



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

President's Message

As we move through our year we have all had our share of challenges. The wet weather this spring has made it difficult if not impossible to get raw material into our yards. People have had to deal with high water levels and even flooding in some areas. We've dealt with fires and break-downs, bad politics, questionable policies.

At this point, I hope I haven't drawn you into a state of depression, in fact I would like to accomplish the exact opposite. Over the years I have found that people in this industry are some of the hardest, strong willed, resilient people around. I have found that they believe that providing a major tool for forest managers to use in maintaining a healthy forest, and providing much needed jobs for their community is not only a good thing, it is the right thing to do.

So I appreciate what you do, and wish you the best when facing these challenges. Keeping our Association strong and our industry thriving is important for the health of our forest, and to the health of our local economies.

—Bill Baker, President

Copper Nap Update

In November of 2010 the IRA Board wrote the EPA regarding CuNap losing its EPA label and registration due to the expense of producing the unnecessary tests that are required in the Copper Naphthenate Salts Registrations Review. In June of 2011, the Board wrote the EPA again, describing the effects that the discontinued use of CuNap

would have on the 35 or so businesses that use CuNap to treat their wood products. The board urged the EPA to expedite by any and all means licensing to any company willing to provide the data being asked for, and willing to continue making this product available.

On June 7, 2011 the EPA replied with the current status of the wood preservative, CuNap. The EPA had completed its comprehensive scientific review of this chemical as part of its re-registration program in 2007 and at that time several studies that were needed to confirm the results of out of risk assessment were identified. Subsequently a Data Call-In (DCI) to all registrants of this chemical requiring the data under FIFRA was issued. In response to the DCI several registrants requested voluntary cancellation of their registrations and it appeared others were considering a similar decision, rather than to conduct the research needed to fulfill the requirements of the DCI. The EPA recognized that it is costly and time intensive to alter operations of a wood treatment facility and to move from one preservative to another. They said, "We also now have a better appreciation for the place that CuNap holds in this market and the impacts associated with moving to another preservative." In their letter, the EPA also stated that there may be interested parties willing to conduct the necessary studies to support the chemical and they said, "In the event that a submission is made, we will do everything we can to expedite our review of the application package recognizing the importance of a timely decision in the face of the circumstances facing individual treaters."

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IRA Directors Meeting

Phone Conference 6/7/11

Present: Bill Baker, Jody Parker, Darrell Miller, Scott Corwin, Kal Kovatch, Karen Kovatch, Kelly Gebhardt, Steve Tyser

Open Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Bill Baker at 9:00 AM. Previous minutes from March 18 meeting reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report

Reported by Kal Kovatch

First Interstate balance: \$2538.24

Vanguard Savings: \$7078.23

Total \$9616.47

\$2696 to come out for new IRA brochures distributed at March annual meeting.

Treasurers report approved

Old Business

The change in the billing cycle that was approved in the last meeting was discussed and letters will be out soon for those advertising in the newsletter.

E-newsletters will be a distinct possibility for those interested. Look for a flyer in an upcoming newsletter to choose between the hard copy or an e-letter. The board approved the questionnaire and some new software for the e-letter.

New Business

A discussion of CuNap and its status and availability...should be some solid information for the newsletter.

We are already planning for the annual spring meeting next march. The board is discussing locations and dates. Helena is a strong possibility.

Next Meeting

The fall meeting in September was also discussed, tentatively planning on the Black Hills area.

Adjourned Motion and 10:10 AM

-Steve Tyser, Secretary

...Copper Nap Update Continued

On June 16, 2011 Nisus Corporation sent out a press release titled, "Nisus Corporation and Industry Leaders Step in to Save Copper Naphthenate". After a short review of the issues involved with CuNap registration, the press release detailed Nisus's plan to supply CuNap. Nisus is recognized in the industry for its borate-based green technology, so industry expert Mike Freeman initially approached Dr. Lloyd, Vice President of Research and Development at Nisus Corporation, about adding CuNap to its wood preservation line. Nisus, working with EPA, has now agreed to meet the DCI requirements and is submitting a registration of copper naphthenate. According to the press release, "EPA management has indicated they will process the Nisus applications expeditiously so that there is not an interruption in the supply of registered CuNap. Nisus will be registering the products under the name brand of QNAP and has just completed its first successful production test."

It is great to see the EPA working with the IRA to find a solution for the CuNap issue. Wishing you a successful and blessed summer.

-Scott Corwin, Director

MT SBA Awards

Two former IRA Annual Meeting Speakers were honored in June by the Montana U.S. Small Business Administration.

Steve Marks of Marks Lumber in Clancy was named the "Small Business Person of the Year." According to Montana SBA the criteria were: staying power, growth in number of employees, increases in sales, current and past financial performance, innovation in services or products, response to adversity and contribution to community projects.

In addition, Christine Johnson of Clover Creative Consulting, Missoula was named "Women in Business Champion of the Year." Congratulations to Steve and Christine.👍

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Membership Information



Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our annual meeting in March 2012. The board conducts four meetings, usually two teleconference meetings and two physical meetings each year. Members are welcome to raise concerns and contact directors with specific issues and any questions.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be on **Friday, September 23rd, 2011** at the Spearfish Canyon Lodge, SD. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact Bill Baker or Jody Parker for more information.

Advertising

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Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or
info@roundwoodassociation.org

IRA Website

Log on at:
www.intermountainroundwood.org
Email: info@roundwoodassocaiaion.org

New Members

Thank you for inquiring about the Intermountain Roundwood Association.

Our organization is a nonprofit corporation representing the economic, educational, and social interests of roundwood producers. Anyone engaged in or interested in the harvesting, manufacturing, or marketing of small roundwood and associated products is eligible for membership in our organization.

Our association has been working for a consistent and stable supply of raw materials; presenting a united voice to government agencies and congressional delegations on those issues facing our association; working with government agencies on hazardous waste disposal alternatives; working to find State and Federal loan opportunities for small businesses; locating new out of region markets for members products; providing information on State and Federal Regulations; distributing a quarterly newsletter with pertinent information; providing advice to members in their dealings with governmental regulatory and land management agencies; and educating the public on the need to thin timber stands to provide a healthy environment and prevent stand-destroying fires.

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2011 IRA Membership Application Form

Business or Organization: _____ Contact person: _____

✔ This is how your membership will be listed on the back of the newsletter and on the IRA website.

Please return this form and \$100 payment to: *(Sorry, we do not take credit cards.)*

Intermountain Roundwood Association

Kalvin Kovatch, Treasurer PO Box 1275, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

Additional contact and services information for receiving newsletter, your personal IRA web page and the Membership phone and address lists:

New member: Complete remainder of this form. **Current Member:** Make changes as noted.

Current Member: No changes this year. *Stop here, as tempting as it might be; do not check any more boxes!* ☺

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: _____ Toll Free: [Optional] (____) _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

Email to info@roundwoodassociation.org or attach separate page. Limited to 150 words. Remember to include one photo or logo image to accompany your business or organization description. You may email photo or logo also.

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- Fence Rails
- Fencing Material
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- Gates

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- Educational
- Government
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- Horse Jump Rails

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- Log Components
- Log Furniture

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