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The Mission of the VFPA is to promote and defend the interests of our members. VFPA represents all aspects of the forestry community and the member businesses and individuals that are located throughout the State of Vermont. VFPA meets its mission through:

- Information and continuing education to its members
- Public outreach and education
- Working with other organizations through partnering and coalition building
- Networking with others within the forest products industry
- Lobbying state and federal government officials and lawmakers

National Forest Products Week - October 21-27

October 21-27, 2018 is National Forest Products Week. To recognize the importance of products from our forests, the Congress, by Public Law 86-753 (36 U.S.C. 123), as amended, has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as "National Forest Products Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week each year.

During National Forest Products Week, we celebrate the value of America's forests and the products they provide while we recommit to sustainably managing these splendid natural resources to meet our Nation's needs, both now and in the future.

Expanding wood products markets reduces forest restoration costs and creates an alternative to burning or land filling the leftover woody material.

A diversified wood products industry enhances resiliency of our ecosystems, sequesters carbon, and creates jobs in rural communities.

<https://www.fs.fed.us/science-technology/energy-forest-products/wood-innovation>

benefits of bioenergy with a focus on creating local jobs and supporting a highly skilled workforce.

On this day, organizations all over the country – businesses, non-profits, universities, and state and local governments – will showcase the many ways they benefit from bioenergy.

You can learn more about National Bioenergy Day, and see current updates at www.bioenergyday.org.



National Bioenergy Day

October 24, 2018, will be the sixth annual National Bioenergy Day. National Bioenergy Day facilitates interaction between bioenergy projects and their local communities, raising awareness of the economic and environmental



NELA NEWS

2019 Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo— Bangor, ME

Preparations are well underway for the 2019 Loggers Expo being held at the Cross Insurance Center on May 17-18, 2019. Exhibitor information packages are being prepared for an October mailing to all 2017 Bangor exhibitors. Information will be mailed out to all other companies in our database in November. We'll open up on-line pre-registration for Expo attendees in the early spring of 2019.

Planning has also started for the Awards Banquet and for the seminars being held at the Loggers Expo.

If you have a suggestion for entertainment at the Awards Banquet, please call NELA headquarters (315) 369-3078 or e-mail Joe Phaneuf at jphaneuf@northernlogger.com. Expo seminars are held concurrently with the exhibit schedule.

If you have a suggestion for the 2019 Expo seminar topics, or have a presentation for consideration, please contact Mona Lincoln at the NELA headquarters or email mona@northernlogger.com. The deadline for program suggestions is November 1, 2018 as the full program will be finalized and published in early 2019.



2019 Loggers Plus Expo - Bloomsburg, PA

The 2019 Loggers Plus Expo is returning to the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on April 26-27. The initial mailing of exhibitor information will go out in October to 2017 exhibitors, soon to be followed by a mailing to all other potential exhibitors.

Let us know if you'd like to be included in the informational mailing by emailing us at: plusexpo@northernlogger.com or calling us at (315) 369-3078



NELA Awards Nominations

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about the individuals or companies that may deserve our recognition at next year's Awards Banquet, being held in conjunction with the Loggers Expo in Bangor, Maine. The NELA Awards Program recognizes outstanding people and companies in the following categories: *Logging Operator, Sawmill Operator, Wood Manufacturer, Forest Products Trucking Operator, Management of Resources, Contribution to Forest Industry Education, Contribution to Safety, Industry Activist, Use of Wood, and Service to the Forest Industry*. (See nomination instructions in the September, 2018 issue of Northern Logger or at northernlogger.com). Nominations are due no later than January 31, 2019 and the winners will be honored at the Annual Loggers Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

NELA 2019 Grant Programs

Over the years the Northeastern Loggers' Association Board of Directors has awarded tens of thousands of dollars in grant money to deserving forestry organizations in our region. The amount of money available for grant awards varies from year to year depending on NELA's overall financial performance. These grants are intended to assist organizations in the Northeast and Lake States with educational or public relations efforts related to the logging and timber processing industry. 2019

grant application guidelines are fairly simple and are available to interested organizations upon request. Applications are due by December 31st and will be reviewed in early 2019 by our Grants Committee, with funding being determined and distributed in the spring of 2019. Please contact Joe Phaneuf via e-mail at jphaneuf@northernlogger.com for more information

Forest Resources Association Northeast Region

This FRA Region, served by FRA Northeast Coordinator **Eric Kingsley**, represents the six New England states and New York. FRA activities at the Region level focus on improving members' productivity, efficiency, safety, or reducing costs across the supply chain. In addition to educational and outreach programs to meet member's needs, the Region is most noted for its Industrial Forestry Forum, a monthly meeting of diverse industry interests who gather to network and hear from a speaker on some relevant topic.

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Vermonters Recognized at NELA Awards Banquet

On May 10th, 2018 the Northeastern Loggers' Association honored individuals and companies in the regional forest products industry for their outstanding contributions to the industry over the past year. NELA officers presented the awards at the Annual Loggers' Banquet sponsored by Farm Credit at the Double Tree Hotel, South Burlington, VT in a ceremony attended by more than 250 members of the forest products industry.



Outstanding Forest Products Trucking Operator **Mike Tatro, Stamford, Vermont**

Mike Tatro of Mike Tatro and Sons Trucking has been in the forest products industry his whole life.

He's trucked logs since the early 1970's, hauling an estimated 27 million board feet of logs and wood over the years. He operates a fleet of six log trucks which service Western Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Southern Vermont. He's known as a safe operator who is able to get loads out of the woods no matter the conditions. As one nominator wrote, "Mike is an icon in the wood business. He is successful because he knows all aspects of the wood & truck industry."



Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education **Ginger Anderson, Berlin Vermont**

In her more than 27 years of work with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Ginger

Anderson has gone to bat for the forest products industry time and time again. She currently serves as the forestry district manager for the Barre district office within F.P.R., but some of her most vital contributions have been in the realm of education. She has trained state park staff, written public school curriculum, coordinated a conservation education program, helped orchestrate Envirothon, and trained teachers. Her work will doubtless improve awareness of managed forests for generations to come.



Outstanding Sawmill Operator **Robert Williams, Wallingford, Vermont**

Bob Williams, of Ames True Temper Corporation, has been with his company as it has undergone many transitions. He embodies the ideal of

someone who is able to roll with the punches in a fast-changing and often unduly challenging business. Through these transitions, Williams continually accepted the challenge of leading his workforce to produce quality products. The mill has no lost time to accidents over the past two years and virtually a zero reject rate for products. He has always looked for improved production and improved quality.



Outstanding Logging Operator **Steve Galbreath, Ascutney, Vermont**

Steve Galbreath knew from an early age that cutting wood was what he wanted to do. Over the past 30 years, he's bought his own stumpage or provided contract logging services to sawmills and consulting foresters across Vermont and New Hampshire. Over that time, he's upgraded his business several times, from a skidder and chainsaw operation to a fully mechanized one. He also runs a firewood business. He's known throughout the region as a logger who doesn't take shortcuts, works honestly and rigorously, and operates in the interest of the long-term health of the forest.

Other award winners were:

Rick Grover, Brewer ME - *Outstanding Service to the Forest Industry*

Evan Sigfridson, Brooklyn, CT - *Outstanding Use of Wood*

Gene Chandler, Bartlett, NH - *Outstanding Industry Activist*

Mark Doty, Madison, ME - *Outstanding Leadership in the Industry*

New Lifetime NELA Members

Honorary lifetime members of NELA are recognized for their longtime service to the forest products industry



Joe Gagnon- **Pittsford, Vermont**

Joe Gagnon of Gagnon Lumber has been described as "kind of a legend." Born on a dairy farm, he learned the industry inside and out in order to found his company. He always carries off his work with a great sense of humor and has earned a reputation as a great

businessman because he respects those he works with, whether they are employees, landowners, or wood suppliers.. He has built Gagnon Lumber into the state-of-the-art Vermont enterprise it is today



Dan Keniston- **North Woodstock, New Hampshire**

Dan Keniston of North Woodstock, New Hampshire, has been cutting wood since 1954. Those who know him say that he is one of the most honest, skilled, and humble people they've ever met. As one peer of Keniston's said, "There are honest people, and then there is Dan. You don't

meet people who are honest like Dan is very often." Keniston has encountered obstacles in his career, but like a true logger, he has overcome them with his trademark resourcefulness.

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**Project Learning Tree**

As reported, just over a year ago, Project Learning Tree (PLT) found a new home in SFI. The American Forest Foundation turned over the administration of PLT to SFI. PLT is a widely recognized as an acclaimed education curriculum bringing understanding of our forests and forestry into the classroom. SFI and SFI VT have embraced the additional opportunity to reach out to community members, especially our youth, and provide a platform of activities and projects that are hands on learning opportunities to learn about the importance of working forests and the benefits we derive from an active forest economy.

At the same time PLT is transitioning, the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is also making changes in its educational programs. PLT has been administered by FPR for more than 25 years and the recent Coordinator, Rebecca Roy has taken on new responsibilities in the Parks Division. SFI VT is working on a transition team that includes FPR Officials and The Vermont Tree Farm Program to reenergize PLT in Vermont to meet the needs of our community.

The goal for PLT is to expand its reach into more schools and to reach out to other youth organizations such as childcares, boys and girls clubs, summer camps, community youth centers and scouts. To do so, a big need is to recruit volunteer facilitators. Facilitators are front line people that reach out to schools and other youth organizations to introduce PLT and assist the teachers in how to use the curricula and adopt them into their usual course of teaching. Forest products industry folks are excellent candidates for such a role in their local communities. If you have interest in becoming a facilitator please let us know, we do plan to put together a facilitator training workshop as soon as our transition team finalizes its work. What better way to contribute to your town and local school than to share your interest in child education and to have a valuable tool to help them understand the importance of the forests around them and our industry?

A major stakeholder meeting is planned for November 30 in Berlin, VT to enlarge our reach, gather more ideas and shape the final plan for making PLT a great program for Vermont's youth. VFPA leaders are invited and anyone that has experience in youth education and/or has a desire to become a facilitator is encouraged to attend.

Forest Policy Task Force

For close to 30 years SFI and the Associated Industries of Vermont (AIV) has joined together to bring a top-notch industry meeting, twice a year, on forest policy. Members of the forestry community gather together and invited experts on policy topics affecting forests and the forest products industry bring in reports. We discuss various topics and issues and work together on solutions and resolutions to affect positive change for our industry.

The fall/winter meeting is timely to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session and prepare for what issues we will be working on with Legislators. We have not yet set the fall/winter date, but it will be sometime after deer rifle season ends and before the Christmas holiday season. We do expect to discuss important topics such as workers' compensation, forest fragmentation, Act 250, Use Value Appraisal, public lands management, carbon trading and taxation and transportation issues. Stay tuned for the meeting announcement, due out near the end of October and plan to attend. If you have not been getting task force meeting notices in the past, please let us know and we will add you to the invitee list. It is working together that gets us the best resolution and standing together that gets us the best result.

Worker's Compensation Remains on the Front Burner

The costs of purchasing workers' comp policies is too high. Vermont rates are the highest in the northeast and ranks as one of the most expensive in the nation. Because of high costs, fewer logging contractors are hiring employees to help them be more productive. Working alone is not a safe situation either. Thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Sam Lincoln, there is a bright light shining at the end of this long dark tunnel. We are not there yet, but the shape of a solid plan is coming together. Lincoln is working with regulators, industry leaders and insurance companies to find a solution. We need to grow the pool by getting more businesses buying policies, greatly enhance Vermont's premier loggers' education program, LEAP, and all of us need to realize this is a major cultural change in how we have been conducting our businesses in the past. Safety must be paramount on all logging jobs, sawmills and trucking enterprises. SFI VT is doing all it can to promote Sam's leadership, shape the solution and promote and support the effort. We all need to recognize that although change is difficult, in this case, it is necessary if we are to grow our industry and remain a strong component of our rural economy. Look for more to come in the coming year and be ready to do your part to assist in this challenging endeavor.

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Working Lands Business Grants Request for Applications – Vermont Entrepreneurs May Begin the RFA Process on October 1

September 26, 2018 / Montpelier, VT

The Working Lands Enterprise Board announces the 2019 Business Grants request for application release date. The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative supports innovative entrepreneurs at the forefront of Vermont's Working Lands economy through technical and financial assistance to help growing businesses thrive.

The program is made possible through the support of the state legislature, multiple state organizations and public/private donors.

Interested Vermont entrepreneurs should visit the Working Lands Enterprise website to begin the application process.

Project applications may include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure: project specific planning, permitting, and/or engineering/architectural plans; purchase and/or construction of physical assets (i.e., building and equipment costs).
- Marketing: accessing new markets and securing new customers, including institutional and wholesale market expansion.
- Research and Development: testing new systems or technologies or developing innovative solutions.

FY 2019 Program Year

This year, approximately \$700,000 is available for investment into farm, food systems, forestry, and forest products enterprises. Funds will be disbursed in (2) investment areas: Business Grants and Service Provider Grants. More information on the Request for Application process, including important program dates, can be found on the Working Lands website at <http://workinglands.vermont.gov>.

History of Success to Date

The WLEB began operations in August 2012 and today has awarded over \$5.4 million in grant funds to 184 grantees, leveraging an additional over \$8 million of matching and other funds. For a list of previously funded projects, visit <http://workinglands.vermont.gov/projects>.

The Working Lands Enterprise Initiative is administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in partnership with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The initiative is led by the Working Lands Enterprise Board, made up of public and private sector members involved in agriculture, food, forestry, and wood products.

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Vermont Forest Products Association Call for Award Nominations 2018

The VFPA Annual Awards Program is our opportunity to recognize excellence in our industry and our chance to celebrate some of the best people that represent the many good people of our industry. We need you to look around the industry and send us nominations of folks who make significant contributions to our industry.

We will use the Northeastern Loggers Association (NELA) awards format which is available at <http://northernlogger.com/sites/northernlogger.com/files/media/Awards%20Nomination%20Instructions%20-%202014.pdf>

Send a brief description of why you think the nominee should be given the award in the appropriate category. Along with the description, send a short biographical sketch of the nominee and the names of two individuals who will verify and support the nomination.

We are calling for nominations to be submitted to Barb at vtfpa@hotmail.com prior to December 15, 2018.

Awards will be presented at the January 2019 VFPA Annual Meeting.

We will submit our VFPA winners to the NELA competition by January 31, 2018. NELA Awards will be presented at the Annual Loggers' Banquet to be held May 16, 2019 in Bangor, ME.



Vermont Tech Centers and Students ~ Our Forest Industry's Future

Many activities and training are taking place in our Tech Centers throughout the State in the forestry, natural resource and agriculture programs. These young people are the **FUTURE** of our Forest Products Industry.

The **Vermont Forest Products Association** invites these young people to become a part of our industry organization through our special Student Memberships. Among their member benefits would be their own free subscription to the Northern Logger Magazine and free quarterly VFPA newsletters. VFPA looks forward to meeting these young people, working together and learning from each other, recognizing that Vermont's forests and forest products industries are crucial to sustaining the rural character and economics of our Vermont communities.

Green Mountain Technical & Career Center Attend Fryeburg Fair's 51st Annual Woodsmen Day

This week we made our annual trip to the Fryeburg Fair's 51st Annual Woodsmen Day.

Two of our second year students competed in the Men's Open division with good results. Ethan Lawrence of Eden and Kyle McFarlane of Hyde Park finished well in the cross-cut, bow saw, and log roll events against some of the best seasoned competitors in the Eastern US. Their log roll was less than 4 seconds off of the winning time put up by Ben Nottermann (GMTCC forestry instructor) and Craig Morris of Danville.

The GMTCC students are highly regarded among the competitors at the Fryeburg Fair as well as spectator favorites. The orange GMTCC Forestry t-shirts have been seen at the Woodsmen's Day competition for the last 15 years.

This summer I was invited to be on a panel at the Vermont Forest Industry Summit at Burke Mountain Resort in June. The topic of the panel discussion addressed the shifting landscape in the forest industry as well as the transitions that folks in the industry face. As we all know, our workforce in the Vermont forest industry is aging and it sometime seems that there is a lack of younger folks stepping into the industry. We also face rapidly shifting market spaces, changing economics as well as new-to-us pest pressure which is enough to make anyone's head spin. The panel focused on how we can be creative and adaptive to the fluctuations that we face and how each of us got into the industry and to where we are now. Panelists ranged from younger generations transitioning into established family business, to fresh new faces to the forest and logging world, and the educators of the young generation in the forestry field. The consensus of the panel was that there are plenty of opportunities in the forest industry for the young guns looking to make a career in the industry.

The panelists agreed that high school tech centers, colleges, and the forest industry itself need to showcase the innovations and the great things that are happening here in the northeast. By creating this excitement, we will hopefully stimulate interest from the younger generations in the forest industry creating the next generations of forest professionals.

We as employers, business owner/operators, and educators will all play a critical role in stimulating the next generation of industry members as we move forward.

~Ben Nottermann ~ Forestry and Land Management, Green Mountain Technical & Career Center-Hardwick, VT



Ethan Lawrence of Eden and Kyle McFarlane of Hyde Park

"Capitol for a Day" North Country Career Center - Newport, VT

October 9, 2018—It was an outstanding day to be in Orleans County. Governor Scott brought his extended cabinet on another **#vtcapitol4aday** tour to see, hear and feel what Vermonters do in their communities. Our team organized one of the many stops today, a panel discussion challenges and opportunities in working lands education and careers at **North Country Career Center's Land Lab** with tech center instructors, students and sawmill owner Colleen Goodridge (who also serves as a tech center advisor).

Attendees included the Governor and his staff, administration members representing the Agencies of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Education as well as the Departments of

Labor, Finance and Management and Taxes along with legislators and students.



The day ended at the Craftsbury

Outdoor Center with an announcement about the VOREC Outdoor Recreation Communities Grant Program to help towns that are creating or expanding outdoor recreational opportunities.



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There was great participation from a wide range of people today and I count them as leaders interested in learning more and continuing to dive into the issues and opportunities that rural Vermonters have before them.

“Capitol for a Day” gives local constituents, municipal governments and other partners the opportunity to connect directly with State leadership and staff. The Administration will visit each of the state’s 14 counties as part of this initiative.

~Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation



North Country Career Center

~ Sam Nijensohn, NCCC Forestry, Agriculture & Water Resources



Our first load of logs from our off-site jobsite (Allen Yale woodlot) where students have been learning to write logging contracts, maintain forest roads and trails, comply with state water quality regulations, harvest timber, transport/ load/ unload logs, and mill lumber for our new building, a 40 by 20 timberframe sawmill shed to house our new woodmizer.



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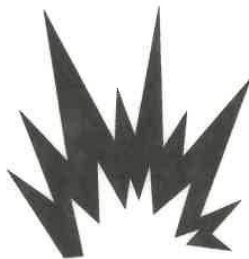
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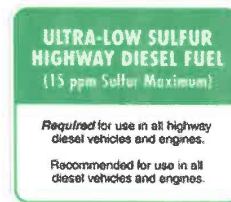
EPA Regulation Overview for Clean Air Diesel

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations require a major reduction in the sulfur content of diesel fuels and emission levels from diesel engines and vehicles. To meet the EPA regulations, the petroleum industry is producing Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel, a cleaner-burning diesel fuel containing a maximum 15 parts-per-million (ppm) sulfur.

Since 2006, diesel fuel produced or imported is required to be ULSD fuel. ULSD is replacing Low Sulfur Diesel (LSD) fuel, which contains a maximum of 500 ppm sulfur. Used in combination with cleaner-burning diesel engines and vehicles, ULSD fuel helps to improve air quality by significantly reducing emissions. As of December 1, 2010, all highway and non-highway diesel fuel offered for sale must be ULSD fuel.

EPA Suggested Diesel Fuel Pump Labels

Below are example EPA 40 CFR compliant labels that should be seen on ULSD fuel pumps used for on-highway and off-highway applications. These types of labels help identify the different types of fuel now available to users.



EPA 40 CFR 80.572(a)



EPA 40 CFR 80.572(b)
and 80.573(a)

Important Changes in Diesel Fuel Formulation

What You Need to Know About Static Electricity Risk

The removal of sulfur and other compounds in Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel decreases its conductivity and increases its ability to store static charge. Refineries may have treated the fuel with a static dissipating additive. However, there are many factors that can reduce the effectiveness of the additive over time.

Static charges can build up in ULSD fuel while it is flowing through fuel delivery systems. Static electricity discharge when combustible vapors are present could result in a fire or explosion.



Therefore, it is important to ensure that the entire system used to refuel your machine (fuel supply tank, transfer pump, transfer hose, nozzle, and others) is properly grounded and bonded. Consult with your fuel or fuel system supplier to ensure the delivery system is in compliance with fueling standards for proper grounding and bonding practices.

“Proper Bonding and Grounding of Fuel Delivery Systems is Important During Refueling”

What is Basic Bonding and Grounding? Why is it Important During Refueling?

Bonding:

A properly bonded fuel delivery system has an electrically conductive and unbroken connection between all components of the fuel delivery system.

- Fuel supply tank, transfer pump, transfer hose, nozzle, and others.
- A wire connection from the fuel delivery system to the machine chassis will equalize the static electric potential between the two machines, further reducing the chance of a static electric discharge.

Grounding:

A properly grounded fuel delivery system has an electrically conductive connection from the fuel delivery system tank to earth ground to allow static and electrical charge dissipation.

Consult with your fuel or fuel system supplier to ensure the delivery system is in compliance with fueling standards for proper grounding and bonding practices.

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Emerald Ash Borer Found in Grand Isle County

The USDA has confirmed the identification of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) larvae recovered from symptomatic ash trees in South Hero. EAB is likely to have travelled to the area via fire-wood. The infestation was found and reported by an “off-duty” forester. More information is in a recent press release.



EAB has been found infesting trees in South Hero.
Photo: J. Rosovsky

The infested area map on vtinvasives.org has been updated. Because EAB is likely to be present in other sites within ten miles of known infestations, the infested area map now includes the towns of South Hero and Grand Isle, most of Colchester and Milton, and parts of Burlington, Essex, Georgia, North Hero, the Town of St Albans, Westford, and Winooski. The map has also been updated with a new location in Plainfield. When leaves have dropped, we will be conducting additional detection surveys in towns adjacent to South Hero and Stamford.

Further east, EAB has been detected in a second location in Maine, near the New Hampshire border in York County. Maine now has an internal state quarantine.

EAB has also been recently detected in Nova Scotia.

As of October 1st, the State of NH has deregulated EAB. New Hampshire's firewood quarantine is still in effect, and covers firewood from out-of-state of all lengths “destined for use as fuel”.

For the complete [Vermont Forest Health-Insect and Disease Observations September 2018 Newsletter](https://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Health/Library/2018%20Forest%20Health%20September%20Observations.pdf) go to: https://fpr.vermont.gov/sites/fpr/files/Forest_and_Forestry/Forest_Health/Library/2018%20Forest%20Health%20September%20Observations.pdf



Vermont EAB Update

An update has been made to the [Emerald Ash Borer Infested Area Map](#) on 10/5/2018 to reflect a new satellite infested area in Grand Isle County (see page 8). Plans are underway to hold a public information meeting in the area in the next few weeks.

- The map also reflects a small expansion of the infested area in Central Vermont due to a new EAB observation in Plainfield.

As of October 1st, we have entered into the non-flight season for EAB. The non-flight season (October 1 – April 30) is the optimal practices period for Vermont's ‘slow the spread’ recommendations when moving ash from the infested area.

Elsewhere in the region, as of October 1st, the State of New Hampshire has deregulated EAB and has gone to a statewide quarantine regulated by the USDA.

Moving any infested material, especially ash firewood, logs, and pruning debris, can quickly expand the infestation of EAB. It is important that we work together and follow the ‘slow the spread’ recommendations that protect the health of Vermont's forests.

Learn more about EAB in Vermont. Go to vtinvasives.org



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Infested Area in Vermont

The green line on this map delineates the EAB Infested Area in Vermont. This is the area to which the Slow the Spread Recommendations refer. It should not be confused with the federal quarantine.

This map will be updated as new locations of EAB are detected in and near Vermont. The map was last modified on **10/5/2018**.

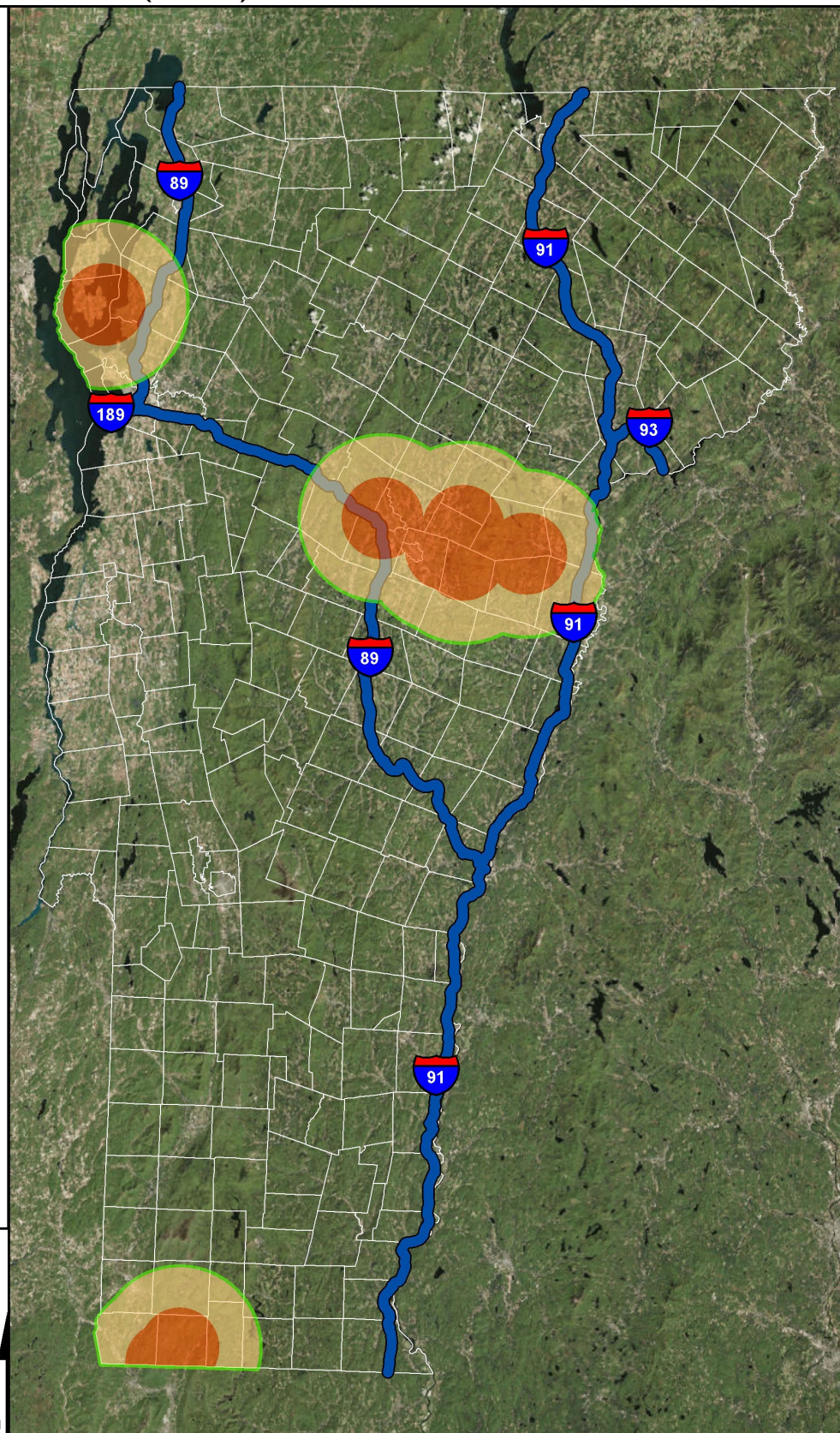
The EAB Infested Area includes both the Confirmed Infested Areas and the High Risk Areas. Confirmed Infested Areas (shaded in red) are within 5 miles of a known infestation. While symptoms may not be obvious, it is likely that EAB is present in much of this area. High Risk Areas (shaded in yellow) extend 5 miles from the outer edge of a Confirmed Infested Area. EAB is likely expanding into, and present in some of this area.

The Infested Area location is also available on the ANR Atlas. The "EAB Infested Area" layer is under the Forests, Parks and Recreation tab in the Atlas Layers. This mapping function allows you to look at the Infested Area in conjunction with other layers like parcels or roads.

All ash in Vermont is within the federal EAB quarantine boundary. It is your responsibility to know where the current boundaries of the federal EAB quarantine are located. Moving material outside of the federal EAB quarantine without a compliance agreement can result in penalties. For more information on moving wood outside of the federal quarantine contact Tony Slowik - Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist USDA APHIS (802) 224-1405.

- EAB Infested Area
- Confirmed Infested Area
- High Risk Area

0 12.5 25 50 Miles



This map of the EAB Infested Area was accurate as of **10/5/2018**. The Infested Area will expand. Prior to basing action on the location of the Infested Area, visit vtinvasives.org/eab to confirm the current status of the EAB Infested Area.

Maine Logger Wins Loader Championship Sponsored by Caterpillar Forest Products at Northeastern Expo

A Maine logger won the Loader Championship sponsored by Caterpillar Forest Products at the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo in Essex Junction, Vermont May 11-12.

The contest raised \$2,009 for Log A Load for Kids through voluntary contestant donations, Caterpillar's matching contributions, and merchandise sales. Log A Load For Kids is an organization sponsored by loggers and others in the forest products industry to raise funds for hospitals associated with the Children's Miracle Network.

Shawn Lucas of Rangely, Maine, won first place with a time of 2 minutes and 36 seconds. (He also won first place at the Northeastern Expo when it was held in Bangor, Maine, last year.) **Mark Riendeau of Danville, Vermont**, won second place with a time of 2 minutes and 49 seconds, and Kyle Kelley of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, won third place with a time of 2 minutes and 50 seconds. Kelley donated the \$100 cash prize to Log A Load for Kids.

Rounding out the top five were **Russell Riendeau of Lyndonville, Vermont**, who won fourth place and Brian Vance of Thornton, New Hampshire, who won fifth place.

The top five winners received Loader Championship jackets

monogrammed with their names. In addition to the jackets, first, second and third place winners received cash prizes and trophies. Everyone who competed in the contest—102 loggers participated—received a cap with the contest logo.

The Loader Championship sponsored by Caterpillar Forest Products was first introduced as the Prentice (TM) Loader Championship at the sawmill and logging show in Richmond in 1972. Contestants demonstrate their skill with a knuckleboom log loader by picking up and moving blocks between two checkerboards.

TOP FIVE WINNERS

NAME	STATE	TIME
Shaun Lucas	Maine	2:36:13
Marc Riendeau	Vermont	2:49:71
Kyle Kelley	New Hampshire	2:50:63
Russell Riendeau	Vermont	3:17:40
Brian Vance	New Hampshire	3:07:12*

**Brian Vance did not compete in the final trophy run.
His time listed was for the preliminary run.*

October is National Fire Prevention Month

Woods Equipment Fire Prevention

Professional loggers know the total investment they have in their equipment and what that investment means in terms of daily production. Woods equipment fires are both dangerous and expensive. ***Most are preventable.***

Most in-woods fires are created by the following conditions:

- Accumulation of debris inside mechanical compartments.
- Buildup of oil, grease, and fuel from leaks and spills.
- Faulty or damaged electrical system wiring and components.
- Overheating brakes
- Heavy buildup of flammable materials around rotation drive shafts.

Get Your Head Out Of Your Apps

Distracted driving messages apply to everyone, including you!

The public service messages regarding safe driving are just about everywhere. On billboards, electronic signs, and bumper stickers we see reminders to buckle up, don't drink and drive, and put down your cell phone. The question remains: Is the message getting through?

Through Labor Day, the end of summer and leaf peeping season, there will be plenty of people on the road. Some will be in a hurry, some will be distracted, many will be tired and some will be impaired. We owe it to ourselves, our employers, and our families to stay alert and "arrive alive."

Check out the resources available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the National Safety Council.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

First-Ever Vermont Forest Industry Summit At Burke Mountain

Governor Scott Signs Two Bills at Friday Event

The Caledonian-Record - July 2, 2018-Amy Ash Nixon

EAST BURKE — More than 150 loggers, truckers, mill owners, forest consultants, furniture makers, craftsmen, architects and more descended on the Burke Mountain Resort for the first-ever Vermont Forest Industry Summit held Friday and Saturday this week.

On Friday, Gov. Phil Scott conducted a ceremonial bill signing of two bills.

S.276 is an act relating to rural economic development, titled the Rural Economic Development Initiative.

The goals of the initiative are to promote and facilitate “community economic development in the small towns and rural areas of the State. The Rural Economic Development Initiative shall collaborate with municipalities, businesses, industrial parks, regional development corporations, regional planning commissions, and other appropriate entities to access funding and other assistance available to small towns and businesses in rural areas of the State when existing State resources or staffing assistance is not available.”

Scott signed the bill to applause, with Sen. Bobby Starr, D-Essex-Orleans, behind him, as well as State Rep. Marty Felthus, R-Caledonia-4, Michael Snyder, the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and a handful of representatives from the forest industry sector in Vermont and others.

The second bill that was signed was S. 101, the Right to Conduct Forestry Operations, which, as Scott told the group, will offer protections to the industry from nuisance complaints. He said if operations are being conducted properly within the industry, companies who are logging and working in the forest will have an added layer of protection now.

Rebecca Kelley, the governor’s spokeswoman, said the ceremonial bill signing was planned to coincide with the forestry summit.

The governor said signing the two bills “surrounded by forests in the Northeast Kingdom is the ideal place to celebrate these two bills.”

Several of those in attendance called out state government for not doing enough to help grow the industry, for business in Vermont being harder than in other states, for having missed the boat on hosting significant biomass plants in Vermont, and for not doing more to harvest timber from state lands to help support mills and provide a more robust supply of wood to the market.

Snyder said the department is committed to doing that, but said there is significant push back when the state looks to clear timber on public lands, pointing to a fight to do some clearing of timber in Camel’s Hump.

“There are more of them than us,” he told the group of people who protest when trees on public lands are slated for logging.

Several people who have worked in the forest industry all their lives warned of an aging stock of trees, a high mortality and too low regeneration to ensure a healthy forest decades out.

The summit began Thursday evening with a reception in the View Pub, which overlooks a majestic view of Willoughby Gap from the East Burke hotel and conference center. The event’s keynote speaker for the first night of the event was Craig Rawlings, of the Forest Business Network in Missoula, Mont.

Rawlings also was part of a panel Friday morning with Alex Barrett of Long View Forest Management; Kathryn Fernholz of Dovetail Partners; and Snyder, moderated by Sean Ross of Lyme Timber Company.

The panel’s topic was “Forest of the Future: Taking the Long View.”

Other topics included Mass Timber; Local Wood, Local Good; Improving Your Bottom Line; Trends in Wood; and An Industry in Transition: A Last Word from Forest Industry Entrepreneurs and Emerging Leaders.

Among the wood industry companies represented at forums were Appalachian Engineered Flooring, the Vermont Wood Pellet Company, Andrew Pearce Bowls, and more. The Vermont Woodworking School was part of a panel, and Vermont logger Kyle Pratt also addressed the group.

Joe Nelson, a consulting forester from Ferrisburg and a member of the Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board’s forestry committee, said the conference had grown from that board’s work and he was very excited to see so many people in the industry, from Vermont and nearby states, as well as farther away, attend the summit.

Nelson thanked the governor for attending the event, saying, “I think it says a lot that he made the effort to be here today.”



Left to Right – Steve Hardy (VFPA); Ed Larson (VFPA); Dave Frank (Sunwood Biomass); Ansley Bloomer (Renewable Energy Vermont); Kathleen Wanner (Vermont Woodlands Association); Commissioner Michael Snyder, Sen. Bobby Starr, Gov. Phil Scott.

Forest Service Chief Headlines American Loggers Council 24th Annual Meeting

Newly-appointed U.S. Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen addressed the American Loggers Council (ALC) during its 24th Annual Meeting. The meeting, held Oct. 11-13, brought loggers, ALC sponsors and others from across the country to Seaside, Ore. for logging demonstrations, special events and industry discussions.

ALC was the first organization that Christiansen addressed after being appointed Chief on Oct. 10. Speaking to attendees on Oct. 13, she discussed her vision for the U.S. Forest Service, her efforts to improve management on National Forest Service lands, and the recognition of loggers as the “boots on the ground” to help ensure better outcomes for public lands.



The annual meeting included a logging tour on Oct. 12 on nearby state forest land, educating attendees on logging systems and practices in North-western Oregon. A concurrent Ladies Tour included stops at the Tillamook Forest Center and Tillamook Creamery. Later that evening ALC held its annual President's Dinner and Auction. As part of the event, a Stihl chain-saw was auctioned to benefit the Log-A-Load for Kids program, which supports medical services for needy children.

The ALC President's Award was given to Ken Swanstrom of Skookum Logging in Montana and Crad Jaynes of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association for their support and leadership for the council and the logging industry over their careers. The National Logger Activist Award was awarded to Vance Wright, owner of Charles A. Wright Logging Inc. in Virginia for his advocacy on behalf of fellow loggers.

D.K. Knight presented Timber Harvesting Magazine's prestigious "Logging Business of the Year Award" to Log Creek Timber Co. of South Carolina.

The Board of Directors and Membership meetings were held on Oct. 13 and included committee reports from the legislative, transportation, biomass, communications, membership, Master Logger and nomination committees. ALC's leadership and members agreed to pursue new membership and sponsorship opportunities, and to expand in parts of the country where loggers currently lack a national voice. ALC will continue to be active in the policymaking in Washington DC, including advocating for key priorities including passage of the Future Logging Careers Act, Right to Haul Act, biomass utilization and federal forest management reforms.

As custom, the annual meeting was held in the home state of the current ALC President, Mark Turner of Turner Logging. During the closing President's dinner on Oct. 13, President Turner introduced Chris Potts of Potts Logging of Alabama as ALC's new president. Shannon Jarvis of Jarvis Timber in Missouri and Tim Christopherson of Dabco Logging in Idaho will serve as First and Second Vice Presidents, respectively. Andy Irish of Irish Family Logging in Maine will serve as Secretary-Treasurer.



Business Skills for Logging Professionals Fall 2018

**One workshop;
two dates/locations:**

*Eligible for:
8 LEAP credits and
5.5 CFE CE credits*

**November 7
Rutland**

8:00 am—3:30 pm

USDA

Farm Service Agency
170 South Main Street
Rutland VT
802-775-8034

► Or ◀

**November 8
Hardwick**

8:00 am—3:30 pm

Green Mountain

Tech & Career Center
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Hardwick VT
802-851-1520

FREE WORKSHOP for Vermont logging businesses. New program will strengthen business management skills. **Lunch** and all materials included.

Workshop topics:

- Site assessment apps and business calculators for increasing production and profits
- The forest products industry — market updates and keeping up with the industry network
- The 1-hour business plan — planning templates for logging businesses
- Marketing your logging business
- Current legislative developments affecting the forest economy

Scheduled Presenters:

- Steve Bick, Northeast Forest, LLC
- Paul Frederick, Wood Utilization and Wood Energy Program Leader VT Dept of Forests, Parks & Recreation
- Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, VT Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- Chris Lindgren, Forest Products Business Educator, UVM Extension
- Christine McGowan, Forest Products Program Director, VT Sustainable Jobs Fund

Enrollment is limited; registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

REGISTER TODAY ►

To register, email Christi Sherlock at christi.sherlock@uvm.edu or call 802-476-2003 or 1-866-860-1383 (toll-free in VT only).

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Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters field courses conclude - now available to all online

The INRS managed two-day workshops of the Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters in 2017 and 2018 through the North East State Foresters Association have concluded. Each session was filled to the maximum capacity and attendees praised the training. A big shout-out goes to the UNH/UVM team of Karen Bennett and Tony D'Amato for putting on the academic portion of the Institute effort.

The exciting news is that the entire 10-days of training is available online for anyone - not just foresters. That's right, every lecture and every field stop in 2017 was filmed and the dozens of videos and other training materials are available online at <http://www.northeast Silviculture Institute.org/institute-online-training/>.

Already, over a hundred foresters and others have taken advantage of the Online Institute.

For more info or to ask questions about this opportunity, contact INRS President Charles Levesque at levesque@inrsllc.com.



The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program

Ian Hartman, Outreach and Partnerships Coordinator

The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program is a resource that forest products businesses can use to access one-on-one, tailored business planning and business-related technical assistance. It's a great opportunity for business owners who are looking to make improvements to their operations.

Use the Viability Program to...

- Expand your businesses & access capital
- Assess the feasibility of new equipment, products and/or enterprises
- Transition ownership



The Viability Program helps Vermont business owners work smarter, not harder.

If there are big changes coming for your business, whether it's...

- Studying the feasibility of adding a new enterprise, or
- Improving record-keeping to keep better tabs on finances, or
- Identifying what's making money rather than losing it to focus just on what's profitable, or
- Preparing a business plan to go to the bank for a loan, or
- Understanding the steps needed to sell or transfer the business to a successor, or any other complication on the horizon

...it's a lot easier to be successful with some outside expertise.

Whether times are tough and you're trying to weather the storm, or you feel like you've grabbed a tiger by the tail, and need help managing growth, the Viability Program can work with you on the issues at hand.

Apply today! Cost: \$75 for up to 1 year of services.

Get Started: Contact Ian Hartman (ian@vhcb.org; 802-828-1098) or find our application online www.vhcb.org/viability.

The Viability Program is a program of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board.

Portable Skidder Bridge Rental Program

Loggers can rent portable skidder bridges from Natural Resources Conservation Districts offering this program for \$100 a month. The bridges are located at participating sawmills and log yards for loggers to conveniently pick up and return. Loggers who rent bridges are provided an educational packet that illustrates guidelines to follow for installation, use and removal of the bridges while following *Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont*. Following is a list of Natural Resources Conservation Districts and sawmills participating in this program

Lamoille County NRCD

Kim Jensen
kimberly.jensen@vt.nacdnet.net
 109 Professional Drive, Suite 2
 Morrisville, VT. 05661
 (802) 888-9218 x 113
www.lcnrcd.com

Participating Sawmills:

Buffalo Mountain Wood Yard
 Hardwick, VT. 05843
 Phone: (802) 472-3600

Caledonia NRCD

Kerry O'Brien
kerry.obrien@vt.nacdnet.net
 481 Summer Street, Suite 202
 Saint Johnsbury, VT. 05819
 (802) 748-3885 x 110
www.caledoniadistrict.org

Participating Sawmill:

Stan Robinson & Sons Wood Yard
 2841 US Route 5, Passumpsic, VT 05861
 (802) 748-1946

Winooski NRCD

Corrina Parnapy, District Manager
corrina@winooskinrcd.org
 617 Comstock Road, Suite 1
 Berlin, VT 05602
 Phone: (802) 778-3178
www.winooskinrcd.org

Participating Sawmill:

Fontaine's Sawmill – Mark Fontaine
 East Montpelier, VT. 05651
 Phone: (802) 223-7719
MarcFontaine@fontainemillworks.com

Participating Sawmill:

Lamell Lumber –
 Tom O'Keeffe (Procurement Forester)
 82 Jericho Road
 Essex Junction, VT 05472
 Phone: (802) 878-2475
 Mobile: (802) 238-8575
 FAX: (802) 879-2761
tokee40282@aol.com

Rutland NRCD

Nanci McGuire
nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net
 170 South Main Street, Suite 4
 Rutland, VT 05701
 Phone: (802) 775-8034 x 17
www.vacd.org/rcd

Participating Sawmill:

Gagnon Lumber, Inc.,
 Pittsford, VT
 Phone: (802) 483-6550

Windham NRCD

Eliza Ridegeair
Elizabeth.Ridgeair@vt.nacdnet.net
 28 Vernon Street, Suite 332
 Brattleboro, VT 05301
 Phone: (802) 254-5323 x 104
www.windhamcountynrcd.org

Participating Sawmill:

Allard Lumber Company
 Brattleboro, VT
 Phone: (802) 254-4939

White River NRCD

Marina Welch
 28 Farmvu Drive
 White River Jct. VT 05001
 Phone: (802) 369-3167
whiterivernrcd@gmail.com
www.vacd.org/whiteriver

Participating Sawmill:

Angel's Sawmill - Tim Angel
 VT Route 14, South Royalton, VT

Bennington NRCD

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www.bccdvt.org

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Hilary Solomon – Poultney
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pmnrcd@gmail.com
www.pmnrcd.org

Participating Sawmill:

Northeast Timber Exchange
 1635 Route 4 E
 Castleton, VT
 (802) 875-1037

Ottauquechee NRCD

Sue Greenall
 28 Farmvu Drive
 White River Junction, VT 05001
 (802)-295-7942 x11
onrcd1@gmail.com

Participating Sawmills

Sheehan's Sawmill
 251 Stoughton Hill Road
 Perkinsville, VT
 (802)-263-5545

Orleans County NRCD

Sarah Damsell
 59 Waterfront Plaza
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sarah.damsell@vt.nacdnet.net

Participating Sawmill:

Goodridge Lumber, Inc
 183 Bailey Hazen Road East
 Albany, VT 05820
 (802) 755-6298

Otter Creek NRCD

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 68 Catamount Park, Suite B
 Middlebury, VT 05753
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Participating Sawmill

Canopy Timber Alternatives
 John Anderson
 3311 Route 7 South
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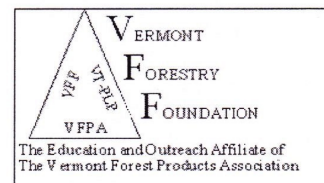
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Vermont Forestry Foundation

The official education and outreach arm of the Vermont Forest Products Association



The Mission of VFF is to educate the people within the forest products industry to improve efficiency, safety, professionalism, to increase profitability and build a positive image for the industry. In addition, VFF is engaged in outreach efforts to educate the general public about the importance of a vibrant working forest and forest products industry in Vermont.

VFF is a non-profit 501 © (3) organization that accepts grants and donations to meet its mission. Donations are tax exempt. VFF is run by a Board of Trustees that are elected for four year terms at the Annual Meeting of the Vermont Forest Products Association.

Current Trustees and Officers:

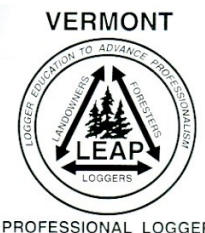
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LEAP~Logger Education to Advance Professionalism

Submitted by David Birdsall



MISSION: The purpose of the Vermont LEAP program is to promote a professional approach to logging by providing the knowledge necessary for LEAP participants to work safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally conscientious manner while harvesting timber in Vermont. The LEAP Curriculum exceeds the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). LEAP will be working with the Vermont Forest Products Association to benefit and strengthen the Forest Industry in Vermont. To encourage loggers to join VFPA, LEAP will offer a reduced rate for VFPA members.

How it works!

The LEAP Program

Step 1. Provisional LEAP Certification for Loggers new to Logger Education:

A logger must complete 24 hours (three days) of instruction, in the **Primary Curriculum** to achieve **Provisional Status**.

Step 2. Full LEAP Certification – for loggers who have completed the Primary Curriculum.

A logger must complete 3 additional workshops, within 2 years of obtaining **Provisional** status to achieve **Full Certification**. One of which must be First Aid & CPR. The other two can be Electives of choice.

Step 3. Maintaining Full Certification – Continuing Education (CE) – for loggers who have completed the Secondary Curriculum.

To maintain **Full Certification**, a logger is required to participate in 2 days of related CE programs or public service, within 2 years thereafter. First Aid and CPR certification must be kept current as well.

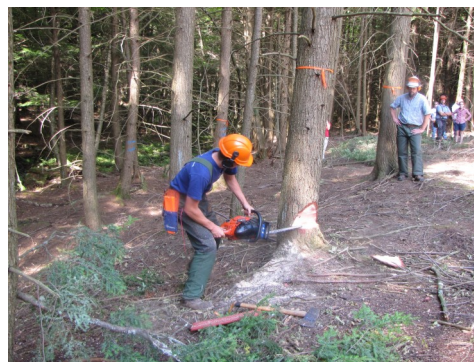
Bottom Line – once certified, complete one workshop a year to remain certified!

How much does it cost?

LEAP requires a one-time Registration fee:
 \$250 for VFPA members,
 \$300 for others.

There will be day fees associated with the different workshops, these rates vary depending on the presenter or topic. The fees typically range from Free to \$150.

Contact David Birdsall, LEAP Coordinator
 41 Northrup Road, Middletown Springs, VT 05757
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 website: www.vtleap.com Phone: 802-235-2908



WHY BE A VFPA MEMBER?

The forest products industry is crucial to Vermont's economy and identity. The last few years have been a struggle for many in the forest products industry. Many are asking, "What can I do to bring about positive change?"

One of the most important things we can do is to support the organizations that support our industry. Our success depends on the strength of our organization, both in number of members and also in its financial health.

The mission of the Vermont Forest Products Association is to promote and defend the interests of our members.

VFPA represents all aspects of the forestry community and the member businesses and individuals that are located throughout the State of Vermont.

Your membership in VFPA is important. As a member of VFPA we can collectively seek ways to improve opportunities for our industry. Your membership gives you a place to learn more about improving your business, voice your concerns and share with others in helping Vermont remain a rural state that is proud to include a vibrant forest products industry.

We would welcome your much needed support in the form of a membership to continue our commitment in promoting and defending our forest and wood industry.

For more information, or a membership application, please visit www.vtfpa.org or contact Barb at vtfpa@hotmail.com



NEW MEMBERS 2018

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Ben Campbell
Zachary Emerson

Richard Carbonetti
Jason Bean
Bradley Bordewieck
Chris Garmalo

Thank you to all those who have given their support through memberships with the VFPA this year

Northern Forest Community: Managing Northern Woodlands for Wildlife

Join forest industry specialists for an interesting perspective on our northern forests, and the plant communities that provide habitat for a multitude of wildlife species.

Date: November 3, 2018

Time: 9:00-12:00

Location: Maidstone State Park, 4858 Maidstone Lake Rd, Maidstone, VT 05905

(intersection of Vermont Route 102 and Maidstone Lake Road - look for NHTOA signs.)

Instructors: **Dale Covey**, Weyerhaeuser Company
Brendan Prusik, UNH Cooperative Extension
John Lanier, Wildlife Biologist, Young Forest Initiative

Interested in learning more about trees and wildlife habitat in the North Country? Join forest industry specialists for an interesting perspective on our northern forests, and the plant communities that provide habitat for a multitude of wildlife species.

Workshop emphasis will center on wildlife habitat management, silvicultural applications and techniques, and management of early successional crop trees. *Participants should wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to walk on uneven ground. Hard hats and vests will be provided.*

This workshop can be used for 3.0 category 1 CFE credits and 3.0 Professional Loggers Program credits.

Please Register. Contact: 603-224-9699 or email info@nhtoa.org

Register online at:

https://www.nhtoa.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&reset=1&id=178

Event Fees: Members-\$15; Non-Members - \$30

Credits: PLP Credits 3

SAF—Category 1-3

SAF—Category 2-0

ISA Arborist Credits



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Dates and Events



October 1, 2018 - Working Lands Business Grants: Request for Applications Open

October 21-27, 2018 - National Forest Products Week

October 22, 2018 - NELA Fall Board of Directors Meeting
NELA Headquarters, Old Forge, NY.

For more information, please call 315-369-3078

October 24, 2018 - National Bioenergy Day

October 25, 2018 - VFPA Directors' Meeting
4 pm - The Steakhouse Restaurant, Berlin, VT

November 3, 2018 - Workshop -Northern Forest Community:
Managing Northern Woodlands for Wildlife. (see page 16)

November 6, 2018 - Election Day-REMEMBER TO VOTE!!

November 7, 2018 - Workshop-Business Skills for Logging
Professionals: Rutland, VT (see page 15)

November 8, 2018 - Workshop-Business Skills for Logging
Professionals: Hardwick, VT (see page 15)

December 15, 2018 - VFPA Annual Award Nominations Deadline

December 31, 2018 - NELA Grant Program Deadline

January 31, 2019 - NELA Awards Nominations Deadline

**Directors' Meetings are open meetings and all forest
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