



# WSRI UPDATE

*“Improving wood supply operations through research”*

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**Dear WSRI Members, FRA Members, and Friends:**

Welcome to the first issue of the WSRI UPDATE, a quarterly E-Newsletter designed to keep you up to date on what’s happening at the Wood Supply Research Institute – where we are *“improving wood supply operations through research.”* Foresters and loggers who want to be added to the mailing list to directly receive the WSRI quarterly e-newsletter should contact WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig at [fendig@bellsouth.net](mailto:fendig@bellsouth.net)

## **WSRI FaceBook Page established**

As a direct result of Wood Supply Research Institute Board and Executive Committee action WSRI has upgraded and expanded its Communications Tool Kit to include a FaceBook Page. We encourage all foresters and loggers with an interest of the wood supply chain to check out the WSRI FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/woodsupplyresearchinstitute> and to click the “like” and “follow” buttons so you can keep abreast of the latest wood supply research developments.

## **Completed WSRI Research Projects**

The following are completed WSRI Research Projects that if implemented show the highest promise of increasing logging and wood transport efficiency.

- “Wood Truck Turn-Time” - The more efficiently we can provide a round trip from the woods to the mill & return the fewer trucks will be needed. WSRI is in the process of updating & expanding the original Project.
- “Causes and Cost of Unused Wood Production” - This Project identifies unused production capacity. If existing capacity is more fully utilized then less equipment is needed.
- “Logging Capacity Update” and “Supplier / Consumer Relations” - Both of these studies are full of helpful information to identify and understand the imbalance between production capacity and logging capacity as well as actions that, if taken, have the potential to minimize problems and improve efficiency.

For more information any WSRI Research Project please click here <http://wsri.org/findings.html#plan-communic> or contact WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig at [fendig@bellsouth.net](mailto:fendig@bellsouth.net)

## **Currently Underway WSRI Research Projects**

- “Factors Affecting Fuel Consumption & Harvesting Cost” – This is joint project being carried out between NCASI and Dr. Gallagher & Dr. Schmidt at Auburn University

- “Developing Western Logging Cost As A Basis for Logging Cost Indices” – This project is being conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Dodson at The University of Montana
- “Validating The Southern Logging Cost Index” – This project being researched by Dr. Dale Greene at The University of Georgia

### Western Initiative

Over the next twelve months WSRI will be focusing on adding new WSRI members in needed wood fiber supply chain segments and sections across the Country. We have teamed up with Beth Dodson of University of Montana and Don Taylor of Sustainable Resource Systems LLC to develop a “compelling story” WSRI presentation. Don & Beth will also assist in planning & setting up a meeting at a western location and inviting key western leaders to hear learn more about WSRI. The invitation list will include all segments and businesses that are dependent on the Western fiber supply chain.

### WSRI Member News

- Judy Haney has accepted a position with Boise Cascade in plywood sales. Her new email address is [judyhaney@bc.com](mailto:judyhaney@bc.com) Don Pope, Packaging Corporation of America, Valdosta Woodlands has been recommended by Judy for WSRI membership for PCA. Don has been contacted with an invitation to join WSRI
- Claude Yearwood has retired from The Price Companies and Marcus Beard has taken his place on both the WSRI Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Steve Carruth has retired from KapStone and Bruce Getzinger has taken his place on the WSRI Board of Directors.
- John Enlow has accepted a position with Weyerhaeuser and Doug Long has replaced him on both the WSRI Executive Committee and Board of Directors representing Rayonier.
- Danny Waugh, International Paper, has accepted a new position as a Process Steward in the Global Sourcing Center and Chris Becklean has replaced Danny on both the WSRI Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

We look forward to seeing you at the next WSRI Annual Meeting which will be conducted in conjunction with the FRA Annual Meeting, April 27-29, 2015, Nashville, TN.

With best wishes,

*Danny*

Danny Norman, WSRI Board of Directors Chair.

*Jim*

Jim Fendig, WSRI Executive Director

**The Wood Supply Research Institute (WSRI) is a joint project of professional loggers, forest landowners, wood consuming mills, educators, and manufacturers that facilitates and funds research to promote and improve efficiency in the wood supply system.**