



# NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013

Production, education and marketing of quality roundwood products

## President's Message

Evergreen..... or maybe not.

We are all aware that pine trees are known as evergreens. Apparently the pine beetle has put in their two cents in persuading us to consider a name change. You may not know that Lodgepole Pine is also called the Black Pine....unfortunately this name may be better suited for the Lodgepole we now see. As we all experience the changes the beetle has brought about, the stands we cherish and depend upon go up in smoke. Pondering the name evergreen leads me to believe that the naming was conjured up from some utopian view of nature.

Utopian views of things that are evergreen seem to abound today. Unfortunately, there are more than a few examples.

Green technology also attempts to leave us with a shower fresh feeling that our needs can be magically supplied, with nary a trace of our existence. This technology once built, is to be evergreen.....really? Being in business, like you, it is easy to see that this is another green that doesn't last and in fact only starts with an astronomical shot in the arm from government spending. Please remember that the term, "government spending" means you will be paying for it with every post you produce. Yet again, evergreen has let us down.

Another "evergreen" we are supposed to accept at face value is that government coffers exhibit the same old attributes of our coniferous forests. When in fact they directly mirror the current status of our pine stands. Our once boisterous economy, now suffering from the effects of government overgrowth, disease and infestation, now bursts into a scalding red inferno of debt.

Lest you think I am just beating the war drums, this debt affects us in many ways. We will most acutely notice the pinch of the debt through decreased funding for management of our forested lands.

We all have known for years that funding for the USFS has always been meager when compared to the vast amount of forested lands. Now allocate the already meager funding and devote a great deal of it to fire suppression and we have a recipe for increased disaster. In addition, state programs will be affected as well, since many programs at the state level also depend upon federal allocations trickling down.

I know you still hear the war drums beating....that's just your increased heart rate and anxiety on the rise. So while green technology, a government that spends green in the red and inflation loom, one piece to this puzzle must remain green as ever. YOU!

The fair share mantra (which should be spelled fare share) rings loud as ever. More tax income will be needed to pay for an evergreen utopia. The only way to increase tax revenues is for profitable folks like you to fight the good fight every day. Maybe I am a little naïve, but this harsh reality actually fires me up! (Sorry, poor choice of words)

Speaking to a group of folks that produce something tangible daily, you know the satisfaction of providing value to your customer while building your business through profitability. While profit may be a term that some see as greed, this "evergreen" term is all that will help our country along. May you be evergreen!



—Steve Tyser, President



## IRA Directors Meeting

September 20, 2013

Hanson Log Products in Buffalo, Wyoming

**Present:** Steve Tyser, Jody Parker, Kal Kovatch, Dave Archer  
Ronda Taggart, Rock Reman, Executive Administrator Karen Kovatch and guest Jeff Parrett.

Meeting called to order by President, Steve Tyser  
8:00 AM.

Motion made to approve minutes from previous meeting made by Ronda Taggart  
And second by Jody Parker.

**Treasurer Report:** Kal Kovatch

First Interstate Checking: \$5541.34

Vanguard Savings: \$4381.04

Total \$9922.38

Treasurers Report Accepted by all members.

### Old Business:

**Scholarship Form,** It was approved last meeting, it is available through the IRA website and will be sent out in the next newsletter.

**Board of Directors:** We need to advertise two board seats available. Board needs to replace Mike Croxton and Steve Tyser is up for re-election.

**Value to the Members:** The board went over the spending income graph from 1/1/2010 through 6/5/2013 looking into the history of income and expense making sure the IRA is giving the best value that it can to its members. The IRA offers the website, newsletters, scholarship and the annual meeting. (As long as members attend it).

**Annual Meeting Date: March 14<sup>th</sup> 2014**



*IRA members gathered in Wyoming for Board meeting on September 20th.*

**Active members:** We are down 6 members from this time last year, Steve, Kal and Jody will check on the 6 to make sure they are in good health and still in business. We hate to lose a member.

**Newsletter:** The question asked was mail it or e-mail it. All the board members agree to mail it like we have in the past.

**Website:** Does it need a facelift, and is there something cheaper or better? The board agreed to leave it be for now it suits our needs for now.

### New Business:

**Ideas, Themes and Speakers:** Topics thrown out were: Economy and how it relates to round wood business, or just business in general. Another topic starting to concern the forest industry is the Lynx Habitat, and all board members keep an eye open from our suppliers of any changing topics in the chemical companies or suppliers with new innovations.

**Sponsor-Vendor Program:** was a success last annual meeting, so we will keep that program this year as well.

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## ...Minutes Continued

**Member List:** We went through the mailing list of the IRA as a group looking for out of business or doing business as another name. Of the list of 300 we were able to consolidate or scratch off 46 on the list. A few more have question marks to look in to further. The next newsletter sent out will have in the address box ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED to help stream line the list.

**Member Incentives to Join the IRA:** Many ideas thrown out and talked about, the outcome from the board is we offer a great value for the small \$100.00 membership fee.

Our guest member Jeff Parrett gave the Board an introduction to The Intermountain Forest Association. Intermountain Forest Association develops and implements solution-oriented policies intended to provide a positive climate for forest management as well as a stable and

sustainable supply of timber from public and private forest lands. The Association also works to assure that regulations affecting our member companies remain reasonable. And they are looking for Members to join their organization.

9:54 Rock Reman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jody seconded it.

*Secretary's added note: A value that was not mentioned any member can sit in on the Board meetings, such as the case today Jeff Parrett was a great help with the mailing list, giving us contacts to go with some of the addresses we have.*

*—Dave Archer, Secretary*

*Photos below by Karen Kovatch from postyard tour of Hanson Log Products in Buffalo WY.*



# In Memory

The IRA received an anonymous note in August thanking us for sending the newsletter over the years but letting us know that Merrill Davis had passed away. Merrill edited the newsletter for a period of time ending in 1996. Below are excerpts from his obituary.

*Merrill lost a courageous battle with cancer on Feb. 19, 2013. He was born in Wallace, Idaho, on Sept. 22, 1940, the first child of Merrill B. Davis and Lois (Fair-weather) Davis.*

*Merrill started working for the Forest Service in 1958 while pursuing a degree in forestry at North Idaho Junior College and the University of Idaho. Upon graduation, Merrill received an appointment as forester on the Trout Creek Ranger district of the Kaniksu National Forest. Subsequent assignments with the Forest Service were at Sandpoint, Idaho, Eureka, Philipsburg, Deer Lodge, and Butte and the Regional Office in Missoula, from where Merrill retired in 1995.*

*Upon retirement from the Forest Service in 1995, Merrill worked part time as the coordinator for the **Intermountain Roundwood Association**. In 1996 he started working at Lewis and Clark Caverns for the*

*Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks. He retired from the parks service in 2005, although he continued to do volunteer work on trails and trail bridges with the parks service until 2009 when he was diagnosed with cancer.*

*During his lifetime Merrill received numerous professional and civic awards for accomplishment and community service. He initiated many changes that are still in place today. Though often considered outspoken, he continually challenged agency procedures and policies which resulted in meaningful changes.*

*Merrill was an avid hunter and fly fisherman most of his life. He enjoyed carpentry and design work and anything he constructed was always built "hell for stout." Wherever he lived he devoted countless hours to community service. He was a lifetime member of Lions Club International where he served in various leadership positions in the organization.*

*A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 22.*



## Pfendlers Recognized

Reprinted with permission: part of an article from the Western Livestock Reporter published in August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*"The Tri-County Fair -- held in Deer Lodge, Montana this past week -- provided five days of activities for all ages and featured the theme: 'Remember the Past, Enjoy Today, and Dream of Tomorrow.'*

*The 2013 Fair was dedicated to Leo and Sherry Pfendler of Drummond, who have been long-time supporters of 4-H, FFA, the Fair, and the livestock sale. Their three children were active 4-H members,*

*and today the 4-H tradition continues as grandchildren are busy with their projects.*

*The Pfendlers, owners of Pfendler Post & Pole, are active in their community as volunteers in a number of organizations including 4-H, the ambulance service, Camp Utmost, the community hall, church activities, Triple Creek Quilt Guild, and the Water Conservation District."*



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# Membership Information

## Meetings

Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our next annual meeting **March 14<sup>th</sup> 2014**. 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 **December 5<sup>th</sup> 2013** via teleconference. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Steve Tyser for more information.

## Advertising

Business Directory Ads:

Contact Karen Kovatch (406) 677-2932 or [info@roundwoodassociation.org](mailto:info@roundwoodassociation.org)

## IRA Websites

Log on at:

[www.intermountainroundwood.org](http://www.intermountainroundwood.org)

[www.facebook.com/RoundwoodAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/RoundwoodAssociation)

Email: [info@roundwoodassociation.org](mailto:info@roundwoodassociation.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.

### IRA Board of Directors

Steve Tyser, President	(307) 742-6992	<a href="mailto:lodgepole@wyoming.com">lodgepole@wyoming.com</a>
Jody Parker, Vice President	(605) 269-2233	<a href="mailto:jodyp@hillspg.com">jodyp@hillspg.com</a>
Dave Archer, Secretary	(307) 684-1402	<a href="mailto:dave@hansonlogproducts.com">dave@hansonlogproducts.com</a>
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Ronda Taggart	(406) 363-1456	<a href="mailto:ronda@porterbiltlog.com">ronda@porterbiltlog.com</a>
Rock Reman	(605) 269-2233	<a href="mailto:rockr@hillspg.com">rockr@hillspg.com</a>

### Newsletter, Advertisements & IRA Website

Karen Kovatch, Editor	(406) 677-2932	<a href="mailto:info@roundwoodassociation.org">info@roundwoodassociation.org</a>
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# 2013 IRA Membership Application Form

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

**Intermountain Roundwood Association**

**Kalvin Kovatch, Treasurer P.O. Box 1275, Seeley Lake, MT 59868**

1 Name of Business or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Additional contact and services information for receiving newsletter and for your personal IRA web page.

Like our Business or Organization on the IRA Facebook page.

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!** ☺

2 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Toll Free: [Optional] (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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## DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

Email to [info@roundwoodassociation.org](mailto:info@roundwoodassociation.org), limited to 150 words. Remember to also attach one photo or logo image to accompany your business or organization description.

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