



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

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President's Message

This will be my final message as president of the Intermountain Roundwood Association. I have "termed-out" of my service for this excellent association. This is actually ending my fourth, three year term, and there are several members that have served longer than I have.

We have several people interested in becoming a board member this year, but I would encourage anyone interested in becoming involved, by serving on the board now or in the future to contact any one of the directors for more information. Even if you have never done anything like this before, you may be surprised at what you could contribute if given the opportunity.

We have several "younger members" serving and their fresh perspective coupled with the ideas of the more experienced members makes for a great combination. Your involvement keeps this association strong by representing the issues that are important to you.

Another way to keep this organization strong is to attend the annual meeting coming up in March. We are currently putting together the components that have made this a successful event in the past. Along with the sponsors, vendors, and presenters, your participation is the key in making the annual meeting a success.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, and are ready for 2013. I hope to see you all in March.

—Bill Baker, President



Baker Timber Products worked up a whole yard full of raw material last year.

Photo courtesy of Bill Baker



IRA Directors Meeting

December 5, 2012

Teleconference

Directors Present: Bill Baker, Jody Parker, Kal Kovatch, Steve Tyser, Scott Corwin, Dave Archer, Ronda Taggart and Executive Administrator, Karen Kovatch.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM

Minutes:

Motion made to approve minutes from previous meeting made by Kal Kovatch and a second was made by Ronda Taggart.

Treasurers Report:

First Interstate Checking:	\$4696.85
Vanguard Savings:	<u>\$4380.59</u>
Total:	\$9077.44

Motion to approve treasurers' report was made by Jody Parker and second by Scott Corwin.

Old Business:

The IRA membership committee has contacted several potential new members. The board is interested in finding any new companies in the industry and bringing them in to improve and grow our association.

We will be filling two board positions at the annual meeting. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please let us know.

Annual meeting sponsors and vendors will be receiving notification about their opportunities at the annual meeting. This year will offer more

visibility than ever to our great vendors and sponsors who help make the IRA meetings possible.

Our theme for the annual meeting will be: **"Management is key to our future"**.

We would like to focus on how we manage the current forest conditions and how best to utilize the materials from the varying stands. Calls are being made to speakers to line up a great annual meeting.

New Business:

The board would like to do another brief survey at the annual meeting. Last year's survey enabled us to make better decisions to support our members.

Look for your newsletter after the first of the year, it will have the information you need concerning the 25th Annual IRA meeting.

Motion was made by Jody Parker and second by Kal Kovatch to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.


-Steve Tyser, Secretary



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25th Annual IRA Meeting

March 15th 2013

Management is key to our future!

The 2013 IRA Annual Meeting will be on **Friday, March 15th** 2013 in Missoula, Montana.

Registration begins at 8:00AM and the meeting starts promptly at 9:00AM.

Location: The meeting will once again be held at The Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street. Exit 101 off I-90. (406) 532-5300
www.missoula.gardeninn.com

Lodging: Reserve your room at the Hilton by March 4th 2013 and receive the IRA rate of \$99 plus tax. Call Kate: (406) 532-5306 or go online to www.missoula.HGI.com. Please reference **Intermountain Roundwood Association** when making reservations.

Lunch: The noon meal will be available on the 15th for \$15. **Please register (see page 7) so we know how many to count on for lunch.**

Meeting Registration Fee: IRA members do not pay a registration fee. Cost for non-members is \$15 per person.

IRA Social: Plan to meet at 6PM **Thursday, March 14th** at Rowdy's Cabin, 4880 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT for an informal no host social. Rowdy's is just 0.4 miles North of the Hilton. This the 9th Annual social which was started in memory of Joanna Dixon. **Thank you to our Social Sponsor: Osrose, Inc.**

See you in March!

Annual Meeting Vendors

Companies committed to showcasing their products at the Annual meeting:

- Missoula Saws, Inc.
- Multifab, Inc.
- Thunderbolt Wood Treating

Annual Meeting Sponsors

- IRA Social: Osrose, Inc
- Lunch: Marks-Miller Post & Pole, Inc.

Tentative Agenda

8:00am	<i>Registration</i>
9:00	<i>Meeting Begins</i>
9:30	<i>LPP Pine Timber Management</i>
10:00	<i>Break</i>
10:15	<i>Progress through Policy</i>
10:45	<i>Break</i>
11:00	<i>Managing Wood Residue</i>
12:00PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	<i>Beetle Kill Management</i>
1:30	<i>Elect Officers</i>

Annual Meeting Presentations

Join us in at the 25th Annual IRA meeting as we explore ways to efficiently manage. Here are two speaker profiles and a brief peek at their topic.



All too often, on-the-ground productivity is dictated by governing policies and how they are implemented. Some National Forests, including the Black Hills, are beginning to think outside the traditional constrictions of policy to improve active forest management.

Ben Wudtke is the Forest Programs Manager for Black Hills Forest Resource Association which represents forest products companies in the Black Hills region. He will cover some national policy stances and offer some examples from the Black Hills that could be applied elsewhere.

The forests in the Bighorn mountains are still mostly unaffected by the large bark beetle epidemic that has affected forests throughout the West. Wyoming state trust lands in the Bighorns contain large amounts of pure, dense 100+ year old lodgepole pine stands that regenerated after wildfires.

Kelly Norris is an Assistant District Forester for the Wyoming State Forestry Division with her office located in Buffalo. Kelly will present on the attempt to proactively manage these stands by working with the local post and pole industry to harvest the products and regenerate lodgepole pine. Without the forest products industry as an active partner in forest management Wyoming's state trust lands could not be managed to produce multiple values and products, including revenue for the trust beneficiaries now and in the future. ✍️

Guardrail Post Life Cycle

Released January 20th 2013: The Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI) requested that Stephen Smith, P.E. prepare an economic evaluation comparing the life cycle costs of treated wood and galvanized steel guardrail posts.

In conclusion it was found that treated wood guardrail posts and blocks support highway guardrail systems at approximately half the cost of galvanized steel posts with composite blocks.

Contractor experience indicates wood posts are rarely damaged during installation and can usually be successfully reinstalled after removal. Steel posts typically are damaged by driving them into the ground, so most cannot be reused. As a result of their ability to be installed with minimal damage and the potential for direct reuse, treated wood posts typically will last longer than steel posts.

This scenario was played out recently around Salmon Lake on Highway 83 in Montana. Guardrail was installed in the summer of 2010 and removed just two years later for a complete highway reconstruction.



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Meetings

New Members



Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our annual meeting on March 15th 2013. 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 follow the Annual meeting on **March 15th 2013** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula MT. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Bill Baker for more information.

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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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2013 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.

Annual Meeting Registration

- Yes, I (we) will be attending the IRA Annual Meeting on Friday, March, 15th. (Reserve your room by March 4th!)
- No, I (we) will not be attending this year.

- Yes, I (we) will be having lunch at the Annual Meeting on Friday, March 15th. Please reserve _____ meals at \$15 per person.

Lunch(s) x	\$15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> IRA Dues for 2013	\$100	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member registration fee \$15		_____
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Contact information for my IRA web page and newsletter mailing labels:

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