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Unfortunately, I spoke too soon in the summer newsletter about the danger and damages resulting from wildfire in our forests and wild lands this summer and fall. Siskiyou and El Dorado Counties have been particularly hard hit with more than 266,000 acres of Forest Service and National Park Service lands burned, much of it severely—more than 415 square miles (twice the size of San Francisco or four times the area of the City of Sacramento). More than 33,000 acres of private forest lands have burned. The wild land-urban interface has been significantly impacted with the loss of more than 150 homes in the Boles fire in Weed alone.



The combination of the drought, and the high cost of fire suppression (California has already used its 2014-2015 budget for fire suppression and the U.S. Forest Service is moving funding from other accounts), the loss of habitat, the potential for long-term siltation of reservoirs, and the addition of millions of tons of Greenhouse gases (more than 11 million metric tons from the Rim Fire alone equivalent to the annual emissions from 2.3 million automobiles) has begun to gain the attention of policy makers in Sacramento. Forest Landowners of California (FLC) is continuing to work with other groups to keep the fire issue at the top of the agenda.

We have experienced a series of small but positive successes in the Legislature this year. For example, the Governor signing nearly all of the proactive forestry bills approved by the legislature including AB 1867, which expands the current 150-foot exemption for forest clearance around homes to 300 feet. Other bills included extension of the exemptions for fuels management to Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties for a three-year period. If you can utilize one of these provisions to reduce fire danger on your property, please consider doing so and sharing your experience with FLC so that we make these provisions permanent in the future.

The biggest change that will impact owners outside of the Anadromous Salmon region (basically coastal lands) will be the new road rules scheduled to take effect in January. The Board's goal is to minimize sediment from roads and drainage structures moving directly into watercourses. Currently approved NTMPs will not be subject to the new rules, but consider upgrading roads where the cost will not be too high and the benefits will be large. The new rules will require additional time to prepare THPs, so talk with your foresters soon. We will

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President's Message

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try and get training materials on the FLC website as soon as possible so you can understand the process if interested.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 21. At that time, we will be considering the best way to retain professional legislative representation for FLC in Sacramento. To date, the Board has received limited feedback from you, the members, as to how it should proceed.

FLC has begun planning for the 2015 Annual meeting to be held in Auburn, California on May 1 and 2. Should you have program suggestions, please contact Deidre, myself or any of the Board members.

As always please feel free to contact Deidre or myself or other directors if you have any questions or suggestions relative to the happenings of your association. Have a good fall and upcoming holiday season.



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Fall Legislative Report

By Charll Stoneman, Legislative Committee Chair

The 2014 Legislative Session is closed and the Legislature is now in recess until January 5 of next year. All-in-all this session did not threaten or prove to be of detriment to private timberland owners, and actually as it turned out we were provided some benefits with the passage and signing of the following bills:

AB 2082 (Dahle R) - allows for alternative minimum stocking standards in a harvest plan.

AB 2121 (Dahle R & Chesbro D) - expands the time frame to request an extension of an expiring timber harvest plan (THP) from 30 to 140 days.

AB 2142 (Chesbro D) - provides for the inclusion of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties under the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption as passed under AB 744 in 2013. AB 744 is an expansion of the 'Lamalfa exemption' to allow harvesting of trees up to 24 inches at the stump, rather than the limitation of an 18-inch maximum.

AB 2239 (Chesbro D) - provides clear direction on the process of notification and transfer of a Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) or a Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) upon the sale of a property with such an approved management plan.

Another bill of significant interest to our membership, which was passed and awaiting the Governor's signature, is **AB 1867 (Patterson R)**.

At the time of this writing, the California Legislature approved AB 1867 on August 22 and sent the bill to the Governor's desk with overwhelming bipartisan support. The only dissenting vote was Assemblyman Mark Stone who represents Boulder Creek, the San Lorenzo Valley and the greater Santa Cruz to Monterey area on the Central California Coast. AB 1867 allows California residents to extend the fire safe distance for vegetation and tree removal from around their homes from the present 150 foot limitation to a maximum of 300 feet. The expansion to 300 feet includes extra environmental protections which specifies minimum tree retention standards in the 150 to 300 foot outer zone and requires a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) to inspect and prepare the harvest exemption application for the site. Considering our ongoing drought and the recent dramatic increase in catastrophic wildfires, this is not trivial legislation. Note: AB 1867 was signed by the Governor on September 29.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1867 and the Small Landowner Plight, All Because Trees Grow

The desire to get back to the country or live in a more rural setting has created a reverse exodus from the suburbs and cities that has been ongoing for more than 40 years, and California will continue to see such pressure for expansion and residential development into the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). WUI homeowners are not only under the constant threat of losing property and life due to an ever-increasing risk of wildfire, but many are seeing loss of property attributes and/or diminished use of their property throughout time because trees grow. You have to remember that when many of these WUI parcels were created and first developed, a great number were likely cutover timberlands, and if not cutover were partially cleared for development of home sites and associated amenities. Many of the rural subdivisions and created ranchettes were developed due to companies or large timberland owners moving out of California and/or away from the timber business, and the standing assets would have been liquidated prior to parcelization. Although parcelized and partially converted to accommodate improvements, these lands do and are capable of supporting timber and are still considered timberlands under California Public Resource Codes (PRCs).

The need for better and further defensible space seems intuitive, and given the ever-increasing risk of big fires, is obvious. Property owners love their trees until they become a problem. The love of trees and nature is one of the reasons people moved into the country and they tend to let the trees grow without giving it much forethought. What follows is an actual example of one owner's situation on the North Coast, and I have seen many such similar situations throughout the years.

A young couple acquired a 20-acre property in the early 1980s that was nothing more than a brush field where a number of small conifer trees could just be seen peeking through brush. They cleared a modest sized area in which to build their dream home and have been on the property ever since. These folks were rather cognizant about "living green" and set up their home design

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Have a
Question
About Your
Property?

There is a form on the FLC website you can use to submit a question. We are building a library of FAQs. Send us your question—it might help another landowner. Or send your question by traditional mail—we will send you a response.

Go to FLC's website—under the menu "Managing Your Forest," select "Ask a Forester."

Member Spotlight: Carolyn and David Beans

Story captured by Denise Levine



On August 29, 2001, The San Francisco Chronicle reported: "Fire forces evacuation of Trinity County town. Hundreds flee "totally chaotic scene in historic Weaverville." The report went on to say the blaze, called the Oregon Fire, had quickly consumed 1,600 acres, forcing the closure of Highway 299. Smoke could be seen 24 miles away in Hayfork.

"It's crazy out there," said a CDF spokesman. "There are two heads on the fire, so it's moving in two different directions. It's ugly."

But Carolyn and David Beans knew that. They lived on Oregon Mountain, just outside of Weaverville on the way to Eureka, California where the Oregon Fire was heading toward the 80 acres of Doug fir, sugar pine and incense cedar they owned.



David and Carolyn bought their first piece of land on Oregon Mountain in 1978. There was no electricity to the property, but there was a barn, a water tank and a propane generator in a shed.

They spent their first years off the grid, building their two story house in 1978, by hand. Foundation and framed doors and windows went in the first year, but there was no insulation and David reports it was more like camping. They built an outhouse out back, lights and refrigerator were powered by propane and heat and hot water were powered by solar and wood.

Throughout the years, the Beans added to their property, eventually aggregating 80 acres of contiguous property. A few years back, they gave 40 acres of it to their son, who now lives on the property next door with his wife and three children.

David's background (a BS in Forestry from Humboldt State University and a 26 ½ year career as a property appraiser) was helpful as he put his Timber Harvest Plan (THP) together and logged his property from 1994-1996.

A successful harvest, the proceeds from the timber sales paid for Carolyn and David's property in full. And finally, after living off the grid since 1978 they were able to afford the \$40,000 cost of getting electricity to the property.

But then the Oregon Fire came.

The fire started just a quarter of a mile from the Beans' property, and a fierce wind drove it toward their land. David is convinced that had the wind turned toward Weaverville, the town would be gone today.

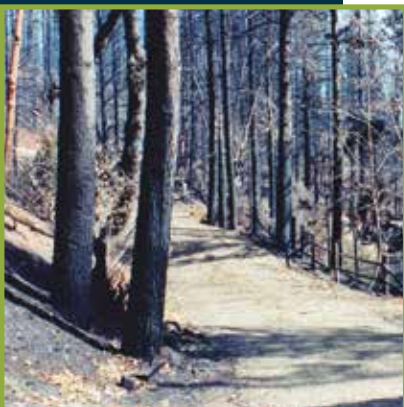


The Deputy Sheriff drove out to the Beans' property to make sure they were safe, and David sent Carolyn to town with him, while David, with forestry and fire fighting experience, stayed behind to try to save the property. Alone, David climbed the hill, surveyed the quickly moving fire and determined he could not save the land. He needed to try to save the house.

And then it became clear he could not do that, either. With the fire quickly approaching, David found a swale in his back lawn, and flattened himself against the ground. The fire passed over him.

A while later he tried to walk to the nearest road but the ground was too hot. A few hours later, he made it to the road, and walked almost two miles before a local firefighter, who also happened to be the coroner, passed by and picked him up.

I could hear David smiling as he related hopping out of the back of the Coroner's SUV to reunite with Carolyn. This might be a story to ask to hear in person at the FLC conference next year in Auburn. My conversation was with David, but I am sure that Carolyn has some stories to tell, too.



The effects of the fire were disastrous. The house was gone. The black smell of smoldering wood hung over everything. Remaining stumps of trees slowly burned for the next year, deep in the soil, where no amount of water could extinguish the smoldering roots. The Beans' discussed whether or not they had the energy to begin again. According to David, Carolyn was ambiguous, but David was sure he could replant and rebuild.

Devastation from the fire in 2001.

David reports State Farm was great, and their fire insurance policy soon had their house rebuilt. But the policy did not cover the trees. With a Salvage permit, David harvested and salvaged what wood he could.

Then, working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and funded by EQIP grant money, the Beans began the restoration of their property. First the brush had to be cleared and then discouraged from reappearing. David used a combination of burning and spraying. Then the property was replanted with cedar and pine. The trees grew quickly and made good progress.

Then the Weaverville fire of 2006 went through, and burned everything down again.

Once again the house was rebuilt. David had used part of the EQIP money after the first fire to pay for help to replant his property, but this time David replanted the trees himself.

EQIP funds and a relationship with the NRCS were helpful and productive. Compensation for work completed was prompt, and this helped speed the restoration along.



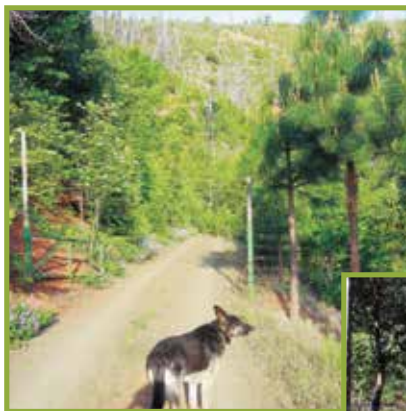
Trees received from FLC, planted 2003.



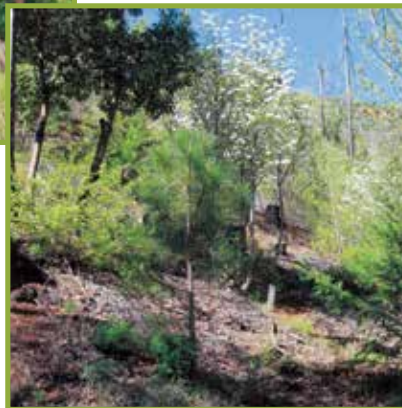
Pine tree planted after 2006 fire.

Replanting is not a one-time thing. Since trees are dry farmed, David told me the young trees, planted as container stock, face an uphill battle. Damage from browsing deer is a typical problem, and more trees survive wet years, than the dry, drought years we have been experiencing. In a wet year, the trees can grow a foot a year.

Life goes on out on Oregon Mountain. David's and Carolyn's property is green and growing once again and the latest trees are close to 12 feet tall now. The land now hosts three ponds of water reserves and David has had the property rezoned as a Timber Production Zone (TPZ). He and his family plan on living on the property for a long time.



Property entrance 2014 (with family dog) and view during Spring 2014.



FLC Website— News You Can Use

The website includes a new feature, “News You Can Use.” Currently, this feature contains a weekly update on the drought situation as prepared by a collaboration of state agencies. FLC started posting the updates beginning with the report on February 10; and subsequent reports are posted as received.

If there is information you would like to see in the new feature, “News You Can Use” or if there are other areas where the website could be expanded, please contact Deidre Bryant at the FLC office – (877) 326-3778 or deidreb@forestlandowners.org. We look forward to receiving your ideas and feedback.



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to take advantage of solar radiation from the southerly exposure for winter warming, and further set out solar panels to augment their electrical use. They built a barn with an attached corral near the home. Though there was an expanse of 15 foot trees immediately south of the barn site, they like the trees and left them to grow. At the time the trees were of such size that the home, barn, and corral area remained fully daylighted even during the winter. The fully daylighted condition allowed the family to enjoy the yard and to work with their livestock in relatively warm and dry conditions, even through the winter months.

Now fast forward 30 years. What once was perceived as brush field is now a continuous timber stand of trees more than 100 feet tall ranging in diameter from 18 to 34 inches. Throughout the years the owners only removed the dead, dying or poorly formed trees, and those trees that threatened structures with risk of damage by winds, for firewood use. The limited harvesting for firewood and minor maintenance of clearance around the structures was hardly measurable in comparison to the volume growth the timber stand was achieving during the same timeframe.

Throughout the years many of the uses and property attributes the owners once had have been eroding away because trees grow. The solar panels that were fully daylighted when installed, now only receive a portion of the solar exposure due to lateral shading in the morning and late afternoon from 100+ foot trees. During winter the panels are shaded for most of the day due to the sun's lower position in the southern horizon. The passive heating of the home's southern exposure is interrupted during the day as shadows from the trees move across the walls' face during the winter months. The barn and corral are now completely shaded creating a wet and muddy mess during the winter. During periods of freezing temperatures a permafrost condition occurs that can last for weeks.

The property owners approached an RPF to inquire how best to deal with this situation, for they were looking to clear just enough trees from around the long standing improvements to restore the uses on the property to what they once had. Their expectation was that such a harvest, though limited, would have some value and generate a small return. However that was not to be, for the clearing distance needed to re-daylight the house and its amenities was beyond 150 feet of the habitable structure allowed under a fire safe exemption, a permit application they could apply for and submit themselves. To restore the desired clearance would require some other permitting action. Permits readily available that would conform to the desired clearance were 1) a less than three-acre conversion exemption or 2) a modified timber harvest plan (MTHP). The conversion exemption option was dropped because it can only be used once during the course of the ownership period. The owners wanted to save that ability in the event they opted to clear for another unit or make other improvements that would require areas to be removed from timber production. Thus the only option was a timber harvest plan. Due to costs associated with equipment move-in in relation to such a small project, harvest plan preparation, agency review time and associated agency approval and the actual logging costs to complete the job, the owners were rather shocked when informed that not only would they not make any money, it would result in a \$5,000 to \$10,000 additional out of pocket expense to have the work done. All just in an effort to restore the property's uses and attributes the landowners once enjoyed, with an added benefit of greater fire safety.

This is only one example. Many timberland owners who live on their property or have a second home or summer cabin are finding themselves surrounded by increasingly larger trees. Such tree stature may not have been present when they first acquired the property and these trees are getting bigger each year. Risks to improvements now come into play from both storm and fire events. On the North Coast, homes surrounded by a wall of trees are completely shaded during winter months creating a “pneumonia gulch” condition. Under moist winter conditions, without sun and good air circulation, there is a constant battle with mold both on the exterior and interior of the home. Homeowners are not only finding themselves shaded in the winter, but are surrounded by a wall of tall flammable materials in the summer. Areas where families once recreated, had outdoor gatherings and enjoyed the sun under full daylighted conditions are now gone. Property amenities such as a view of the deer herd crossing the meadow below, the view of the city lights, the bay or ocean, or that snowy peak are being lost because trees grow. In each

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case, all the landowner hoped to accomplish through a modest timber harvest was to restore some of the property attributes they once had and have since lost—all because trees grow.

These are all actual situations observed in which it was tough to console the landowner about the limited options and cost associated with attempting to restore the uses and lost attributes of their property because trees grow. More options and low cost permitting opportunities need to be made available, and AB 1867 may just be such a vehicle. If the Board of Forestry properly conveys AB 1867 into usable regulatory language with some flexibility, passage of this bill will go a long way to facilitate such harvest activities at a reduced cost with an opportunity of modest economic gains.

Other Forest Policy Matters of Interest

(Source: CLFA August-September Newsletter, BOF Report)

Cumulative Impacts Assessment (CIA) - The Board of Forestry's (BOF) Forest Practice Committee (FPC) is moving forward with a new rule package to update Technical Rule Addendum #2, the Cumulative Impacts Assessment process. The present proposal includes several additional factors to consider or discuss when assessing impacts to the various resource subjects (e.g., watershed, soil productivity, biological, etc.). Included in the proposal is the addition of both Greenhouse Gases (GHG) along with Wildfire and Hazard Risk to the resource subject list. The assessment of GHG is already required through California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) but this will make it a more direct part of the CIA. During the August Board of Forestry meeting the FPC covered issues on most of 13 pages of the 27 page rule package under consideration. It is expected that future FPC meetings will continue to work through the package.

Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) - The BOF Management Committee (MC) is continuing their review of the WFMP rule package. They covered point by point written comments from the Coast Action Group and CLFA during the August meeting. Comments from CLFA centered around the need to maintain sample marking options as well as the option for the RPF to develop standard protection measures for sites, such as wet areas, instead of having to identify every instance on an ownership potentially up to 15,000 acres. Though there are still some fine adjustments to be made this package is getting close to going before the full board, which could occur as soon as the next BOF meeting. However, the timeframe to complete the rule package, submit and get approval back from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) likely is too limited

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Pest Conditions Report

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recently posted the 2013 Pest Conditions report on the Board's website. This report is shared with the landowner and RPF community because this cooperatively developed report covers the various biotic and abiotic stressors that afflicted the forests within California during 2013. This comprehensive report could certainly be a useful resource for both the landowner and RPF community. This is a large document, so please be patient when opening the link: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/PDF/2013_ca_forest_pest_conditions_report.pdf.



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New Members

*New members since last newsletter are shaded and for the period April 18 to July 8, 2014.
Please join us in welcoming the following new members to FLC!

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40 Acres, Trinity County

Don Beaty

W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.
480 Acres, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity Counties

Don and Judy Beaty

400 acres, Shasta County

Jon Burke

4300 Acres, Siskiyou County

Cathleen Christensen

Humboldt/Mendocino County
C. Robert Barnum Family Member

Del and Guillermina Clements

24.4 Acres, Butte County

Jon and Zena Coffman

Butte County
Donna Hall Family Member

Nancy Craig

80 Acres, Mariposa County

Shawn Davis

Trinity County
Fred Nelson Family Member

David Glass

El Dorado County
Yvonne Sansome Family Member

E.B. Hanlein

100 Acres, Sonoma County
Mary Coletti Family Member

David Hedge

Lassen County
Kay White Family Member

Chuck Henderson

Red River Forests, LLC
130,000 Acres, Lassen, Modoc,
Plumas, Shasta Counties

Chuck Henderson

Shasta Forest Timberlands, LLC
142,000 Acres, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas,
Shasta, Siskiyou & Sierra Counties

Jack and Jane Lewis

160 Acres, Lassen County

Tom and Jan Linville

280 Acres, Siskiyou County

Barbara Lyle

Mendocino County
William Stewart Family Member

Tim MacLean

93 Acres, Trinity County

Brian Oneto

250 Acres, Amador County

Robert and Verna Payne

70 Acres, Plumas County

Stephanie Rico

28 Acres, El Dorado County

Brian Schilder

Mariposa County
Loren and Pat Schilder Family Member

Loren and Pat Schilder

40 Acres, Mariposa County

Gregory and Vicki Shandel

32 Acres, Butte County

Stacy Snowman

El Dorado County
William Snowman Family Member

Frank Spurlock

26 Acres, Mendocino County

Michael Spurlock

89 Acres, Mendocino County

Nancy Storch

38.6 Acres, Calaveras County

Deanna Thrift

80 Acres, Humboldt County

Jeremy Vermilyea

Shasta County
Scott and Elanor Vermilyea Family Member

Jim Westphal

Butte County
Ted Westphal Family Member

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for rule passage for 2015, thus the opportunity for implementation and use of the WFMP is now January 2016.

Options for Smaller Ownerships - The BOF Management Committee (MC) is still considering options for smaller ownerships, which includes the potential Modified Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (MNTMP) for ownerships 320 acres or less and even another option for ownerships 10-20 acres and smaller. These have been on the shelf awhile as MC has focused on the WFMP, but with the WFMP package nearing completion these may get more attention in the near future. BOF Executive Officer George "YG" Gentry stated that he has gone back to the drawing board with the MNTMP beginning by adding modified language to the NTMP language for future consideration of the MC. In an upcoming meeting YG will also be providing a presentation to the committee with options available to the BOF for the smaller ownerships.

FLC 2015 Annual Meeting

May 1-2 • Holiday Inn Auburn

Join us for the 2015 Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn Auburn on May 1-2. The Annual Meeting program will be held on Friday, May 1; and the Field Day program will be held on May 2 at Blodgett Forest Research Station in Georgetown.

As you might imagine, the Annual Meeting theme will likely be centered on the drought and related issues such as roads and fire prevention. The Annual Meeting Committee has begun its work on the program schedule, which we expect to publish in early January 2015.

In the meantime, we encourage you to make your hotel reservation early to ensure you receive the FLC group rate of \$109 single/double (hotel information below).

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Book Your Room Online

Use this FLC specific link below to make your room reservations – be sure "FLO" is entered into the Group Code box.

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Book your hotel stay prior to April 10, 2015 – the FLC group rate is \$109 single/double and based upon availability at the hotel. Make your reservation early. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Jim & Lana Chapin
Carol Fall
John & Anne Fleming
John Gaffin
Ron & Sharon Harston
John Hughes
Heide Kingsbury
Bill Krelle
Daniel & Marian Lucero
John & Cynthia Miles
Jack Rice
Francis Schutz
Lawrence Spencer
Todd Swickard
Jeff & Patti Tienken
William & Kathy Waite
Jeffrey Webster
Kay White

Calendar of Events

These calendar activities are also located on FLC's interactive calendar on the website. Click on the Calendar menu for other details, such as registration information, etc.

2014

November 21

FLC Board of Directors Meeting
Granzella's Inn, Williams

2015

January 13-15

Associated California Loggers
42nd Annual Meeting, Reno, NV

January 23

FLC Board of Directors Meeting
(Location TBD)

February 5-7

Sierra Cascade Logging Conference
Anderson, CA

April 30

FLC Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Auburn

May 1-2

FLC Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn Auburn

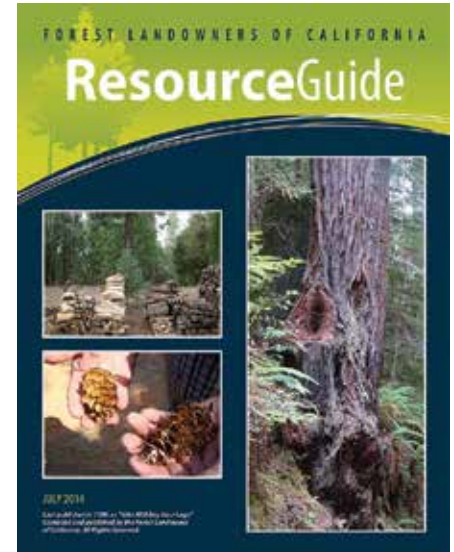


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FLC's Resource Guide

It was 1998 when FLC last produced a comprehensive listing of sawmills and log buyers—called "Who Will Buy Your Logs?" The FLC Board of Directors believed it was time to update the handy reference guide, making it available to members as a benefit of membership.

Toward the end of 2013, the Communications Committee, with Charll Stoneman leading the guide update group, embarked on gathering listings to include sawmills, log buyers, and others who are actively seeking to buy logs and other forest products. Because there is potentially more than timber to buy off your property, it was agreed to update the name of the publication to "Resource Guide." To offset the cost of printing the Resource Guide, we solicited a variety of organizations for advertisements. One of these paid advertisements came from the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF). In addition, Agwood Mill & Lumber and W.M. Beaty & Associates have been major contributors to FLC and their contributions included an advertisement in the Resource Guide.



At the Annual Meeting in Mt. Shasta this year (May 2-3, 2014), we distributed an initial draft of the Resource Guide to members with their Annual Meeting materials. We asked members to review and provide us with any updates (and corrections because information sometimes changed as we were compiling the listings); and we intended to finalize the Resource Guide and distribute it with the summer newsletter.

As an FLC member, you should have received your 2014 edition of the Resource Guide with the summer newsletter—if you did not receive your copy, please call the FLC office—we would be pleased to send along your copy.

The Resource Guide is a valuable reference publication but information changes and we plan to update and publish it each year. If you know of any changes to listings or have suggestions for additional listings or advertisers, please contact me at the FLC office. Remember, this Resource Guide is published with you in mind—your feedback is important to us. In future iterations of the guide it is our intention to not only include those businesses that are willing to buy resources off your property, but to expand the Resource Guide to include those professionals that assist you with your property. This would be the foresters, loggers, accountants, attorneys, estate planners, realtors, engineers, building contractors, etc., who have aided in the management, maintenance, and/or project development on your property. Thus, we are asking for referrals on those business and resource professionals who provide services in which you feel would be of benefit to others in our membership. We often get requests for professional referrals and the Resource Guide is one of the best venues to disseminate this information to our members.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deidre".

Deidre Bryant,
Executive Director
deidreb@forestlandowners.org

2014 Field Days – A Look Back

All Field Days are a wonderful learning experience and a great networking opportunity for landowners. In particular this year, we had extraordinary participation at all Field Days. Thank you to the landowner hosts for sharing their properties.



June 21 – Hells Hollow Tree Farm (Tuolumne County)
Barbara and Ralph Gaarde
33 Attendees



July 19 – Maple Creek Ranch and Tree Farm (Butte County)
Donna and Terri Hall
48 Attendees



August 9 – Seneca Tree Farm (Plumas County)
Elizabeth and Joe Smailes
40 Attendees



September 27 – Orr Springs Ranch (Mendocino County)
Lisa Weger and Craig Blencowe
46 Attendees



Firewise Forest Lands

A Community Demonstration Project

By Dennis Bebensee

The Forest Landowners of California (FLC), in partnership with UC Cooperative of Shasta County, Cal Fire, The Fire Safe Council, The Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the American Tree Farm Association, is seeking to develop a community demonstration project. The focus of the project will be creating and maintaining healthy and fire safe forestlands.

The partnership is looking for several landowners, in close proximity to one another, who would be willing to manage and carry out certain projects, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, as a unit. Landowners with parcels of ten acres or more are preferable, although it is possible that some smaller parcels could be included if they are within the project area.

Practices might include the building of fuel and fire breaks, thinning and biomass operations, brush clearing and tree planting, and timber and salvage timber operations. Educational opportunities for landowners, and the public, would also be created.

This project would still require the same permits, contracts and agreements, and would be done in a timely and efficient manner (THP, NTMP, etc.). Landowners would work as a group with a limited choice of Foresters, Timber Operators, contractors, biologists, and agency personnel. This would be somewhat similar to a "forest cooperative association," as seen in some European countries.

It is possible that this cooperative project would receive higher priority from existing federal and state grant programs. FLC and other participating agencies may also be able to obtain additional grant funding.

FLC and other members of the group are willing to help facilitate this project. If you are interested, or have further questions, please contact Dennis Bebensee at: manytrees@frontier.net.



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