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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

MYRTLE BEACH BOUND IN OCTOBER

The NCFA's Annual Meeting, "Managing Your Market Rebound", will take place on October 7-9, 2015 at the Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort at Grande Dunes.

Members better bring their most comfortable dancing shoes since the Embers featuring Craig Woolard will be performing on Wednesday evening and the Coconut Groove Band will be taking the stage on Thursday night!

In addition to great entertainment, there will be plenty of excellent items, tickets and adventures for members to bid on as part of the Forest Education and Conservation Foundation's silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction benefit the FECF's education programs. This year's silent auction committee is being led by Billy Cipriani and Scott Askev.

The Thursday speaking program is typically worth 6.0 Category I CFE credits and this year's lineup should be the same. (Please see full speaking program on page 6)

The special room rate for NCFA members at the Marriott Myrtle Beach Resort at Grande Dunes is \$142. Members should call (843) 449-8880 to make their room reservations. **The cutoff for rooms is September 6, 2015.**

The meeting will get underway on Wednesday afternoon with several recreation activities and conclude on Friday with a board of directors meeting. Full registrations will be \$350 per member with a special accompanying spouse rate of \$250.

In addition to the NCFA's Annual Meeting, the Southern Forest Products Association (SFPA) Annual Meeting will also be celebrating their 100th Anniversary at the same hotel during the same dates. The SFPA's annual meeting will open with recreational events on Wednesday October 7, 2015 and NCFA members are invited to join the SFPA's chartered fishing excursion from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. NCFA has invited SFPA members to join us during our sporting clays event on Wednesday along with our welcome reception and dinner later that night. ■



JUST A WEEK AWAY FROM MID-ATLANTIC LOGGING & BIOMASS EXPO



Volunteers from the Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee were out last week setting up the layout for this year's Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo.

The stakes are in the ground and equipment is on the move as exhibitors start preparations for the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Logging & Biomass Expo. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19, 2015, for one of the largest live demonstration shows in the Southeast.

Tickets to the Expo can be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$20 per adult while **children 16 and under are FREE**. Please, no ATVs, golf carts or animals. Transportation for handicapped or disabled person(s) will be arranged at main registration tent for all visitors.

Once again, the Expo promises to showcase the newest equipment in a family-friendly setting in the Smithfield-Selma area. There are special programs geared for the entire family during the weekend in addition to the live equipment demonstrations and various competitions.

"This is going to be one of our largest shows in recent years," stated Jack Swanner with the Carolina Loggers Association. "We have sold every spot we had set out - even added a few more to tell you the truth! We have a great layout, a great location, and we are counting on a great turnout from our loggers throughout the Mid-Atlantic states."

For more information on the show, please contact Jack Swanner of the Carolina Loggers Association at (828) 421-8444 or Eddie Reese of the NCFA at (800) 231-7723 ext. 4. ■

FOREST SERVICE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Forest Service celebrated its 100 years of service earlier in the week at Clemmons Educational State Forest. In addition to adding his own congratulatory comments, North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler read an official proclamation from Governor Pat McCrory.

Robert Smith, the Chief of Law Enforcement at the NCFS, provided the opening remarks of the ceremony. He noted that the NCFA, which was founded in 1911, urged the North Carolina General Assembly to create a state agency dedicated to forestry.

In 1915, John Holmes was named North Carolina's first state forester and the only full

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Robert Smith

NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,000 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

The budget stalemate in Raleigh continues. Although a budget agreement has not been achieved quite yet, lawmakers have agreed upon a \$21.735 billion spending target. Now deciding on the details is what will take time. The overall figure represents a 3.1% spending increase from the previous fiscal year. The House's budget plan had called for a 5.0 percent increase while the Governor's and Senate's budgets called for a 2.7 percent increase. The NCFCA is currently tracking the following bills. ■

H/S	Sponsor(s)	Short Title/Status
H3	McGrady; Stam, Lewis, and Goodman <i>Senate Referred To Rules Committee</i>	Eminent Domain
H97	Dollar, L. Johnson, McGrady, & Lambeth <i>Referred To House/Senate Conference</i>	2015 Appropriations Act
H117	S. Martin, Jeter, Collins, and Steinburg <i>Referred To House/Senate Conference</i>	NC Competes Act
H183	R. Brown, Conrad, Lambeth, and Watford <i>Senate Referred To Transportation Committee</i>	Repeal Map Act
H318	Cleveland, Millis, Whitmire, and Conrad <i>Senate Referred To Rules Committee</i>	Protect NC Workers Act
H367	Brody, Bumgardner, Hager, and Waddell <i>Referred to Local Government Committee</i>	NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act
H378	Whitmire, Holloway, West, Presnell <i>Senate Referred To Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee</i>	Amend Criteria/Certain Ag. Cost-Share
H456	Turner <i>Senate Referred To Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee</i>	Clarify Weight Limits/ Ag. Vehicles
H532	McGrady, Jeter, West, and Fisher <i>House Referred To Rules Committee</i>	WC/Truck Driver Status
H 640	Dixon, Malone, Lucas, and Presnell STATE LAW 2015-144	Outdoor Heritage Act
H765	McElraft <i>Referred To House/Senate Conference</i>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015
H901	Waddell, Ager, Dobson, and Goodman <i>House Referred To Finance Committee</i>	Agribusiness Income Tax Exemptions
H907	Whitmire <i>House Referred To Appropriations Committee</i>	Strengthen Military in NC
H920	Saine, Hamilton, R. Moore, and Jeter <i>House Referred To Finance Committee</i>	Omnibus Economic Development
H927	Torbett <i>House Referred To Transportation Committee</i>	Reestablish NC as the "Good Roads State"
S 155	Bingham <i>Senate Referred To Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee</i>	Reduce PUV Entry Time for Farmland
S 361	Hartsell <i>Senate Referred To Rules Committee</i>	Occupational Licensing Reform Study
S 369	Brown, B. Jackson, Clark <i>Senate Referred To Finance Committee</i>	Sales Tax Fairness Act
S 469	Hartsell <i>Senate Referred To Rules Committee</i>	Occupational License Board
S 513	Brock and B. Jackson <i>House Referred To Rules Committee</i>	North Carolina Farm Act of 2015
S 572	Cook <i>Senate Referred To Transportation Committee</i>	Agricultural Regulatory Relief
S 592	McInnis <i>Senate Referred To Finance Committee</i>	Clarify Proof of Eligibility Reqs. for PUV
S 607	Rucho, Meredith, Brock <i>House Referred To Finance Committee</i>	Taxpayer Bill of Rights
S 656	Lee <i>Senate Referred To Rule Committee</i>	WC/2015 Omnibus Law Changes

NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SERVICE HEADS WEST TO HELP WITH FIRES

More than 70 N.C. Forest Service personnel are currently helping fight fires in the Western United States. For the first time in its 100-year history, the agency sent fire engines out West, too.

The three engines are former military trucks that have been converted into fire trucks capable of carrying 600 to 800 gallons of water. Two of the trucks are going to Idaho, and the third is going to Oregon. The trucks are being hauled on tractor-trailers.

In the past, the N.C. Forest Service has sent fire engines to other Southern states under a mutual aid agreement, but the agency had never sent equipment to the West.

"So far this year, about 180 N.C. Forest Service employees have been dispatched to the West," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "We are proud of the men and women who have committed themselves to helping states that are facing significant fire threats. The work they are doing will come back to us in the form of assistance when we need it."

N.C. Forest Service personnel currently are helping Western states by fighting fires or working in the command structure. The federal government is covering the cost of these dispatches. ■



COASTAL LAND TRUST IS NOW A CERTIFIED TREE FARMER

by Janice Allen with the Coastal Land Trust



It is official! The Coastal Land Trust recently received North Carolina Tree Farm certification for its Dupont Fayetteville Preserve in Bladen and Cumberland Counties. You may be wondering if the Coastal Land Trust going to be harvesting more trees?

No, this certification simply means any timbering that is done will be held to high standards. The Coastal Land Trust has always

been a proponent of forest management with the goal to improve forests for wildlife.

The Tree Farm Program promotes forest stewardship and sustainable tree harvesting. This low-cost, non-contractual program provides members with tools such as seminars, field trips and access to professionals to do right by their land.

The Coastal Land Trust is just like many private forest land owners in North Carolina that desire to leave their wood, water and wildlife in healthy and plentiful supply for future generations.

Landowners need to carefully develop and implement a forest stewardship plan that addresses how their forests will be sustainably managed and how wildlife, water quality, soil resources and recreation will be enhanced. Many landowners need the assistance of a forestry consultant. The Tree Farm program will have the forest management plan reviewed through a third-party certification process and occasionally there may be scheduled visits from Tree Farm Program auditors to make sure best practices are being implemented.

The Coastal Land Trust decided to become involved in the Tree Farm Program back in early 2014. Tony Doster, representing the NC Local Implementation Team of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Inc. encouraged Coastal Land Trust staff to reach out to its conservation easement landowners about the importance of the Tree Farm Program.

Staff researched the program, met with 14 conservation easement landowners, and were pleased to learn that some were already Tree Farm Program participants. Staff decided to put into practice what they were already preaching and started working with Jim Gray of JMG Forestry,

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WOTUS UNDER REVIEW AFTER COURT DECISION

The EPA's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Regulation that was set to go into effect on August 28th was halted for 13 states just days before by a North Dakota Federal Court. Just a few days prior to the rule, a North Dakota federal court enjoined the EPA from implementing the WOTUS regulation while litigation proceeds. The court found that the plaintiff, in this case a group of 13 states, were likely to prevail in their challenge to the rule and would suffer "irreparable harm" if the rule went into effect.

The EPA has responded by saying that this court ruling only applies to the 13 states in the lawsuit. North Carolina is not in this particular lawsuit.

There were actually three different federal cases across the state but the other two courts declined to rule on them either way. While it remains to be seen what EPA's next step will be, forestry interests are encouraged by the North Dakota ruling. ■

DEFENSE OF TIMBER TAX INCENTIVES UNDERWAY

In June, coalition of federal lawmakers sent a letter House Ways and Means Committee Chair Paul Ryan and Ranking Member Sander Levin stressing the importance of family forests and the existing federal tax provisions for private forest landowners. The letter is listed here.

The issue surfaced back in 2014 near the conclusion of the session when a proposal was floated to eliminate four favorable tax provisions for forest landowners as part of a tax reform bill. The proposal did not gain traction and has not surfaced to this point in 2015. The letter is meant to ensure that it does not need to come up again.

There were several North Carolina Congressmen/women to sign the letter including; G.K. Butterfield, Renee Ellmers, Walter Jones, Mark Meadows, David Price, Mark Meadows, and David Rouzer. The NCFCA appreciates their support on this issue! ■

SHOW YOUR FORESTRY PRIDE WITH A FORESTRY PLATE



In recognition of the importance of forestry in North Carolina and the state's status as the birthplace of professional forestry in the United States, the North Carolina General Assembly maintains a special "First in Forestry" license plate.

\$20 of the \$30 fee collected for each plate goes to forestry education programs in the state. The plates are available for purchase from the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles online and at offices located throughout the state. ■



PROLOGGER PROGRAM HEADS INTO 2015-2016 YEAR WITH 1,440 PROLOGGERS

The NCFA's ProLogger program recently completed its annual training year on June 30th - the deadline for completing the annual training module, which was Module 15 this year, and submitting dues.



The NCFA would like to thank all of its member companies that hosted classes throughout the year to assist ProLoggers in their pursuit of this valuable training.

We certainly appreciate our ProLoggers taking the time out of their schedules to attend one of the classes and continuing to be a member of our organization.

There are now 1,440 ProLoggers in the program with an additional 56 loggers currently waiting to take the next base class in Marion in September.

Any ProLogger who failed to take Module 15 or pay his/her dues must follow the reinstatement process or take the base class over again. ■

PROLOGGER BASE CLASS SCHEDULE

September 23-25, 2015.....McDowell CC, Marion, NC



The ProLogger base course heads back to Marion this month. This is a field day photo from last year's class as NC Department of Labor's Leighton Dowdle leads a discussion.

MODULE 16 TOPICS FINALIZED FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRAINING

The topics for the 2015-2015 training module, Module 16, have been finalized and will cover the three basic elements of the program - environment, business and safety.

The NCFA is now cooperating with South Carolina and Florida to share training materials to reduce production costs for each group. This year marks the first year of the cooperative agreement where each association will share one segment. The NCFA will be sharing its Truck Safety segment with South Carolina and in return the NCFA will be received a Logging Cost feature. The topics in the NCFA's Module 16 will be 1) Logging Costs, 2) Biodiversity, 3) PPE Review and Maintenance, and 4) Truck Safety. The module was again produced by FireHorse Films.

Topics for each module are generated throughout the year with discussions with the Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee and the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee. ■

NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	City
Anderson Farms		Tarboro
Bain, Phil.....		Ivor, VA
Best, Ken.....		Wake Forest
Big Slick Rock Hunt Club		Andrews
Big Slick Rock LLC.....		Asheville
Bullard, Joe.....		Salisbury
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Ellis, June.....		Laurel Hill
Hain, Fred.....		Raleigh
Kevin Johnson Hunt Club.....		Troy
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Miller, Anthony		Margarettsville
Rickman, Mitchell		Mill Spring
Rut N Tusk.....		Old Fort
Sanchez, Edgar		White Oak
T & A Wood Products LLC.....		Troy
Timothy Arey Hunt Club.....		Concord
Topton Hunting Club.....		Robbinsville
Whetten, Ross		Raleigh

SHORT COURSE TO BE OFFERED ON DEHUMIDIFICATION DRYING OF LUMBER

This short course, which provides practical knowledge about using dehumidification to produce kiln dried lumber, and the scientific background on related wood properties, will take place on October 8-9, 2015 at North Carolina State University.

It will have value for those kiln operators beginning to operate a dehumidification kiln and those considering the purchase of a dehumidification kiln. For more information, go online at <http://www.ncsu-feop.org/biomaterials/> or by calling (919) 515-9563. ■

WILMINGTON CAMP MOVES TO NOVEMBER 2-6, 2015

The NCFA's next Forestry & Environmental Camp will take place at McRae Park in Wilmington on November 2-6, 2015. The camp was originally scheduled to take place a week earlier, but due to a school half-day, the camp has been pushed back a week.

The NCFA will be looking for volunteers to help facilitate the program. The camp runs from Monday through Friday. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Brown (cbrown@ncforestry.org) or Eddie Reese (ereese@ncforestry.org) at (800) 231-7723.

The camp will host students from Grise and Murray Middle Schools. ■

NCFS Celebrates 100 Years...(from page 1)

time employee. Today, the service-first organization has over 600 staff members dedicated to the health and productivity of North Carolina's forest resources.

NCFA Executive Vice President, Pryor Gibson, presented Commissioner Troxler with a commemorative Pulaski on behalf of the entire NCFA membership in appreciation for the efforts of the North Carolina Forest Service staff that is so important to the health and productivity of our state's forests.

The ceremony concluded with some anniversary cake that was tasty and refreshments. The NCFS had set up several vehicles and a plane around the main tent. Clemmons is the first Educational State Forest, established in 1976, of a total of seven educational forests across the state. ■



(right) NCFA Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson presented NC Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler (left) and Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Scott Bissette with a commemorative Pulaski in honor of the NC Forest Service's 100 Year Anniversary during the ceremony.

Coastal Land Trust...(from page 3)

Inc. to apply for Tree Farm Certification for the Dupont Fayetteville Preserve.

Being a Tree Farm member will require Coastal Land Trust to periodically update its Dupont Fayetteville Forest Management Plan, and to keep good records of all activities. Any timbering must be performed by timber harvesters known to carry out good timbering practices. It is a win-win to be a member of this network of forest landowners conserving our forest heritage. ■



Veteran Tree Farm volunteers Bill Pickins and Greg Conner pose for a photo before the start of the NC Tree Farm's 2014 Annual Meeting and Field Tour.

THANKS TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORS

The NCFA would like to thank all of the companies that are sponsoring the Annual Meeting this year. This level of support not only makes the meeting possible, it makes it a success!

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LANDOWNERS

NWTF TO HOST LANDOWNER WORKSHOP

The National Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting a Forestry & Wildlife Management Workshop for private landowners at the Northampton County Cultural & Wellness Center in Jackson, NC on Friday, September 25, 2015.

The workshop cost is \$10 and is payable at the door the day of the event. Topics will include Forestry & Wildlife Management, the Benefits of Forest Certification, Opportunities for Financial and Technical Assistance.

For more information, please contact Graham Hanson at (678) 617-7343 or GHanson@nwtf.net. Landowners can register by calling Northampton Extension Office at (252) 534-2711. ■

FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS
Friday, September 25, 2015
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Northampton County Cultural and Wellness Center
 9536 NC 305, Jackson, NC 27845

8:00 a.m. Check-in & Registration
 8:30 a.m. Introduction & Welcome | Review Purpose of the workshop
 8:45 a.m. Current Timber Markets & Trends | Carolina Loggers Association How management of several forest products can benefit landowners
 9:15 a.m. Forest Certification | Sustainable Forestry Initiative What certification is & its benefits for private landowners
 9:45 a.m. Break Coffee, Drinks & Snacks
 10:05 a.m. Timber Management & Economics | NC Forest Service Long-term management incorporating timber & habitat diversity
 10:55 a.m. Early Successional Wildlife Habitat Management | NC Wildlife Resources Commission Managing for wildlife habitat diversity in open & transitional areas
 11:05 a.m. Break Coffee, Drinks & Snacks
 11:25 a.m. Honey Bees & Pollinator Management | Honey Bee Care The status of honey bee health & how private landowners can make a difference
 11:55 a.m. Technical & Financial Assistance Resources | Multiple Direct contacts for information, management, costs & federal programs for wood
 12:10 p.m. Lunch & Karaoke Spoken | Dr. Pat Bradley, Professor Emeritus, NC State Presentation on working for timber, wildlife & recreation on your land. A locally sourced lunch provided with admission
 1:10 p.m. Final Questions & Discussion Session | Multiple An open forum of natural resource professionals to answer any related questions
 1:40 p.m. Field Trip | 2015 North Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year (Landscape 20 people) View active timber management, wildlife habitat, prescribed burning & more
 4:30 p.m. Adjourn




MBCI HOLDS PUBLIC SIGNING TO HIGHLIGHT PILOT PROJECT

The Market Based Conservation Initiative officially completed the contracting phase of its pilot project that is a part of the North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes. The goal of the Sentinel Landscape project is to conserve working farms and forests while providing training friendly areas for our military.

As one of the partners in this project, the NCFA's Executive Vice President Pryor Gibson was on hand to participate in the signing of the proclamation. The NCFA also had its display, the NC SFI SIC banner, and landowner information. ■



Landowners participating in the MBCI program signed the first proclamation of the program at a ceremony in August.

NC TREE FARM ANNUAL MEETING HEADS TO STATESVILLE OCTOBER 17, 2015

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program will be holding its 2015 Annual Meeting in Statesville this year.

Tree Farmers will have a unique opportunity to tour Richard "Jimbo" Shaver Family's 300-acre Tree Farm and Shaver Wood Products, one of the few mills in the state that processes both hardwood and pine logs.

The tour will focus on growing timber for the available markets. ■



One of the stops on last year's Tree Farm Annual Meeting highlighted the colonial production of pine tar and other related products from a tar kiln.

NCFA'S SPEAKING PROGRAM FOR NCFA ANNUAL MEETING

The NCFA's 2015 Annual Meeting - Managing Your Market Rebounds - will feature an excellent speaking program on Thursday, October 7, 2015.

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome, **Frank Rackley, NCFA President**
- 8:10 a.m. Welcome to South Carolina
Gene Kodama, South Carolina State Forester
- 8:30 a.m. SFI Certification Update on Standards
Bryan Hulka, Weyerhaeuser Company
- 9:15 a.m. Forest Resource Analysis
Mark Brown, U.S. Forest Service
- 10:15 a.m. Impacts of Regional Bioenergy Policy in the Southeastern U.S.
Christopher Galik, Duke University
- 11:00 a.m. Export Markets at Wilmington Port
Tom Leeds, Pacific Lumber & Shipping, LLC
- 12:00 p.m. Recognition of N.C. Forest Service 100th Year
- 1:00 p.m. New Markets in North Carolina
Thomas Mende, Klausner
- 1:45 p.m. Federal Tax Review
Linda Wang, U.S. Forest Service
- 2:45 p.m. TEAM Log/Chip Initiative
Jimmy Locklear, Forestry Mutual
- 3:30 p.m. Trucking Liability
Rob Moseley, Smith, Moore, Leatherwood, LLP
- 4:15 p.m. Protecting Right of Ways/Overhead Hazards
Duke Energy Representative
- 4:35 p.m. NC Tree Farm Update
Bryan Hulka, Weyerhaeuser
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn speaking program ■

EPA ROLLS OUT CLEAN POWER PLAN

In the first week of August, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its final version of the Clean Power Plan (CPP). The CPP commits the U.S. to an overall reduction of 32% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the year 2030. In most cases, the EPA is looking for power generators to shift from the use of coal and/or other fossil fuels to renewable energy resources.

The CPP establishes state-by-state GHG emissions reduction targets and requires each state to develop a plan to achieve this level. Each state will have to submit a draft State Implementation Plan (SIP) to achieve its reduction target by September of 2016. The EPA will approve each SIP.

Any state that fails to submit a SIP will have to use the standards set by the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) established by the EPA. While it mentions biomass, the FIP does not include specific parameters for biomass. This means that biomass would not be an acceptable alternative in a state relying on the FIP.

In terms of North Carolina, the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) opposes the proposed CPP along with several other states. North Carolina already has a projected goal of reducing GHG emissions as set forth in its Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) passed in 2007. Under this law, investor-owned utilities (IOUs) are required to meet up to 12.5% of their energy needs through renewable energy resources or energy efficiency measures. Rural electric cooperatives and municipal electric suppliers are subject to a 10% REPS requirement.

While the CPP and the REPS have the same overall goal, they do not have the same levels and/or measuring mechanisms so North Carolina would have to rework much of what it has achieved in the REPS to be in compliance with the CPP.

The NCFA will continue to monitor this issue and provide input that ensures that biomass continues to be a viable renewable energy option just as it did in the development of the REPS. ■

CONGRESS TALKING HEALTHY FORESTS AGAIN

In July, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan Resilient Federal Forests Act to address the issue of depleting wildfire funds while giving agencies the legal and policy tools to implement critical forest projects. It is estimated that more than 170 sportsmen, tribal, conservation, local government and industry groups, as well as retired forest rangers, have endorsed the legislation because it offers common sense solutions to America's growing wildfire crisis.

Congress debates this issue with the backdrop of another record western fire season. Over 41,000 wildfires have ignited across the country, burning over 7.1 million acres. This is a 172 percent increase from the 2014 fire season. It is also estimated that the U.S. Forest Service's budget will be spent on wildfire suppression this year.

The Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities (HFHC) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization supporting solutions to restore the health of our federal forests and rural forested communities. You can go online at <http://www.healthyforests.org/> for more information. ■



WHERE ARE YOU?

By Bryan Wagner, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

As our logging members know, Forestry Mutual field staff must visit your job at least once a year. We sometimes get amused at some of the directions given to us to get to the logging job.

One of the classic set of directions goes like this. Get off the hard-top road; take the second left, by the old tree; go about two miles, take the fork to the left, there's an old Ford tractor with the hood off; go about one mile or so, there will be a yellow house with a big black dog in the yard, we are the second path to the left.

Darned! If that big black dog wasn't in the fence, by the house!!! Sometimes, the loss control staff gets, "It's really complicated getting in here, meet me at the store, and you can follow me into the job."

While some of these stories are humorous, we need to think. When I get these types of directions to the woods, I often ask a question. How would you get first responders or an ambulance into this job, FAST? The question asked often gets the thought process going.

I feel, two things have to be addressed here. You and your

employees need to know exactly where you are. You and your employees need to know exactly where the nearest emergency services are located.

We often hear first responders refer to the "Golden Hour". If they can get an accident victim to a medical facility within one hour, the chances of saving a life increases dramatically. Exact, precise job directions aid in obtaining the Golden Hour.

Now days, there are several "tools" available to help with navigation. GPS units and smart phones with GPS capability can pin-point a location fast. Usually, both units will recognize a physical address, and a latitude-Longitude coordinate to your location.

- ✓ Physical address can be taken from a nearby mail box.
- ✓ Physical address can be taken off the plot map of the tract you are cutting.
- ✓ Longitude/Latitude coordinates can be obtained from your GPS or smart phone.
- ✓ Post written, exact directions to the job in the service truck or loader, preferably both!
- ✓ Locate a suitable Landing Zone (LZ), on the job or nearby, should Life Flight has to be called.
- ✓ Make sure your "Trucks Entering" signs are up, this helps greatly in identifying your entrance.
- ✓ Use your Logger Check-List book. There is a page dedicated to local emergency numbers. Make several copies if needed, you change locations frequently. If you don't have a book, ask your field-rep, he will get you one.

I'll leave you with a recent humorous set of directions. We were following directions to the job. One of the directions called for, look for the goat on the front porch; take the next left, we are two miles down on the right. Again, that darned goat was on the porch!!!

Getting back to business, make sure you can direct people to your job site, FAST. As always, be careful out there! ■



(right) Bryan Wagner discusses log deck safety in Williamston during a ProLogger base class.

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***The Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo
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MEETINGS

Board of Directors

October 9, 2015 at Marriott in Myrtle Beach, SC

Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee

September 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Smithfield Chamber of Commerce

NC SFI State Implementation Committee

August 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at NCFAs office, Raleigh, NC

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

September 18-19, 2015 - Mid-Atlantic Logging Expo,

Smithfield-Selma area.

October 7-9, 2015 - NCFAs Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC.

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