pat McCrory (R), in the Governor's mansion, Republicans gained two Senate seats and nine House seats in last November's election.

Among rule changes for the session, the "crossover date" which refers to the date when bills must pass from one chamber to the other was moved from April to May 16th, and a limit of 10 was set on bills that can be introduced by an individual lawmaker.

The session started in earnest on January 30, 2013 and run through June of 2013. Top on the agenda will be the state's budget, tax reform, streamlining regulations and addressing the state's education system, both public and private. ■



(l-r) Jeff Hanks, Speaker of the House Thom Tillis and Hodge Kitchin pose with a gavel made from century-old North Carolina wood back in 2011.

NCDWQ TO REVIEW STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT FOR FOREST PRODUCTS FACILITIES

The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ) revises general permits every five years. The industry's NCG210000 permit was issued in 2008 and will be renewed in 2013. This permit is issued to fulfill the federal NPDES rules that require stormwater discharges from the forest products industry to be regulated by a permitting program administered by the NCDWQ. The expiration date on the current permit is July 31, 2013.

The work on re-issuing the permit will take place in the first quarter of 2013 with a final version to be released and in effect on August 1, 2013.

During the formal public comment period, DWQ will solicit comments from any interested party. As in previous reviews, the NCFA will be an active participant in the finalization of the new permit. ■

NATIONAL FOREST ROADS ISSUE STILL UNRESOLVED

More twists and turns have been added to the already complicated forest roads issue in January when the Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC) filed a new lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, challenging the newest EPA rule regarding forest roads. Since the EPA issued a national rule, a decision in this case would have national ramifications, not just limited to the Ninth Circuit's jurisdiction. This case also moves forward totally independent of the first case, which has made it to the Supreme Court.

The newly contested rule was released by the EPA on the first day the Supreme Court was hearing the first case, Decker v. NEDC, which is the original lawsuit that the Ninth Circuit redefined forestry roads as point sources of pollution and thus should be regulated like an industrial activity.

The forestry position on forest roads remains that the EPA has always treated forest roads as non-point sources that are regulated effectively by state maintained Best Management Practices (BMPs). This is a position that the EPA has maintained as well.

In other unrelated activities, the Supreme Court, which has heard from both sides already in the original case, allowed a petition from the state of Oregon requesting to provide additional testimony for the case. To be consistent, the Supreme Court also allowed other parties named in the original lawsuit to provide supplemental briefs by January 22. Those briefs were submitted first by the State of Oregon and then other briefs were supplied by the forest products interests, the Solicitor General, and finally, the Northwest Environmental Defense Center (NEDC).

At the end of the day, it is easy to correctly assume that three of these groups represent a common belief on this issue. They would like to see the Supreme Court to vacate the decision by the Ninth District Court, which established logging roads as "industrial sources of pollution" in its controversial decision, and to establish that the EPA has the proven ability to regulate forest roads through Best Management Practices and Forest Practice Guidelines. There is no need for a special permit.

Forestry interests remain vigilant and are determined to see the EPA's authority to regulate water quality issues remain intact and that forestry continues to be classified as a non-industrial activity. It is important to note that regardless of how the Supreme Court handles this current case,

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POINT OF VIEW

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN MARY WATZIN

Mary Watzin, the Dean of North Carolina State University College of Natural Resources, reached out to alumni and friends through a letter that updates and explains the reasons behind the pending sale of the Hofmann Forest. It was released on January 23, 2013.



(l-r) Marshall Thompson received a plaque from Ashley Faircloth in recognition of Thompson's service on the NCFA's Executive Committee in 2012.

NCFA OPENS YEAR WITH BOARD MEETING

The NCFA started the 2013 year in earnest on January 23rd with the first meeting of its board of directors. The new board confirmed the 2013 executive committee, approved an operating budget, recognized service of past board members, and confirmed a new board for 2013.

The 2013 Executive Committee is as follows:

Chairman of the Board: **Ashley Faircloth**
President: **Allen Plaster**
President/elect and Treasurer: **Ray Allen**
First Vice President: **Frank Rackley**
Eastern Vice President: **Jim Durham**
Piedmont Vice President: **Bernard Rose**
Western Vice President: **Fred Hardin**
Executive Vice President: **Bob Schaefer**
Forestry Mutual **Senator Michael Walters**

The board also approved the operation budget for the association. The approved budget includes a deficit that will be covered by reserve funds accumulated over the years. It is important to note that the budget includes several non-recurring expenditures such as database development and website improvements. The strategic planning group recommended the NCFA move quickly on the upgrading the association's technology. The executive committee has been charged with developing a plan to return the NCFA to a "balanced budget" in 2014.

In terms of membership, the NCFA's overall membership number stands 3,963 members with dues revenue of \$460,351.98. NCFA Chairman Ashley Faircloth noted that after reviewing the membership numbers over the past six years, it appears as if the NCFA has lost a total of 100 members. Some membership categories are more volatile than others, but Faircloth hopes a membership drive can boost membership.

The executive committee also thanked individuals who were completing their terms on the board.

Scott Brewer, International Paper
Bob Brown, N.C. State University
Bob Cooper, Landowner
Steve Crawley, Crawley Timber
Joel Henry Davis, Landowner
Marisue Hilliard, U.S. Forest Service
Maurice Hull, Landowner
Ed Listerman, Tree Farm
Patrick Parton, Parton Lumber
Cyndi Patram, Godfrey Lumber
Marc St. John, RockTenn

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I write to let you know that the Natural Resources Foundation Board of Directors has unanimously recommended the sale of the Hofmann Forest in its entirety, assuming price and other considerations can be met, for the specific support of the mission of the College of Natural Resources.

I also want to reassure you that any sale of the Hofmann will be consistent with the values of the College, which include retaining the name in recognition of the legacy of the Forest to the College. The goal is to sell the property as a working forest. The College hopes to retain access to the property by faculty and students for teaching and research. My commitment to forestry education, research and outreach as core elements of the programming of the CNR is strong.

In deciding about the future of the Hofmann, the Foundation (and the College) has considered which options would provide the greatest good for the largest number of CNR students, our faculty and staff, and our professions, over the long term. The College is currently experiencing significant growth and has strong ambitions. Keeping current programs strong and leveraging new opportunities for the College will only be possible with additional cash flow. A more diversified portfolio of investment could provide a higher and more consistent level of support to the College.

The Hofmann Forest is a tremendous asset to the College of Natural Resources, and I understand some of you have fond memories of your time there. As you will recall, the Hofmann was acquired shortly after the forestry program at NCSU was founded and it was named in honor of the program's founding dean. Initially, the Forest was used for teaching purposes, with students spending a summer in eastern North Carolina at the Hofmann to learn forestry. In the late 1950's, summer camp was moved permanently to Hill Forest near Durham. Last year, the College invested about \$1.5 million in upgrading the facilities at Hill Forest. Today, a relatively small number of CNR faculty and students use the Hofmann Forest for teaching and research. The low

rate of use is in part because of the distance of the Hofmann Forest from the campus.

Currently, the primary role of the Hofmann Forest is as an investment, with earnings supporting scholarships and the academic and research programs of the College. It is managed by the Natural Resources Foundation as a commercial forest. Although the Foundation staff has done an outstanding job of managing the Hofmann Forest over the last decade, we are at a competitive disadvantage compared to large commercial operations, which have greater resources to manage in the face of a changing business climate.

The current rate of return from the Hofmann is less than what might be achieved from a diversified investment portfolio. A diversified portfolio would also lessen the risks associated with fires, hurricanes, droughts, and invasive species.

The mission of CNR is teaching, research and outreach. While we cherish our history with the Hofmann Forest, the reputation of the College is not based on this land ownership; it is instead the direct result of the stature and quality of the faculty and the teaching, research, and outreach programs we deliver.

I ask for your patience and your trust as we move forward with this process, which will unfold over the coming months.

With best wishes,

Mary C. Watzin
Dean, College of Natural Resources
North Carolina State University



Mary Watzin

SLOCUM SCHOLARSHIP CLOSE TO ACTIVE STATUS

The Slocum Family established a scholarship fund with North Carolina State University shortly after the passing of Bob Slocum. The family truly appreciates the generous support of this new scholarship fund and reports that it is surpassed the \$16,000 mark. To be an active scholarship, the fund must surpass \$25,000. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can mail contributions to the Bob Slocum Scholarship Fund, North Carolina State University, Campus Box 8010, Raleigh, NC 27695. The Natural Resources Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation with a tax ID of 56-0653350. ■

FORESTRY DAY IN LEGISLATURE WILL BE APRIL 16, 2013

The NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013. The event is the best opportunity for NCFA members to come to Raleigh and meet with their elected officials. The day begins with a briefing for all NCFA members in attendance at 9:30 a.m. under the meeting tent on the Halifax Mall. ■

(l-r) NCFA member Dale Thrash and Representative Tim Moffitt pose for a photo outside of the luncheon tent during Forestry Day in the Legislature.





SLTC CONDUCTS JOINT MEETING WITH NC SFI SIC IN JANUARY TO OUTLINE DIRECTION FOR TRAINING

The Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee and the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee held their annual joint meeting the day after the NCFAs Board Meeting. The two committees have separate morning meetings and combine after lunch to coordinate ProLogger training and review other forestry issues facing the industry.

After the morning session, the SLTC presented the topics that will be addressed in Module 14. The five topics identified are:

- Emergency Action Plan
- Logging Rutting Video
- Heads Up for Safety
- Hazards when Visitors Come to a Logging Job
- Emerging Technologies In Use Today by ProLoggers

It was also established that Module 14 will be rolled out as part of the Mid Atlantic Forestry Expo where a training tent will be the home to classes during both days. The training will include the Module 14 and some hands-on training on the equipment on display at the Expo.

The SLTC also announced that the dates for the two base classes of the ProLogger program will take place on **April 24-26, 2013 at Lenoir Community College in Kinston** and on **June 12-14, 2013 at Forsyth Community College in Winston-Salem.** ■

MODULE 13 TRAINING UP AND RUNNING

The required annual training for 2013, Module 13, has started and three classes have already been completed. A complete listing of classes is included in this issue and the most up-to-date list is emailed out weekly and posted on the NCFAs website under the ProLogger section.

ProLoggers are encouraged to check with their suppliers on when a class will be held in their area. Companies that are hosting classes are also encouraged to let the NCFAs know when and where they are holding classes so they can be updated on the website and newsletter.

Module 13 Training Calendar

2/2	7:00 AM	GP Dudley CNS Training Room, Dudley
2/4	5:00 PM	Lampe & Malphrus Sawmill, Smithfield
2/12	6:00 PM	Domtar, Plymouth
2/14	5:30 PM	Weyerhaeuser Pulp Mill, New Bern
3/5	5:30 PM	Roaring River VFD, Roaring River
3/5	5:00 PM	Lampe & Malphrus Sawmill, Smithfield
3/8	1:00 PM	Halifax CC - Room 401, Weldon
3/25	5:00 PM	GP Dudley CNS Training Room, Dudley
4/9	6:00 PM	Domtar, Plymouth
4/11	5:30 PM	Weyerhaeuser Pulp Mill, New Bern
4/11	6:00 PM	Forsyth County Ag Center, Winston-Salem
4/29	5:00 PM	GP Dudley CNS Training Room, Dudley
6/25	6:00 PM	Roaring River VFD, Roaring River

If you are hosting a class, please e-mail Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org so your class can be added to this list. ■



MID-ATLANTIC LOGGING & BIOMASS EXPO SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2013 SMITHFIELD-SELMA AREA

The 2013 Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo will take place on September 20-21, 2013 in the Smithfield-Selma area. The site will be close to where it was held in 2011. The SLTC will once again be supporting Expo partners North Carolina Association of Professional Loggers (NCAPL), Hatton-Brown Publishers and the NCFAs in the hosting of the show. The goal in 2013 is to grow the show beyond equipment dealers to include more exhibitors of outdoors equipment, both recreational and business. ■

NCFS RELEASES FIRST EDITION OF REGIONAL BMPS NEWSLETTERS

The North Carolina Forest Service has released its first edition of regional Best Management Practices (BMPs) Newsletters. The main purpose is to provide useful outreach information focused on BMPs to loggers, forestry professionals and NCFS staff. At this time, the NCFS intends to have these newsletters available electronically only. You can find these reports online at the NCFS website at http://www.ncforestservice.gov/water_quality/bmp_newsletter.htm. ■

HAYWOOD COUNTY WOOD PRODUCTS UNDER QUARANTINE

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has placed Haywood County wood products under quarantine due to a recent detection of thousand cankers disease in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

"This marks the first time the disease has been detected in the state, and by placing restrictions on a variety of plant material and wood products, we hope to keep the disease from spreading into other counties," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Something as simple as moving firewood from an infected area to an uninfected county could increase the risk of spreading this disease."



Thousand cankers disease is a newly recognized disease primarily affecting black walnut trees. It is caused by the *Geosmithia morbida* fungus, which is spread by the walnut twig beetle. Thousand cankers disease has produced widespread death of black walnuts in many western states during the past decade. Other species of walnut, such as Arizona walnut, English walnut and

California walnut, have also shown varying degrees of susceptibility to this fungus.

The following items fall under the quarantine restrictions: walnut plants and plant parts including firewood, lumber, logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted chips. Regulated items cannot be moved outside the county. Exceptions to the quarantine restrictions include nuts, nut meats, hulls, processed lumber with square edges that is 100 percent bark free and kiln-dried, and finished wood products without bark, such as furniture, instruments and gun stocks.

Anyone with questions about this quarantine should contact Phil Wilson, NCDA&CS plant pest administrator, at (919) 707-3730, or go online at http://ncforestservice.gov/forest_health/forest_health_thousandcankers.htm. ■

LUMBER PRICES CLIMB IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF 2012

Some forest economic advisors are predicting a drop in lumber prices in response to the increase in production that has been triggered by the surge in prices in late 2012.

Lumber prices are now close to \$375-\$399 per 1,000 board feet, which is a price that the industry has not seen since 2005 and the largest annual jump in pricing since 1993. Lumber was at \$300 per 1,000 board feet at the start of 2012.

One of the factors driving up the lumber prices is a rise in the U.S. building permits, which is an indicator for new construction. The building permits reached its highest level in four years in November of 2012.

Substantial mill closures across North America since 2006 set the stage for a recovery for lumber prices since the supply has shrunk in the global market.

And while the domestic market looks as if it may be on the uptick, the global marketplace is not necessarily in step since reports state that China, which is the consumer of 10 percent of the world's softwood lumber, has recently reduced imports of logs and lumber.

Ultimately, the increase in prices for lumber will lead to an increase in the production so experts expect lumber prices to level off and even go down by the close of 2013. ■



EPA RELEASES FINAL BOILER MACT RULE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized changes to Clean Air Act standards for boilers and certain incinerators, also known as the Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (boiler MACT) rule in late December.

As a result, 99 percent of the approximately 1.5 million boilers in the U.S. are not covered or can meet the new standards by conducting periodic maintenance or regular tune-ups. The final rule aims to cut the cost of implementation by individual boilers that EPA proposed in 2010.

The rules set numerical emission limits for high emitting boilers and incinerators, which accounts for less than 1 percent of boilers in the sector. For these boilers and incinerators, typically operating at refineries, chemical plants and other industrial facilities, EPA is establishing more targeted emissions limits. The EPA also finalized revisions to the Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials Rule to provide clarity on what types of secondary materials are considered non-waste fuels and provide greater flexibility in rule implementation.

The EPA hosted a webinar on January 10th that summarized the 2012 rules and adjustment to the requirements published on December 20, 2012. The rules were finalized after accepting comments from the March 2011 initial rule. The goal of the rule is to reduce the pollutants mercury, particle pollution, sulfur dioxide, dioxin, lead and nitrogen dioxide.

It stated the four key takeaways from the revised rule are: (1) The environmental benefit and public safety health protection did not change (2) The rules increased flexibility in compliance (3) Maintained the significant cuts of implementation and monitoring costs from the original rule (4) Provided clarity on definitions as to what is considered fuel or non-hazardous secondary material.

The compliance date for this rule will be three years from when it is published, which should be in February of 2013. It is estimated that the cost of the revised rule is roughly \$1.4 - 1.6 billion, which is higher than the original rule which had a \$1.4 billion price tag. If you need specific technical assistance with this rule, you can get technical assistance by clicking here or contact Sara Ayres at ayres.sara@epa.gov or (202) 564-5391. ■

ALSC APPROVES NEW DESIGN VALUES FOR SOUTHERN PINE LUMBER

The American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review has approved the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's (SPIB) design value changes for all sizes and grades of visually graded Southern Pine dimension lumber, and recommended an effective date of June 1, 2013. SPIB will publish the new design values in its Supplement 13 to the Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, 2002 Edition.

The intent of a transition period is to minimize project delays and supply chain disruptions by providing time to manage design value changes. Producers and key customer groups should use this period to evaluate and prepare for the potential impact on their businesses.

Following publication of SPIB's Supplement 13, the American Wood Council (AWC) will work with the International Code Council to incorporate the new design values into span tables in the 2015 International Building Code and 2015 International Residential Code. AWC will also develop addenda and other updates to use with new construction designed in accordance with its standards and design tools, as well as recommended revisions to previous code editions.

BACKGROUND: ALSC approved new design values effective June 1, 2012 that only applied to visually graded Southern Pine and Mixed Southern Pine sized 2" to 4" wide and 2" to 4" thick (2 x 2s through 4 x 4s) in No. 2 and lower grades (No. 2, No. 3, Stud, Construction, Standard and Utility). This approval also included new design values for No. 2 Dense and Nondense Southern Pine.

SPIB and Timber Products inspection then completed the full In-Grade matrix by destructively testing more than 7,400 full-size samples of commercially produced Southern Pine in the two-step process, resulting in more than 300,000 data points.

The last major change for visually graded dimension lumber occurred in 1991 when design values for Southern Pine and other North American species were published based on In-Grade testing of full-size samples of commercially produced lumber. Since 1994, SPIB has conducted an annual resource monitoring program developed in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). SPIB is the first rules-writing agency to submit design value changes. Rules-writing agencies responsible for other species are in different stages for evaluating design values.

Complete information about Southern Pine design values is available online at www.southernpine.com. -- Southern Forest Products Association, January 2013. ■

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER	City
Brushy Mountain Dry Kiln, LLC	Greensboro
Chipanlog, LLC	Summerfield
Goodwin Trucking.....	Wadesboro
Jain Hunting Club.....	Chapel Hill
Kornegay, Timothy Logging	Albertson
Leach's Timber Thinning LLC	Pikeville
Wayne Reid, James G. Ent., Inc.....	Gatesville
Tilley, James R III	Raleigh
Tim-Con Forest Products, Inc.....	Williamston

NCFA LOSES EDUCATION SUPPORTER WITH PASSING OF WADE STEWART

Wade Stewart, 68, passed away on January 14, 2013 at his residence in Four Oaks, North Carolina. Stewart was the president of Keener Lumber Company in Smithfield and active supporter of the NCFA's education programs.

Stewart was born February 21, 1944 in Johnston County and graduated from Four Oaks High School in 1962. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in English from Campbell University. Stewart was a U.S. Army Veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was very proud of the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions where he earned the rank of Captain. Stewart was a proud Four Oaks citizen where he served as Boy Scout Leader of Troop 60, coached little league baseball and served as past president of the Civitan Club. He received the honor of being the citizen of the year for the town of Four Oaks in 1983.

Stewart became a Johnston County Commissioner in December 1998, representing District 3. He won reelection to his fourth term in 2010, which was scheduled to have expired in 2014. He was very active in public service, with a passion for serving citizens, emergency workers, veterans, and building schools for the children of Johnston County.

He is surviving by his wife of 45 years, Virginia "Jenny" Lee Stewart and sons Chad Minson & Ursula Stewart, Gregory Wade Stewart, and Jeffrey Wayne Stewart. Memorials may be made to Lance Oatley Stewart Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund, C/O Johnston Community College Foundation, P.O. 2350, Smithfield, NC 27577. ■

UPDATE ON SENTINEL LANDS PROJECT

The NCFA is a participant in the Sentinel Lands Project through the N.C. Forestry Foundation. The Sentinel Lands Project is a North Carolina State University cooperative project with the United States Military. The objective for the program is to secure adequate training air space for the military in the eastern portion of North Carolina. The proposed military training route is a two-mile wide "horseshoe" that encompasses over 400,000 acres. It runs from the coast to Wake County and Franklin County and around back to Pamlico County.

Bob Schaefer, who is the NCFA's contractor for this project, recently reported to the NCFA's Board of Directors that progress is being made on developing a White Paper on working forest easements and establishing a new 501c3 so it could possibly hold working lands easements.

The group wants to survey landowners to see what type of language and agreements would make the most sense going forward with this project. The easements will be term easements, up to 30 years, and will work on a reverse auction system between the U.S. Military and the landowners.

The new land trust will only hold entertain easements that include working forests and have a proper forest management plan. While the process has been slow, North Carolina is recognized as one of the leaders on this type of cooperative project and will be the model for other states. ■

LANDOWNERS' CORNER

USFS TO OFFER FREE WEBINAR ON INCOME TAX ON TIMBER FOR YOUR 2012 TAX RETURN FILING

The U.S. Forest Service will be hosting a free webinar, "Income Tax on Timber For Your 2012 Tax Return Filing," on February 13, 2013 at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. The webinar is designed for woodland owners, foresters, loggers, tax professionals and land managers. The workshop will be presented by Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, US Forest Service and Dr. John Greene, Retired Research Forester, U.S. Forest Service.

Topics will include: Tax reporting on timber transactions as well as the latest sweeping tax law changes from the "fiscal cliff" package. To access to the webinar: <http://forestrywebinar.net>. Detailed access instructions can be found at <http://www.forestrywebinars.net/faq>. The event is sponsored by: U.S. Forest Service, N.C. State University Extension Forest Resources, Southern Regional Extension Forestry Office, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. For more information, contact Brandon Hatchett at hatchett@uga.edu. ■

FIVE MEETINGS SET TO ADDRESS GYPSY MOTH MONITORING IN THE STATE

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Plant Industry Division has addressed spot introductions of the gypsy moth in several areas across North Carolina since the 1970's. The department is working with nine other states through the Gypsy Moth Slow the Spread Foundation Inc. and federal agencies to reduce the expansion of the gypsy moth into uninfested areas of the state. In early spring, gypsy moth caterpillars feed on the leaves of hundreds of plant species, predominantly hardwood trees.

The NCDACS reports that five counties were trapped either partially or entirely by N.C. Forest Service personnel. The data provided by Brunswick, Cherokee, Lenoir, Stanly, and Yancey counties is very helpful in monitoring gypsy moth populations across the state.

The department will be seeking input from residents in Caswell, Currituck, Granville, Rockingham and Warren counties concerning treatment options for the non-native, highly destructive gypsy moth. Field monitoring activities conducted by the department in 2012 determined that reproducing populations of the gypsy moth exist in these counties and represent a threat to hardwood trees. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Warren County Memorial Library, Warrenton.
- Thursday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. at the Carova Beach Fire Department, Carova.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Eden Public Library, Eden.
- Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Providence Fire Department, Providence.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Oxford Tobacco Research Station, Oxford.

You can learn more about the state's efforts in the "Slow the Growth" campaign and about the Gypsy Moth online at <http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/entomology/gm.htm>. ■

WNC AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler encourages all county governments and nonprofit conservation groups pursuing agricultural development and farmland preservation projects in 17 western North Carolina counties to apply for funding assistance from the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation - Tennessee Valley Authority grant program. The deadline is March 22, 2013.

The following counties: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey are included in this project.

"The ADFP-TVA grants are designated to support projects that encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forest lands to foster the growth of family farms," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "We're looking forward to helping communities across these 17 western counties preserve working farms and farmland."

Grants can be awarded to secure agricultural conservation easements on lands used for agricultural production; to support public and private enterprise programs that promote profitable and sustainable agricultural, horticultural and forestland activities; and for the development of agricultural plans.

Applications and guidelines for funding are available online by clicking here or by calling 919-707-3071. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 22. ■



NCFA Board Ballot...(from page 1)

Logging Company. A procurement forester for over 20 years, Hendrix has been with the company since 1995. He started his career with Canal Wood in 1992 after graduating from Pembroke State University. Hendrix has been an NCFA member for 15 years and a NCFA ProLogger since 1997.

Charles Kenley is a procurement forester for Keener Lumber Company, a position he has held since 1993. Kenley graduated from North Carolina State University in 1970 with a Forestry degree, but he served in the United States Air Force as a pilot for 20 years after graduation. Kenley started his forest products career with Canal Wood before joining Keener Lumber.

Keith McCollum is currently a procurement manager with Edwards Wood Products. He has 36 years of experience working with Federal Paper Board, International Paper and Edwards Wood Products in the land management and wood procurement fields. McCollum is a member of the NCFA's Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Forestry degree.

Mountain

John Culp has spent his 30-year career in the Appalachian Mountains, working from West Virginia to Georgia. The last 15 years have been spent as a procurement forester, first with Champion Paper and then with Powell Industries. In addition to being a registered forester, Culp is also a North Carolina real estate broker. Culp has a degree in Biology from Marietta College and in Forestry from the University of Michigan.

Fred Hardin, a forester, has worked for Gilkey Lumber Company for the past 20 years. Overall, Hardin has been involved in the forest products industry for 30-plus years. Hardin is a former member of the NCFA's Executive Committee, President of the Southern Appalachian Multiple-Use Council and the Appalachian Lumbermen's Club. Hardin graduated from North Carolina State University with a Forestry degree.

Mark Vollinger directs the sales and purchasing at W.M. Cramer Lumber Company. He has been involved in all facets of the operations at Cramer since his arrival in 1999. Vollinger has served on the board of directors for both the NHLA and the AHMI over the past 10 years. Vollinger graduated from North Carolina State University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. ■

Forest Roads...(from page 2)

the NEDC's lawsuit against the EPA is already in the works.

There is legislation currently being discussed in Congress that would simplify and reaffirm the status quo on forest roads. It is hoped that some of this legislation can be added into the appropriations bill that is being written to bridge the budget gap between the fiscal cliff compromise (runs through March) and the end of the fiscal year for the federal government.

If this cannot be achieved, forestry interests will look to see the results coming out of the Supreme Court's decision. Observers are concerned that even the best of decisions from the Court might not be enough to clarify the situation.

But, if the Supreme Court doesn't make a ruling, and legislation cannot find its way into appropriations legislation, then forestry interests will pursue a legislative option. In the end, legislation may be the best option for permanently resolving this issue.

We will continue to provide updates on this issue as it develops. It appears now that the Supreme Court will most likely not render a decision of any sort until late February or March. The NCFA staff certainly appreciates the updates provided by Chip Murray of National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) on this ever evolving issue. ■



Forestry Museum...(from page 1)

"The Forest, Our Home," a long term exhibit design created by VS&R (Van Sickle and Roller) exhibit designers, foresters, museum staff and museum board members, explores the history and natural history of the forest. The exhibit creates an intimate shared experience for educators, students, parents, children and the general public to discover trees, plants and animals that make the woods their home. It also demonstrates how humans, whether walking in the woods or sitting in a house next to the fireplace, are connected to the woods. It uses forest equipment, dugout canoes and the giant woodslabs (collected with the help of Gifford Pinchot) among other items from the museum's collection to tell the story of how the forest plays a major part in our daily lives.

The Friends of the North Carolina Museum of Forestry have paid for the cost of the exhibit's design. However, building and installing the exhibit is an expensive proposition with an estimated cost of a million dollars. While the state funded the renovation, there is no funding to develop, fabricate and implement "The Forest - Our Home" long term exhibit. This money will need to come from private sources. A fundraising campaign, which began at the North Carolina Forestry Association's 2012 Annual Meeting, is now underway.

The North Carolina Museum of Forestry is an integral part of a statewide community. The passion people demonstrated during the budget crisis two years ago proved the importance people place on the museum's continued existence. When budget cuts threatened the museum's future, citizens made their voices heard during a coordinated "Save the Museum" campaign in the spring of 2011.

Among these voices was a schoolboy who wrote "Please don't close the Forestry Museum because I don't want to be as dumb as my brother."

His letter, along with 1,000 other support letters from students, was delivered to the North Carolina Legislature and helped ensure the museum remained open and could continue to educate and stimulate people about this great renewable and natural resource.

Numerous temporary exhibits, including "The Forest Journey" are scheduled for 2013. Plans are also underway to create an urban forest around the museum. However, completion of the long term exhibit "The Forest-Our Home" will ensure the North Carolina Museum of Forestry develops into a destination point for foresters, educators, students and visitors throughout North Carolina and the nation. ■



The Forestry Museum is under the expert direction of Harry Warren.



An artist's rendition of what the entrance to the long term exhibit "The Forest-Our Home" will look like upon completion.

NCFA Board Meeting...(from page 3)

The following individuals were appointed to a one-year term on the board.

David Ashcraft, N.C. State University

Bob Bardon, N.C. State Forestry Extension

Dwight Batts, NC Tree Farmer of the Year

Scott Bisette, Assist. Commissioner of Agriculture

Billy Corey, N.C. Professional Loggers Association

Joe Evans, Committee Chair - SLT

Steve Henson, Landowner

Bryan Hulka, Committee Chair-Forest Management

Tom Inman, Appalachian Lumber Manufacturers

Kenneth Lin, International Paper

Jim Long, NC Tree Farm Chair

Parker Lumpkin, Landowner

Bill Overbey, N.C. ACF Chair

Wib Owen, Southern Group of State Foresters

Greg Pate, State Forester

Jim Gray, N.C. Division of APSAF

Rodney Shaffer, Landowner

Jaime Teel, RockTenn

Mary Watzin, Dean of College of Natural Resources, N.C. State University. ■



KEEPING LOG TRUCK DRIVERS SAFE

In the past several years, a number of log truck drivers have been seriously injured or killed while waiting for their truck to be loaded. These accidents include the driver being struck by logs, as well as being run over by loaders or by another truck.



TIPS TO KEEP DRIVERS SAFE

- Per OSHA, the only time that a driver can remain in the cab of the truck during loading is if the loader does not swing the logs over the cab and if the cab is reinforced.
- The safest place for drivers is out of the cab and in a designated waiting area that is both a safe distance from trucks being loaded and out of the path of moving machinery and other trucks.
- All ground personnel, including log truck drivers who are out of their cabs, should wear hard hats and high visibility vests.
- Drivers should receive clearance from the loader operator before approaching their truck and should be sure that the logs are stable and in a good lay before walking the load or applying wrappers.
- Loader operators must stop loading operations if anyone enters the danger zone around a truck being loaded.
- All loaders and service trucks should have working backing alarms. ■

NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVES FUNDS FROM RURAL SCHOOLS ACT

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced in January that over \$323 million will be paid to 41 states and Puerto Rico in two distributions to support local schools and roads as part of the Congressional one-year reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

"These payments are part of the Department of Agriculture's long-standing commitment to rural communities, schools and American youth," said Vilsack. "Our century-long support of America's public schools and roads is one of many ways in which the Forest Service, as a good neighbor and partner, contributes to rural communities becoming self-sustaining and prosperous."

North Carolina will receive \$1,902,474

The actual amount of each state's payment is determined by a number of factors written into the law, including how many counties ultimately decide to share in that payment. Earlier this year the U.S. Forest Service sent letters to each state advising them of the opportunity for counties where national forests are situated to receive a share of the state's payment based on the July 6 reauthorization of the act.

Since 1908, the Forest Service has shared with states 25 percent of gross receipts from timber sales, grazing, minerals, recreation, and other land use fees on national forests to benefit public schools and public roads in the counties in which the forests are situated. In the late 1980s, due largely to declines in timber sale receipts, payments began to drop significantly and fluctuate widely. In 1994, Congress responded by providing "safety net payments" to counties in northern California, western Oregon and western Washington. In 2000, Congress passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act that provided enhanced, stabilized payments to more states through 2006. The act was extended for one year and then reauthorized in 2008 for four more years. Last year's reauthorization provides benefits for an additional year. ■

TRIBE LINE

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

(1-r) Ashley Faircloth presented Jeff Hanks with a plaque in recognition of his service to the NCFCA as its Chairman of the Board in 2012.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY UPDATE ON FORESTRY NEWS FROM THE NCFCA DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.NCFORESTRY.ORG.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10	SLTC Meeting, Mclaurin Hunting Preserve
16	NCFCA's Forestry Day in the Legislature, Halifax Mall, Raleigh, NC
17	NCFCA's Board of Directors Meeting, NC Farm Bureau, Raleigh, NC
May 2013	
15	NC SFI SIC Meeting, NCFCA Office, Raleigh, NC
August 2013	
7	SLTC Meeting, Smithfield Chamber of Commerce, Smithfield, NC
21	NC SFI SIC Meeting, NCFCA Office, Raleigh, NC
September 2013	
20-21	Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo, Smithfield-Selma Area, NC
October 2013	
2-4	NCFCA Annual Meeting, New Bern, NC
November 2013	
6	Drake Landing, Fuquay-Varina, NC
13	NC SFI SIC Meeting, TBD
December 2013	

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