



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015

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President's Message

Having just returned from the fall director's meeting I am beginning to notice the cool mornings and the shortening days. Another summer has drawn to an end and the cold of winter will soon be upon us. Seems like just yesterday the Meadowlarks were singing every morning at the post plant and now I am reaching for a second sweatshirt. I hope you have all been blessed this summer and that you are as ready as one can be for the grind of another winter.

Speaking of "the grind"...I received an article in my e-mail forwarded to me by Tom Troxel at the Intermountain Forest Association (IFA) that was published in Environment and Energy Daily. The article highlighted the opposition from 260 scientists to H.R. 2647. This bill which passed the House, sought to speed the logging in post fire areas on public lands. While the size and scope of the areas that could be logged were outlined and

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IRA Directors at the meeting at Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge, MT. From left: Rock Reman, Mark Blattie, Ronda Taggart, Christian Pfendler and Steve Tyser.

IRA Directors Meeting

Fall Meeting, Red Lodge, Montana
Rock Creek Resort

September 21st 2015

Present Board Members: Steve Tyser, Rock Reman, Ronda Taggart, Mark Blattie, Christian Pfendler and Executive Administrator Karen Kovatch.

Absent Members: Dave Archer and Jody Parker

Others In Attendance: Dorene Pfendler, Mindy Tyser and Kal Kovatch

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Approval of previous meeting minutes, motion made by Mark Blattie, second by Rock Reman.

Treasurers report by Ronda Taggart
First Interstate Checking: \$11558.81

Treasurers report accepted by Christian Pfendler and second by Mark Blattie.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarship application will show one edition earlier this year.

The board has finally taken care of the audit, special thanks to Mindy Tyser for conducting the audit for 2008 to present.

Annual meeting is set for March 25th in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn. Karen is working on room prices and the window for when rooms can be reserved.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members up for re-election....Rock Reman. Jody Parker will be finishing another full term.

Speakers and topics for annual meeting were discussed. The board is in agreement that we would be willing to pay speakers to come in...so if you have recently listened to or know of a great speaker please let us know.

New businesses and potential new members were also discussed. Also let us know of any one that might be interested in the IRA.

Next teleconference meeting will be December 3rd at 9AM. Call 1-800-977-8002 code 8864339#
Motion made to adjourn by Rock Reman and second by Ronda Taggart

Meeting adjourned at 9:50

—Steve Tyser

Special thanks to Rock Reman for picking a great location to stay, dine and drive...for the record no IRA board Members ran on the Bear Creek Saloon Pig Race Track!



Despite Steve's claim, he did submit this photo which clearly shows him in sixth place coming off the backstretch...

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...President's Message Continued

seemed reasonable, those in opposition heralded the unique qualities of these areas and went so far as to call them "ecological treasures."

I would love to stop here and just let you ponder this one, but the qualities displayed in these burned areas listed by the opposition are what "appalled" me the most. (Please feel free to insert another word for appalled, I struggled to come up with something politically correct.)

The scientists raved over the shrubs and flowering plants that would be created in the absence of the once treed area. Insects, birds, Spotted Owls, and big game were all listed as beneficiaries of this new ecological diversity. I personally had no idea that such a change in the forest could actually benefit the forest and the wildlife! Astounding!

The scientists went so far as to say that these post fire landscapes were even more rare than old growth. I can almost feel the sadness in these highly protected old growth stands. If I were an old growth tree I would feel sold out, degraded, second rate and now unappreciated by these scientists that once held me so dear.

Having read the scientists new found love for diversity and their excitement over the wildlife that benefits from a change, I wonder if they have the same feeling when another tool is employed to create the same ecological goal?

The scene painted in the article of new growth and openings within the forest sounded eerily like a post clear cut landscape. Call me stupid, naïve or whatever name you can muster (no need to be politically correct), but I am more confused than ever. If fire creates diversity it is acceptable yet they despise logging for creating the same result. I won't even mention the cost of fighting these fires when compared to the pruning done by logging efforts.

The environmental movement when it comes to the forest is really the anti-logging movement. Whatever excuse justifies their opposition it is all done in the name of protecting something. Like a helicopter parent, their protection leads to a weak and ill equipped landscape, weakened by similarity and thus poorly equipped to manage catastrophic events. I for one hope these scientists don't prune their plants in their homes, gardens, or on the window sill...that's hypocrisy at its worst.

—Steve Tyser, President



Thanks to Mindy Tyser for conducting the audit in Red Lodge.

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Our sympathy to Director, Jody Parker who lost his mother, Jeanette A. Parker on September 9th 2015. She was 96.



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Members are encouraged to participate in the quarterly director meetings throughout the year as well as our next annual meeting tentatively scheduled for March 25th 2016. 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 3rd 2015** via teleconference call. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact President, Steve Tyser for more information.

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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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2015 IRA Membership Application Form

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



Intermountain Roundwood Association

Treasurer Ronda Taggart, 1727 Highway 93 South, Hamilton, MT 59840

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Contact person: _____

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

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

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DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY for your page on the IRA website.

Email to 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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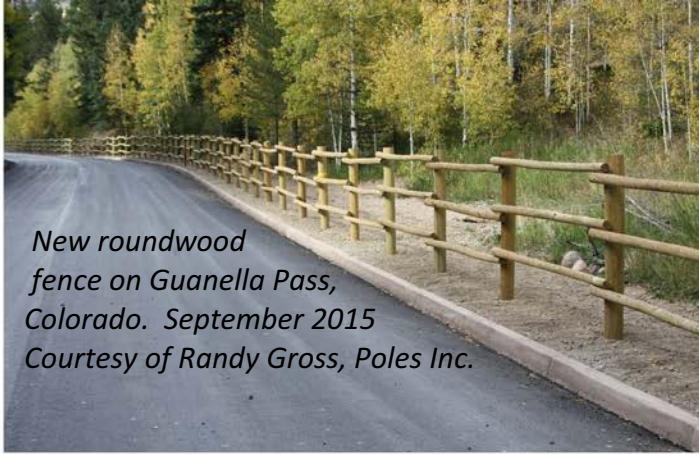
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