



SAY IT LOUDER!

President Casey Black's Welcome to the Pacific Logging Congress Live in The Woods Show

and diligently, providing human shelter, extraordinary fish and wildlife habitat, vast green space, and rural economics. We tell our story where and when we can – sometimes falling on friendly ears, sometimes met with more hostility.

The Pacific Logging Congress Live in The Woods Show is about saying it louder. We gather every four years somewhere in that vast green space to tell our story in the best way it can be told: tangibly. This showcase of our craft can be seen, heard, smelled. It brings fresh eyes face-to-face with the wisdom of our logging experts, grizzled by decades of market cycles, policy changes, natural disasters, and plain old hard work.

On our Weyerhaeuser Vail Tree Farm, nestled visibly between Mount Rainier and the Chehalis Valley, we're saying it louder by bringing thousands of students from throughout Washington state to actively experience what we do every day safely, innovatively, and effectively.

A short, mulched path will lead visitors through forestry operations featuring tethered assist machines, remote controls, virtual reality, drone technology, and more. Students will also note our industry's sustainability: the light touch we take to the land, the critters that call our forests home, the clean air, the cold water.

I invite you to join us September 21-23 in Vail, Washington, for our ninth Live in The Woods Show. The world has been loud as of late, but we've been quietly maintaining our trade: providing high-quality forest products for a world developing rapidly around our forests. Visitors will help us tell our story more clearly. And if we say it loudly enough, we will have thousands more listening.

I hope to see you there!

Casey Black
2023 PLC President

Somewhere on Mount Rose, headed to our summer meeting in Tahoe, the husband-wife team driving us was in a debate. As it happened, the wife was vindicated, and the husband let out a begrudging, "You're right," swiftly met with a phrase many board members adopted that week: "Say it louder!"

We, the timber industry, are a humble bunch. We go about our work agreeably

VOLUNTEERS

Needed for 9th PLC Live In-Woods Show

The PLC Live In-Woods Show is only as good as the volunteers that run it.

Like years past, we are counting on amazing volunteers like you to step up and make this a valuable show for students, exhibitors, the public and the industry at large.

This year we will need a host of volunteers throughout the September 21-23, 2023 event.

Some of the duties include:

- Parking
- Student tour guides
- Shuttle drivers (must be over 25)
- School bus greeters
- Cashiers
- Clean up
- Registration
- ... and more.

If you're available to volunteer any of the days of the show, please let us know. Go to the PLC website and fill out the simple volunteer form.

Thank you in advance for your help in making the 2023 show a great success!



PLC PRESIDENT'S MEETING

President Casey Black welcomed everyone to the 2023 PLC President's Meeting, on June 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort in Incline Village, Nevada.

The event started with a reception at the Hyatt. The weather was wonderful, and the Lake was looking especially beautiful.

On Monday everyone relaxed, some took a tour of the lake, and many enjoyed a private PLC blackjack tournament. Dealers taught the inexperienced the ropes and after several rounds, winners emerged and prizes were handed out. Later dinner was held down on the shore, with stunning views of the lake. Throughout was constant talk of upcoming show and plans were being made.

Executive and general board meetings were held on Tuesday morning. Again, the major topic was the upcoming Live In-Woods Show. Casey Black was pleased to see the excitement already being generated and how the Weyerhaeuser site was coming together.

People left ready to tackle the work ahead!

Forestry Challenge UPDATE



by Diane Dealey Neill

At its most recent board meeting, the Pacific Forest Foundation voted to continue sponsorship support of the Forestry Challenge. This support is critical as the Forestry Challenge enters its fall event season, with 5 events throughout California scheduled for late September through mid November. At this time, over 600 students from 89 schools are pre-registered for these events. Students will spend 4 days in

Uma Inaishi from Granada Hills High School in Los Angeles County watches wood being processed at the Sierra Pacific Industries mill in Sonora.

the forest learning the science behind active forest management.

At the last event of the 2022-2023 academic year, the fourth Forestry Challenge Championship was held on April 20 to 22 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest, Tuolumne County. This event was the first full return to the Championship format since 2019,

with only the top 25 percent of teams from the fall 2022 events earning the invitation. A total of 94 students from 14 schools participated, including one team from Collège La Cité from Ottawa, Ontario, making this the first international Forestry Challenge event.

The focus topic was Creating a Fire Resilient Landscape in the Stanislaus National Forest. Students analyzed existing stand conditions and compared them to historic conditions, became familiar with the treatment prescription of a new project called the Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape (SERAL), created a sample “mark” on a 1/5-acre plot, then determined whether or not SERAL’s prescribed treatment can accomplish the goal of creating a resilient forest.

During the Challenge, teams also completed a rigorous field test to assess their technical forestry knowledge and data-collecting skills. Prior to the start of the event, several school groups toured the Sierra Pacific Industries mill in Sonora.

\$34,000 is awarded 2023-24 Scholars

This year the Pacific Forest Foundation Board gave out a record amount of \$34,000 to deserving scholarship applicants. Below is a list of who will surely be the industry’s future forestry leaders.

\$2,500 John Nicholson – University of Idaho – Forestry, Logging Operations

\$2,500 Lillia Mary Schoegje – OSU – Forestry (Forest Management)**

\$2,500 Cassandra Renteria - Cal Poly Humboldt - Forestry

\$2,500 Coby Miller - Cal Poly Humboldt – Forestry Operations

\$2,500 Ryan Cooper - Cal Poly Humboldt – Forestry Operations

\$2,000 Matthew Scheuber – Oregon State University - Forest and Civil Engineering

\$2,000 Jack Miller – OSU - Civil Engineering

\$2,000 Luke Gerow - Grays Harbor Community College - Forestry/Natural Resources

\$2,000 Riley Taylor - California State University, Chico - Agriculture Business in Natural Resource Economics

\$1,500 Blake Singleton - University of Canterbury, New Zealand - Forestry Science

\$1,500 Kyle Sommer – OSU - Forestry with a focus in Forest Restoration and Fire

\$1,500 Kelly Cantrell - University of Montana, Missoula - Forestry

\$1,500 Kendra Gerstenberg - Cal Poly Humboldt - Forestry - Restoration

\$1,000 Kobree Penney - Utah State University - Forest Ecology and Management

\$1,000 Victoria Diederichs – OSU - Sustainable Forest Management and Wood Science & Engineering

\$1,000 Travis Green - Cal Poly Humboldt - Forestry

\$1,000 Zoey Cardoza - Cal Poly Humboldt - Forestry (Forest Operations)

\$1,000 Rebecca Smyth - University of Montana - Forestry

\$500 David Hamilton – OSU - PhD in sustainable forest management (major forest engineering)

\$500 Tylar James Kolakowski - Cal Poly Humboldt - Forestry Operations

\$500 Jake Gerrard – OSU – Forestry Management

\$500 Karissa Hadermann – OSU – Natural Resources

\$500 Maria Lourdes Chiarella Corpus - University of British Columbia - Master of Sustainable Forest Management

** This year the first Lance Christensen Scholarship was awarded by Port Blakely to Lillia Mary Schoegje.

SPONSORS FOR THE 9TH PLC LIVE IN-WOODS SHOW

The support for the 9th Liven In-Woods Show had been nothing short of astounding. Companies have stepped up to support the show and student transportation.

The last two shows have been held in Oregon, where the cost of student transportation (buses and drivers) was covered by OFRI. Now, in Washington, the PLC will be responsible for the reimbursement.

Below is the list of our sponsors to-date. Thank you! You are making this event possible and your contributions will be having a real impact on young lives.

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Historic Vail Tree Farm Good Match for Show Venue

By Mary Bullwinkel

Weyerhaeuser's Vail Tree Farm in Vail, Washington, will be the site of the Pacific Logging Congress ninth annual Live in The Woods Show to be held Sept. 21-23.

The event will showcase both the Weyerhaeuser Vail Tree Farm as well as active and static industry equipment and technology displays. Visitors will see live demonstrations, the latest forest technology in operation, and have numerous educational opportunities.

Ben Flint has worked for Weyerhaeuser for eight years and is the area manager for the Vail operating area for the company.

"Weyerhaeuser and our team at the Vail tree farm are excited to host the PLC Live In-Woods Show in 2023," said Flint. "We believe this is a great opportunity to showcase sustainable forest management and new, cutting-edge technologies to the next generation of professionals and to the general public as a whole."

To prepare the site for the show, the Vail crew has created safety buffers, constructed trails and roads, and prepared the ground for the exhibitor booth sites. Volunteers from the Vail crew and from Weyerhaeuser as a whole will be helping to ensure a successful show.

Flint said, "At Weyerhaeuser, innovation and striving to improve the safety and productivity of our harvesting operations is foundational to how we

manage the land on a day-to-day basis. As such, when we were approached about hosting the PLC Live in The Woods Show, which demonstrates and highlights current innovations within the timber industry, we jumped at the opportunity."

The Weyerhaeuser Vail Tree Farm and surrounding timberland were part of the original purchase by Frederick Weyerhaeuser, which led to the establishment of the company in 1900. Activity began as the Skookumchuck operations, with Vail being Camp 1, in 1924. Logging in the area at that time utilized steam donkeys and a railroad system for transporting logs.

The Vail site originally was a town with homes, stores and a post office for Weyerhaeuser employees and their families.

Today Vail is a nearly 190,000-acre contiguous block of land, managed

through the principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to continuously produce timber for the forest products industry.

The farm is also known for its power-generating wind turbines. In fact, visitors will be parking at a site for staging the turbines as they were installed. The 38 wind turbines of the Skookumchuck wind farm began spinning on the Vail tree farm a couple years ago. It made history as the first commercial-scale wind farm west of the Cascades.

The Weyerhaeuser Vail Tree Farm continues to be a leader in the adoption of new logging technologies. Company crews and contractors began implementing cable assist timber harvesting in 2015 and have adopted motorized grapple logging and drones for logging and silvicultural operations. It is the perfect site for the Live in The Woods Show.



Cultivating Leaders in NATURAL RESOURCE INDUSTRIES

*By Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director,
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AgForestry was created on the premise that leaders can be cultivated. Now in its 46th year, the AgForestry Leadership Program has graduated over 1,000 leaders in agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Leaders that are broad minded, action-oriented and seek solutions to challenges. Leaders that make informed decisions before taking action and that are articulate advocates for natural resources and value relationships built on mutual respect and trust.

The program spans 18 months with

11 multiday in-state seminars, plus a week in Washington, D.C., and two weeks in a foreign country. The seminars build leadership skills but also group dynamics and public speaking; media skills; explore social issues as well as crime and corrections; delve into state and federal government structure and public policy; understand forestry and agriculture issues including transportation and the Columbia River system.

Planning for each seminar is extensive, with specialists, experts, policymakers, academics and citizens who make a difference all invited to speak. One could easily assume with a prescribed

purpose and narrow focus — cultivating leaders — that planning for the future would be an easy task.

If you look closely, you can spot an AgForestry graduate. And if you know a recent graduate, you are no doubt amazed and impressed with the transformation that occurred before your eyes. Graduates emerge as different people. As they should, after a highly competitive selection process and then at least 58 days of focused time and attendance.

The Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation, which oversees the AgForestry Leadership Program, primarily looks for productive candidates — key or up-and-coming decision-makers from farming, forestry, fishing or natural resource entities or who spend their time in hands-on activities. In addition to producers (farmer, forester and fisher), AgForestry looks for processor/shippers, and marketing/salespeople as well as those in education, law, finance, insurance and government agencies who serve the natural resources sector. Those in fields such as the environment, media, research, labor and public relations who demonstrate strong connections to natural resource industries are also considered.

A new class begins every October, with the application window open each January to April and applications for Class 46 open in January 2024.

To learn more or to start the application process, go to: agforestry.org/prospects. And, to invest in future leaders, go to: agforestry.org/donate.

We cultivate leaders.

