



WSRI UPDATE

“Improving wood supply operations through research”

Summer 2015

Dear WSRI Members, FRA Members, and Friends:

Welcome to the third 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

WSRI Leadership Changes

Crad Jaynes President and CEO of the South Carolina Timber Producers Association was elected the Chair of the Wood Supply Research Institute at its April 2015 Annual Meeting. “Crad will bring excellent leadership and association management skills to WSRI over his two year term,” noted outgoing Chair Danny Norman Senior Portfolio Manager- Brazil, of Resource Management Service. Norman was also recognized and honored at the Meeting for his past two years of service as WSRI Chair.

(Below: Crad Jaynes – Left, Jim Fendig – Center and Danny Norman – Right)



Jim Fendig, WRSI Executive Director also noted, “We look forward to Crad’s leadership to guide WSRI through a transition period this fall and in early 2016 when I retire and a new WSRI Executive Director is hired and put into place at the 2016 WSRI Annual Meeting. The WSRI Executive Director job description and request for applications will be distributed in September 2015.”

In addition David Hudnall, Corporate Forest Resources Environmental Manager LP, was elected Chair of the WSRI Technical Committee.

WSRI National Awards

Jeff Jenkins of Glatfelter and Don Taylor of Sustainable Resource Systems LLC both received WSRI National Membership Awards at the April WSRI Annual Meeting. In making the Awards WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig noted, “Both Jeff and Don have excelled in their efforts to recruit new WSRI members over the last year. We are very grateful for their outstanding membership recruiting efforts.”

(Below: Jim Fendig – Left, Jeff Jenkins – Right.....Don Taylor – Far Right)



Danny Norman, WRSI Chairman also noted, “New members are the lifeblood of any organization and we appreciate the excellent effort Jeff and Don made to bring new members into our organization.”

WSRI Annual Meeting Research Presentations

- **Logging Cost Index Verification** - The objective of this Project was to assess accuracy of the original Logging Cost Index as well as the representativeness of the logger sample. This Project, awarded in 2013, was carried out by the University of Georgia (UGA) and now has replaced the original Logging Cost Index reported by Stuart & Grace of Mississippi State annually for some 10 years. The new Logging Cost Index is reported quarterly in TIMBER MART-SOUTH. Seven logging cost components were researched for three years and they tracked very closely with the original Stuart & Grace Logging Cost trend lines. Accuracy of Logging Cost estimation had an average deviation of 0.1% (+/- 3.9%). Conclusion: The UGA Logging Cost Index appears to be reasonably accurate measure of logging input cost changes. Variability in logging production is still the major driver of logging cost changes.

- **Factors Affecting Fuel Consumption and Harvesting Cost** - Tom Gallagher of Auburn University presented the results of this Research Project, funded jointly by WSRI and The National Council of Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI), to collect and analyze fuel consumption levels on felling, skidding, and loading operations in fourteen states. The Study was able to derive fuel consumption data across a range of conditions, types of equipment, and other variables including a variety of harvesting types, average tree size, and various geographic and ground conditions that impact harvesting costs.

Both Projects will be posted on the WSRI web page www.WSRI.org

WSRI Facebook Page Update

Since its launch in October 2014 the WSRI Facebook Page has received 100+ likes (followers). We encourage all foresters and loggers with an interest in 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.

Research Project Selection Process

- WSRI receives proposals from anyone year round. **We encourage you to submit a research proposal that will improve wood supply chain operations!**
- Proposals format is a brief three part email communication. 1 - Name of Project & background of need, 2 - Expected deliverables, and 3 - How Project data might be used. Send proposal to fendig@bellsouth.net .
- Proposal will be reviewed by WSRI Technical Team. Selected proposal will be sent to potential researchers with request for RFP’s. A final research project selection will be made by the Technical Team and sent to WSRI Board for approval.
- Completed research Project is made available on the WSRI web site—<http://wsri.org/> and through a Technical Release published by FRA.

WSRI Editorial Board Briefings

WSRI continues on an ambitious schedule of Editorial Board Briefings with major Forestry and Logging Magazines. Recent briefings have been conducted with the Editors of the ***Louisiana Forests and People and Louisiana Logger Magazines, Great Lakes TPA Magazine, Virginia Forests, Forest Business Network E-Newsletter, and the Maine Forest Products Council E-Newsletter.*** Past briefings have resulted in articles and coverage in the Journal of Forestry, Forest Business Network E-Newsletter, and Great Lakes TPA magazine and other magazines/newsletters. **Also as a direct result of an editorial briefing Buck Vandersteen, Executive Director of the Louisiana Forestry Association requested and was granted a time slot at the National Council of Forestry Association Executives Meeting in July to speak to his peers about the value association membership in WSRI.** Additional Editorial Briefings over the summer are now being scheduled.

WSRI Ads

The WSRI Board again offers special thanks to DK Knight of Hatton-Brown Publications for developing color and black and white WSRI public service advertisements. Also for volunteering to run the WSRI adds for three months (complimentary!) in ***Timber Harvesting*** and ***Southern Loggin' Times***.

 <p>Wood Supply Research Institute <i>"Improving wood supply operations through research"</i></p> <p>Are you interested in taking part to improve the efficiency, productivity and profitability of your forest management or timber harvesting and transportation operations?</p> <p>WE CAN HELP!</p> <p>Please visit: www.wsri.org or contact: WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig fendig@bellsouth.net 912-598-8023</p>	 <p>Wood Supply Research Institute <i>"Improving wood supply operations through research"</i></p> <p>Are you interested in taking part to improve the efficiency, productivity and profitability of your forest management or timber harvesting and transportation operations?</p> <p>WE CAN HELP!</p> <p>Please visit: www.wsri.org or contact: WSRI Executive Director Jim Fendig fendig@bellsouth.net 912-598-8023</p>
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We also are grateful and offer thanks to other WSRI partners including ***Timber Mart-South, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Louisiana Forestry Association, Virginia Forestry Association, Michigan Association of Timbermen, Timber West Magazine, South Carolina Forestry Association, RISI and Virginia Forest Products Association*** who have also run these WSRI "public service" ads in their publications. Please help us out by running the WSRI public service ads in your publications or newsletters.....contact Richard Lewis at rlewis7575@aol.com for camera ready copies of the ads.

With best wishes,

Crad

Crad Jaynes, WSRI Board of Directors Chair.

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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.