

TREE LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

NCFA BOARD MEETS IN RALEIGH

The NCFA's Board of Directors met in Raleigh the day after the Friends of Forestry Reverse Raffle. The meeting was the first opportunity to meet with newly appointed Executive Vice President John Hatcher as well as hear updates on the NCFA's programs.

The main action item was a review of the third-party audit of the NCFA and FECF by certified accountant Dan Byers. Byers operates his own company in addition to serving as a partner at Bassett & Associates P.A. Dan and Rhonda McNairy, who provides accounting support for the NCFA and FECF, were unable to make the meeting in person due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

The NCFA, FECF and FFPAC all received clean reports, and copies of the complete reports will be delivered to the board.

It is also worth noting that the NCFA's Annual Meeting will take place in Raleigh this year - October 10-12, 2018. Please mark it down on your calendar!

In addition to a political overview by the entertaining John Davis, members will hear presentations on emerging markets and forest management as it pertains to water quality and outside threats.

The NCFA will be combining efforts with North Carolina State University on the program and social activities.

Sponsorships letters have been sent out to support the meeting.

There also will be an opportunity for members to sponsor forestry students from North Carolina State University so they can attend the meeting. You can contact John Hatcher (800) 231-7723 ext. 5 if you would like to participate in this special program. ■

SFTE VISITS PIEDMONT IN FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THREE SESSIONS THIS SUMMER

Amy had the best of intentions, but Mother Nature was just not going to cooperate! Amy Juliana, the NCFA's Education Programs Manager, changed up the schedule of the three Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE) from last year in an effort to find some cooler temperatures for the Piedmont Experience.

The Piedmont tour includes a visit to Jordan Timberlands and an active logging operation. In previous years, the Piedmont stop took place in July and as one can imagine, teachers were greeted with some warm temperatures.

So, Juliana took the proactive step and flipped the Mountain and Piedmont dates to beat the heat to some degree. Unfortunately, a summer heat wave came early to North Carolina. The 33 teachers persevered through the heat to gain a firsthand knowledge of the forest products industry.

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Teachers line up for a photo before a tour of Troy Lumber Company.

SHAVER WINS FFPAC CHAMPIONSHIP BELT FOR SELLING MOST TICKETS

In somewhat of an upset, Jimbo Shaver of Shaver Wood Products turned in 130 tickets a day before the drawing to take the top spot in the ticket selling competition. Shaver was able to edge out traditional top ticket sellers Bruce Evans of Jordan Lumber & Supply Company and Allen Whitesell of Troy Lumber Company. Congrats to Jimbo for a job well done! Staff will be getting out to officially present Jimbo with his title belt in the coming weeks.



Overall, the FFPAC sold 1,000 tickets for the first time in the history of the raffle. The raffle and straight donations put the fundraising effort for 2018 just over \$32,000! Again, this is a new all-time high for the Friends of Forestry PAC.

The drawing took place on June 5th at the Raleigh Garden Inn Hilton and just over 25 members showed up to take in the drawing and enjoy a night of fellowship.

In the end, the drawing came down to five tickets left in the drum. At this point, the participants are allowed to share the jackpot of \$5,000. However, one of the five left had elected not to split the jackpot. Once that ticket was drawn on the next turn of the drum, four winners emerged.

Those winners include Travis Buchanan, John Gray, Sarah Hendrix and Lori Worley. For Gray, it was the second time in as many years that one of his many tickets was in the final allotment.

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Events, news items, press releases, job opportunities should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

A private, non-profit organization, the NCFA 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

NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAPS UP SESSION WITH PROVISION TO START BACK IN NOVEMBER

It is referred to the Short Session and for the first time in recent history this year's legislative session lived up to its name. The North Carolina General Assembly dismissed a week before the July 4th Holiday with the provision to come back to Raleigh in November to resolve any undue business.

Recent court rulings with generous awards against the farming community led members of the General Assembly to forward a new Farm Act that seeks to protect existing farm and forestry operations from nuisance lawsuits. The legislation was Senate Bill 711.

This legislation was supported enthusiastically by the North Carolina Farm Bureau, the North Carolina Forestry Association, and other agricultural based organizations. The North Carolina Farm Bureau hosted a rally on Monday, June 25, 2018 with its partners to support the legislation and raise the overall awareness of the importance of working farms and forests.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau held a rally on the grounds of the North Carolina General Assembly to promote the importance of working farms and forests.



(l-r) Nancy Thompson with Weyerhaeuser and John Hatcher of the NCFA participated in the event.

The legislation passed both chambers and proceeded to the desk of Governor Roy Cooper for his signature. Governor Cooper chose to veto the legislation, forcing the General Assembly to override the veto with another super majority vote.

In other legislation of significance to the forestry community, a new provision was added to the Present Use Value (PUV) Tax Program. House Bill 320 seeks to expand the types of land that can qualify for present-use value taxation as wildlife conservation land. The bill's primary sponsor was Representative Jimmy Dixon.

With the legislative session over, lawmakers and candidates alike will be turning their attention to the fall elections. The Republicans have enjoyed a super majority during Governor's Cooper tenure, meaning they can override a veto with no participation from Democrats. This will be the focus of the fall election for Democrats, trying to close that gap.

When North Carolina citizens head to the election booth this year they will be greeted with six constitutional amendments. The amendments include: 1) capping the state income tax at seven percent, 2) requiring photo ID to vote in person, 3) expanding crime victims' rights, 4) adding legal protections related to hunting and fishing, 5) giving lawmakers power to choose elections board members and other appointees, and 6) giving the general assembly a significant role in appointing judges to vacant seats.

The North Carolina Friends of Forestry PAC will be meeting in August to assess the upcoming elections and identifying candidates to support for the 2018 general election. Thanks to another successful Reverse Raffle, the FFFAC hopes to be able to support candidates that make forests, the forest products industry and private property rights a priority in their voting. ■

WOTUS RULE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED AGAIN IN COURT

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia issued a preliminary injunction against enforcement of the 2015 waters of the United States definition (WOTUS Rule) in the following states: Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Several lawsuits challenging the WOTUS Rule were filed in 2015 in different federal district courts around the country in effort to delay the implementation of the new rule. The states listed above filed in Georgia.

Currently, the WOTUS Rule is not in effect because EPA adopted a rule in February of 2018 that established February 6, 2020 as the new date in which the WOTUS Rule would go into effect, providing a replacement rule has not been developed by then.

There are four different lawsuits across the country challenging the February rule, and there is no guarantee of a replacement rule. So while the WOTUS is not in effect, the 11 states listed above now have added protection of an injunction in place.

As a reminder, to issue the injunction, the court found that the plaintiff states are likely to prevail on the merits.

This now means that the WOTUS Rule has been successfully challenged in 24 states - 11 in Georgia order and 13 under a similar order from the North Dakota federal court.

It is expected the EPA will propose repealing the 2015 WOTUS Rule and then move to propose a replacement definition in a separate action.

Thanks to Chip Murray of NAFO for sharing this information.

EPA POSTS WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS FOR PESTICIDE TRAINING

The EPA recently announced the availability of training materials covering the expanded training content required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for both agricultural workers and pesticide handlers.

The publication of this notification of availability triggers the WPS requirement that training programs must include all of the topics specified in the 2015 revisions to the WPS.

EPA is announcing the availability of new training materials covering the expanded training content for both workers and handlers. These materials, developed through a cooperative agreement with the Pesticide Education Resources Collaborative (PERC), are available online. There are also EPA-approved training resources are now available online.

Potentially affected entities may include:
Nursery and Tree Production (NAICS code 111421)
Timber Tract Operations (NAICS code 113110)
Forest Nurseries and Gathering of Forest Products (NAICS code 113210) ■

Shaver Wins FFPAC Championship...(from page 1)

"When you buy as many tickets as John does every year," stated Chris Brown, NCFA staff and FFPAC treasurer, "The chances are pretty good you might be around when it gets to the final 10 or so."

In keeping with his commitment to the FFPAC, Gray, who serves as one of the FFPAC Co-Chairs along with Ashley Faircloth, pledged his winnings to start off the ticket sales for next year! Thanks John!

The FFPAC will be meeting again in August to consider the next round of disbursements for candidates in the fall election.

"We would like to thank everyone who participated in our raffle this year," stated Brown. "The effort continues to gain momentum year after year. At some point, we are going to striving just to meet our top results, but for now, it is nice to keep setting new fundraising records."

NCFA staff would like to recognize the work of its current FFPAC co-chairs - John Gray and Ashley Faircloth, and would like to thank Charles Jones for his years of leadership of the FFPAC. For years, Charles beat the drum for our membership to be more involved with the Friends of Forestry PAC before stepping down two years ago.

It is also worth noting that several members to contribute to the FFPAC but choose not to participate in the reverse raffle event. We appreciate their support of the FFPAC.

#	TICKET SELLER/BUYER	#	TICKET SELLER/BUYER
130	JIMBO SHAVER	15	ED LISTERMAN
105	ALLEN WHITESELL	15	JAMES MALPHRUS
105	BRUCE EVANS	15	CHIP MILLER
90	JOHN GRAY	15	TOMMY NORRIS
36	DEAN ALSUP	15	JOHN PARSON
33	ALLEN PLASTER	15	FRANK RACKLEY
30	PARKER LUMPKIN	15	DENNIS STONE
27	BERNARD ROSE	15	JACK SWANNER
21	RUDY DAUGHTRY	15	MARSHALL THOMPSON
21	BOYD MCLAURIN	15	DALE THRASH
18	SCOTT SMEARMAN	9	SCOTT BREWER
18	LORI WORLEY	9	CHRIS BROWN
16	ROGER MELVIN	9	JIM DURHAM
15	DWIGHT BATTS	9	DAVID JOHNSON
15	DOUG BURLESON	9	CHARLIE MARSHBURN
15	KENNY CAIN	9	BOB PIPPEN
15	STEVE CRAWLEY	9	MARK VOLLINGER
15	JEFF EDWARDS	7	CHUCK DANIELS
15	JOE EVANS	6	JOHN FLETCHER
15	ASHLEY FAIRCLOTH	6	AMY PHILLIPS
15	FRED HARDIN	6	JEFF PARDUE
15	DAVID HENDRIX	3	PERRY HUNT
15	CHARLES JONES		

If you have any questions about the FFPAC, please contact Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or cbrown@ncforestry.org. ■



Dynamic Duo! (l-r) Dean Alsup and Albert Shaw made the trip to Raleigh to participate in the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature.



The NCFA will be hosting three offerings of the ProLogger Base Course in 2018. The base course is a two-day program that is mandatory for all professional loggers who would like to earn ProLogger status. If you are interested in becoming a ProLogger, you must complete this course and then maintain in good standing by taking a continuing education component, namely training modules. Please contact Chris Brown (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or at cbrown@ncforestry.org if you would like to register for the next class.



Date	Community College	Location
Completed.....	Wayne CC	Goldsboro, NC
Completed.....	Montgomery CC	Troy, NC
September 11-12, 2018	McDowell Tech CC.....	Marion, NC

NEAR MISS ACCIDENT INVOLVING PUSHING TREES CALLS FOR SAFETY REVIEW

Recently, our training partners with the North Carolina Department of Labor shared a near miss accident involving a construction company that was clearing a construction site.



The operator had been pushing trees over with his excavator when a tree came back on him. The operator saw it coming and attempted to get to the door. The tree crushed the cab and locked the operator inside the cab.

When they extricated the operator, he was a little stiff from being in a cramped position for an extended period, but otherwise walked away. The operator, who was roughly five foot tall and 100 pounds, was lucky to escape only with a small hairline fracture to his right shoulder.

Our OSHNC friends would like to remind everyone that there is a reason for having falling object protection on logging equipment. ■

NCFS RAISES ALERT ON GIANT HOGWEED

There has been some local news coverage related to Giant Hogweed being found in Virginia. This has caused quite a buzz as this noxious weed is toxic, causing severe skin burns and possible blindness. Consequently, numerous property owners in Virginia and North Carolina have called into local offices to report giant hogweed in their yards. In most cases, the Giant Hogweed turns out to be Queen Anne's lace or elderberry. In any case, landowners are still encouraged to call and be wrong then to ignore it and let it spread. So far, Watauga County has the only confirmed positive spot of giant hogweed in the state.

If you have any questions, please call Rob Trickel, Forest Health Branch Head, phone: (919) 857-4858 and or cell (919) 271-1950. ■

FORESTRY DAY HIGHLIGHTED ON RADIO

The week of the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature, forestry and the forest products industry was featured in two separate radio interviews on the Southern Farm Network. Southern Farm Network Host Mike Davis, who also provided the narrator support on the NCFA's media campaign, produced two spots through an interview with Chris Brown, the NCFA's Senior Director of Communications, just prior to the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature. Thanks to Mike Davis for his work on these two interviews. You can hear both spots by going online at www.ncforestry.org and checking out the latest issues section. ■

SFPA ANNOUNCES 2017 SAWMILL SAFETY AWARDS



Safety Stalwarts! (l-r) SFPA Executive Director Tami Kessler poses with SFPA Safety Award Winners Weyerhaeuser's Jerry Nix, Unit Managers Steve Higdon, Lenora Whittington and Benji Herrin. The Southern Forest Products Association's (SFPA) recognizes its top performers annually. Lumber manufacturer members are considered for the award based on information submitted regarding occupational injuries and illnesses. A total of 52 sawmills participated in SFPA's annual survey of safety records, representing nearly 19 million employee hours. Safety performance is judged by how each mill's safety record stacks up against facilities with comparable lumber output throughout the year.

Division I includes sawmills that produce 50 million board feet or less; Division II covers facilities that produce 51 to 150 million board feet; and Division III includes mills that produce more than 150 million board feet annually. The six sawmills being honored for outstanding safety records during 2017 are:

- Div. I Weyerhaeuser Company - Zwolle, LA
- Div. II **Canfor Southern Pine - Graham, NC** & Urbana, AR
Weyerhaeuser Company - Millport, AL & Holden, LA
- Div. III Weyerhaeuser Company - Bruce, MI ■

N.C. TREE FARM MEETING - OCTOBER 27, 2018

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program Annual Meeting will take place on October 27, 2018 at Laura and Maurice Hull's Tree Farm in Semora, Caswell County. *More details coming soon.* ■

FSC-US TO HOST REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Forest Stewardship Council US is exploring opportunities to reduce the risk of procuring wood from forests where important ecological values are threatened.

Through this initiative, the group will host three regional meetings: July 19 - Asheville, NC - Appalachian Region; July 31 - Atlanta, GA - Southeast and Mississippi Alluvial Valley Regions; August 14 - Portland, OR - Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain Regions

The topics discussed at each meeting will be regionally specific and relevant to the identified important ecological values of the region. To learn more about the meetings, the topics that will be discussed, and to register, please visit: engage.us.fsc.org. ■

A CAPACITY CROWD PARTICIPATES IN THE NEW BERN SFTE



Thanks to the NCFS crew of (l-r) Bobby Smith, McClain Davis, James West, Matt McCoy and Justin Olive for providing a top-notch tour of the Claridge Nursery in Goldsboro this morning to the 40 teachers on the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience last week in New Bern.

The New Bern Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience was a capacity crowd with 40 educators traveling east to learn more about forestry and the forest products industry.

One of the highlights of the Experience was a tour of the North Carolina Forest Service Claridge Nursery.

James West greeted the teachers and provided some background information on the Claridge Nursery.

The tour started at the seed tree orchard where James West and Bobby Smith explained how the nursery generates its Loblolly seeds. With each family type identified with a band of paint, the teachers were able to see the difference between family types. Smith and West detailed how in the process of taking the best of the best from each generation, the nursery is able to generate superior trees to offer to forest landowners.



(l-r) Bobby Smith and James West explain how the desirable seed tree is grafted into a root tree to produce cones of a specific family.

After seeing how seeds were generated, the teachers moved to the storage and sorting building. Timing is always key when harvesting seeds from pine cones.

NCFS staff pointed out that much of their machinery and methods have not changed much over the years, but occasional tweaks to the standard operating procedure over the years (some times from lessons learned) have helped the nursery increase its productivity of viable, healthy seeds.

The teachers then saw first hand the acres of seedlings



It was a full house in New Bern! Teachers posed for a photo in the seed orchard.

making their way out of the ground in various settings. There is a section for hardwood seedlings. Another area includes dry-root seedlings (predominately Loblolly Pine), and then finally, the container seedlings.

Teachers were impressed with the scale of the operation at Claridge and the impact it has on the entire state.

"This tour is great," stated one teacher. "It has turned me from a Tree Hugger to a Forester Hugger."

The SFTE started on Monday afternoon with trip to the Croatan National Forest before heading to the Claridge Nursery on Tuesday morning. The group visited Wayne Community College on Tuesday afternoon. On Thursday, the SFTE went back out to the woods with a tour of Weyerhaeuser's Timberlands followed by a stop at International Paper.

The NCFA would like to thank the following individuals for their volunteer efforts with the New Bern SFTE: Steven Maharrey with Croatan National Forest, Andy Wolgemuth with International Paper, James West with the North Carolina Forest Service, James Lewis with the Forest History Society,

Charles Daniels with Domtar Paper Company, Billy Tucker with Weyerhaeuser, and Lynn Jenkins with Wayne Community College.

As with all the SFTE's, the major sponsor of the New Bern Experience is the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee. NCFA staff and the teachers fortunate enough to go on these SFTEs are extremely grateful for the support.

During the New Bern SFTE, the NCFA did receive a generous sponsorship of the program from International Paper. Member support both in terms of financial and volunteerism is what makes this program so successful!

Thanks to International Paper for their sponsorship! IP presented the NCFA with a check of \$5,000 to support the SFTE program.

The next SFTE will take place on July 23-26 in Asheville. ■



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FALLING DOWN ON THE JOB

By Bryan Wagner, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company

In recent years, logging has become safer. Equipment design has played a large part in making the woods a safer place to work. Training and education programs are now common to the industry. Even though logging has become safer there is still great risk that remains.

One area of risk in our forest industry is the losses caused by trips, slips and falls. In a high-risk industry such as forestry, this type of loss seems “silly”. But the results of these losses are no joke as the potential for serious injury or death exists. Ground personnel and equipment operators alike are exposed to the same risk of slips, trips and falls.

BACKGROUND: On a wet and cool winter day, a mechanized crew was shutting down for lunch. The last truck was loaded and pulled away from the deck area. The loader operator started to exit the loader to eat lunch. While getting down he slipped on the loader’s frame-rail. The frame-rail of the loader was slick from oil and the recent rainfall.

UNSAFE ACT OR CONDITION: The operator failed to recognize the risk the slick metal surface presented. He failed to use a three-point of contact dismount and slipped and fell off the loader. He landed on top of a ten-inch Poplar log and fractured humerus bone in the upper arm.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS INCIDENT

1. Always use the three-point of contact technique for mounting and dismounting.
2. Keep platforms, steps and handles free from grease, oil and other foreign material.
3. Maintain a firm grip while entering or exiting a machine.
4. Proper footwear with good ankle support is mandatory. (No tennis shoes)
5. Keep your mind on the business at hand. Be focused.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GROUND PERSONNEL

1. Proper footwear with good ankle support is mandatory. (No tennis shoes)
2. Avoid climbing or walking on felled trees or limbs.
3. Scan from the sky to the ground for hazards. Identify possible risk and deal with it.
4. Avoid stump holes, loose or slick bark on trees and limbs, rocks, vines, uneven or steep terrain, wet areas.
5. Stay on the “uphill” side of all felled trees and limbs.
6. When not cutting, the chain brake on the saw must be engaged. More than two steps with a running saw require the chain brake to be on.
7. Maintain proper distance from all mobile equipment.
8. Wear high visibility clothing. Be seen!
9. Constantly scan the area for risk and danger.

This is a good example of how easy a slip; trip or fall injury could occur. The employee experienced terrible pain and suffering. He is out of work for an extended period of time and the employer has a “lost man” for at least three months. Production and insurance rates will be impacted. Even though logging has become safer over the years, it still remains a risky business. We must all remain focused. If we eliminate the risk, and we reduce the chance for an incident.

If you have any questions about this article or more information workplace safety, you can contact Bryan Wagner at Forestry Mutual Insurance Company at (252) 916-3376. ■

GOODS FROM THE WOODS IN THE CLASSROOM



Iris Mudd, an 8th Grade Science Teacher from Meadowlark Middle School in Winston-Salem attends the North Carolina Science Teachers Association Conference every year, and she never forgets to stop by the NCFA’s exhibit to pick up her Goods From the Woods Box and other valuable education materials. This week, Iris submitted this photo of her students using the materials in the classroom.

“My students absolutely love these,” stated Iris Mudd. “They work so well when I teach deforestation, sustainable resources, conservation of natural resources and more. They are incredibly interested in learning about the relationship between trees and the many products. We all are soooo appreciative!”

The NCFA would like to thank the North Carolina SFI Implementation Committee and other Public Education Initiative (PEI) participants for their support of the NCFA’s education program. The contributions allow the NCFA to produce and distribute quality education materials such as the Goods from the Woods boxes and posters.

Thanks to Iris for sharing such a great photo! ■



DON'T MISS THE MIRACLE SHOOT IN AUGUST

This year’s Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot will take place on August 3-4, 2018 at Rose Hill Farm Sporting Clays in Nashville, NC.

The event is one of the top fundraising events for North Carolina’s Log a Load for Kids program that benefits the Children’s Miracle Network.

This year’s shoot will mark 23 years of fundraising for the event. Earl Dail, the Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot Coordinator, can be reached at (252) 229-2344 or (252) 847-5437 if you have any questions about participation or sponsorship opportunities for the event.

In addition to sporting clays where the top three performers in all classes will be honored with prizes, the event features an luncheon and two different gun raffles. ■

SFTE Visits Piedmont...(from page 1)

"You just don't get the chance to see things like this up close," stated one teacher after a extensive tour of Troy Lumber Company. "It was spectacular."

Another teacher was impressed by the sustainable element of the forestry that she just did not consider before arriving for the SFTE.

"I am overwhelmed by the importance of sustainability within this industry," stated the teacher during a luncheon.

These were just a few of the comments that were expressed during the Piedmont SFTE.

The four-day program continues to educate our educators with a complete story from seedling to product.

"We are the greenest industry out there," stated Fred Taylor of Troy Lumber when asked by one teacher on what would be the single most important message he would like to get out to teachers, students and the public. "Less than one percent of what we bring in through our gates does not get used in some fashion."

After a hot tour, Taylor assured the teachers that while it might not always be pretty, the technology on display is state of the art.

"We provide quality jobs," explained Taylor. "You might get a little hot, and you might get a little dirty, but we have 15 sets of lasers in our facility. Computers really run our mill."



Thanks to our Troy Lumber Tour Guides! (l-r) Terry Brown, Ronnie Britt and Adam Sheffield provided a guided tour of Troy Lumber. Each guide had a speaker and the teachers were given headphones so they could hear the explanations of the equipment in the mill.

The SFTE moved to the woods in the afternoon as Chip Miller and Bruce Evans with Jordan Lumber & Supply guided the group through an active logging job and different age timber stands nearby.

In responding to a question about sustainability and forest inventory data, Chip Miller provided an overview of forest management for the company.

"Our company owns roughly 75,000 acres," explained Chip Miller. "We set out each year to harvest about 2,000 acres. At the same time, we plan on reforestation 2,000 acres. So, we stay even with our inventory."

In addition to the active logging site, Miller brought the teachers to a recently replanted tract and a thinned stand.

The NCFA would like to thank all of our education sponsors, especially the North Carolina SFI Implementation Committee for their support of the SFTE. It is a program that continues to deliver a powerful message of sustainability to our educators as they get to see how the forest products industry operates on a daily basis with an eye towards the future.



Jordan Lumber & Supply Crew! (l-r) Scott Askew, David Gladden, Hayden Sullivan, Justin Morris, Mickey Blake, B.J. Hill, Bruce Evans and Matt Carpenter

Thanks to all of our hosts! The teachers truly enjoy the opportunity to hear from the owners/operators/employees/educations on these tours. Special thanks to our point of contact folks on the SFTE including Russell Strong with Montgomery Community College, Chip Miller with Jordan Lumber & Supply Company, Allen Whitesell and Fred Taylor with Troy Lumber Company, Scott Smearman with Domtar, and Mark Patterson with Arauco. ■



Bruce Evans with Jordan Lumber & Supply explains the active logging job teachers visited as part of the Piedmont Experience.

N.C. FOREST SERVICE SEEDLING SALES STARTED ON JULY 2

The North Carolina Forest Service Nursery Program is now accepting orders for seedlings. The NCFS produces about 16 million quality seedlings for nearly 50 species of conifers and hardwoods annually, including an expanded selection of control mass-pollinated Loblolly Pine seedlings. These seedlings offer superior growth, form and disease resistance due to solid nursery research and production experience.

"Trees are one of North Carolina's greatest renewable resources and an important economic driver in North Carolina, contributing around \$32.7 billion annually to the state's economy and provide more than 150,000 jobs for North Carolinians through the forest products industry," said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

The NCFS nursery program has a large, reader-friendly catalog from which to order tree seedlings. Landowners can find information about the types of tree species, quantities and costs on the inside pages of the catalog. You can also visit the online seedling store at www.buynctrees.com. Seedlings can also be ordered by mail or order by phone at 1-888-NCTREES (1-888-628-7337). ■

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(1-r) David Gladden with Jordan Lumber & Supply Company explains an active logging site as part of the NCFEA's Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience.

If you have an event you would like to share, please forward to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org

October 18, 2018 Log A Load Golf Tournament, River Landing Golf Course, Wallace, NC

August 3-4, 2018 Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot at Rose Hill Farm, Nashville, NC

LOG A LOAD EVENTS

AUGUST

8/3-4 LOG A LOAD EVENT - COLONY TIRE SPORTING CLAYS MIRACLE SHOOT AT ROSE HILL FARM, NASHVILLE, NC

8/15 NC SFI SIC MEETING, NCFEA OFFICE, RALEIGH, NC - 9:30 A.M.

JULY

7/15-18 COUNCIL ON FOREST ENGINEERING MEETING, WILLIAMSBURG, VA

7/20-21 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AND LAND RETENTION PROJECT EVENT, THE CENTRE AT HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WELDON, NC


7/23-26 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY TEACHERS EXPERIENCE, ASHEVILLE, NC

7/25 NC SFI SIC GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING - RALEIGH, NC - 10:00 A.M.

7/29-31 APPALACHIAN HARDWOOD MANUFACTURERS SUMMER CONFERENCE, HOT SPRINGS, VA



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