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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

FEB/MAR 2017  
Executive Director  
Tommy Carroll



## New Year, New Government, New Opportunities.

With the United States operating with a new president there is great optimism that more prosperous times lay ahead for the various segments of the forest products industry as well as its customers. While praying for better times ahead, this is no time to lower your guard to the individuals and groups still in place that still desire to further regulate and control your business. Supporting the American Loggers Council at the national level through your support of the state logging associations such as the SWPA is the only way logging companies can maintain a strong and consistent voice at all levels of government.

One significant issue to consider centers around an increased demand for consumer and building products. If the economy picks up and the demand for these products creates a need for increased wood fiber production, will the current level of harvesting and trucking capacity be sufficient to meet the demand.

As far as Georgia and Florida go, stumpage inventory is available and harvesting capacity should be in good shape overall. However, trucking capacity is sliding and will most likely get worse. So why is trucking capacity the weakest link in the wood fiber production chain?

While there are many reasons that trucking is a major expense in any industry, transporting wood fiber especially whole trees, is unique compared to other industries. Companies that transport wood fiber, unlike most trucking companies, have very little leverage to negotiate what their freight rates will be. From a business and safety standpoint, truck owners are challenged to operate under these conditions where there is no profit in their capital investment to offset basic truck expenses ranging from fuel, parts and even qualified drivers. Many companies subsidize their trucking expenses from other segments of their logging company income. Some companies have traditionally utilized contract trucking companies instead of owning their own trucks. However, the same financial issues apply to these companies which has led to their decline and lack of availability.

Currently, the most crippling factor shutting down log trucks is insurability. Not only rapidly increasing premiums

but in many cases no insurance companies are available or willing to write policies. What has caused this and what are solutions to correct this potentially crippling effect on the overall industry?

In a report issued by the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America for the period 2013-2015, Georgia ranked number one in commercial auto loss ratio for the entire United States and Florida ranked fourth. The report lists lawsuits as the number one cause resulting in these statistics. The bottom line is insurance companies would rather settle out of court rather than face a jury trial. While this may be a cheaper strategy for many cases, this policy has still resulted in an unfavorable climate for insurance companies to justify their exposure in states like Georgia and Florida.

Safety programs, proper record keeping and driver screen are still crucial elements to avoid rate increases and maintain insurability. However, some type of tort reform is needed to stop courts from paying out settlements that are unjustified for many accident cases.

The SWPA is making efforts to educate legislators about this issue and the negative economic impact it will eventually have on both states economies if not addressed. Please reach out to state officials you may know. There is data available to support what I have address in this article.

Also, mark your calendars for June 2 and 3 to attend the 2017 SWPA annual meeting at Jekyll Island, Georgia. This would be a good time to plan a vacation with your family and take advantage of the trade show as well. More information will be available very soon. Once again, if Pam and I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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*“You have to think anyway, so why not think big!”*

— DONALD TRUMP

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**ANNUAL MEETING LOCATION**

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**ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS**

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1:00PM Golf Tournament *proceeds go to "Log A Load for Kid's Charity"*

**Friday - June 2, 2017**

9:00AM – 1:00PM Continuing Logger Education  
*(FL Master Logger Renewal / GA Master Timber Harvester credits)*

1:00PM - 6:00PM Registration/Hospitality/Vendor Areas

**Saturday - June 3, 2017**

8:00AM – 2:30PM Registration/Hospitality/Vendor Areas  
 6:00PM – 7:00PM President's Reception  
 6:45PM – 9:00PM Kid's Night Out  
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# The Director's Corner

## Georgia Forestry Commission

Robert Farris, Director

Do you ever have days when you think nobody cares about the work you do? We've all been there, I suspect, but today is *not* that day for you! Events of the last six months have created opportunities for all sectors of the forest community to lend support to harvesters and processors working hard to clean up what Mother Nature has been leaving behind.

Despite recent rainfall, the long lasting impact of Georgia's drought is still very real. As of early February, almost half of the state was experiencing drought levels ranging from "abnormally dry" to "extreme drought," according to the US Drought Monitor. That lack of rain has led to numerous consequences, including stressed and dying trees, full wood yards, bark beetle infestations, and wildfire.

Timber salvage operations have been going full force since fall, following more than 5,100 wildfires that blackened an estimated 31,000 acres of state and private land, along with another 42,000 acres on US Forest Service lands. Looking ahead, the National Interagency Fire Center is also predicting above normal significant wildfire potential this spring across south Georgia and Florida.

A series of tornadoes that ripped through several south Georgia counties in January resulted in 16 fatalities and extensive property damage. They also brought down an estimated 27,000 acres of forestland valued at more than \$41 million. Extensive salvage operations there began almost immediately, and Georgia Governor Nathan Deal issued an executive order to temporarily increase maximum weights on logging trucks hauling salvaged timber on state maintained roadways.

As if storms, fires and drought weren't enough, Georgia's mild winter is contributing to an unprecedented outbreak of Ips engraver beetle activity. It comes on the heels, as well, of an unusually active southern pine beetle season in coastal communities. We suspect this may be an indicator of what's to come this summer. Because bark beetles are attracted to and thrive on stressed trees, damaged branches and logging debris, the Georgia Forestry Commission's Forest Health team is urging landowners to carefully survey their property for evidence of damage

and infestations. Professional forest managers are sharing advice about specific forest management strategies that deal with the problems. Practices such as prescribed burning and thinning operations, which are normally beneficial to maintaining the health of a forest stand, can place additional stress on already drought- or wildfire-stressed trees. Any additional stress may make those stands even more susceptible to the infestation and spread of bark beetles. Where warranted, it may be best to delay these practices until the stands recover from drought and wildfire stress.

Current conditions point to the need for all of us to take a stand for the health and sustainability of Georgia's forests. Additional wildfire activity and/or increased bark beetle activity into the coming months will make it even more critical that the entire forestry community work together to prioritize salvage and control operations. Priorities and patience are needed as we work together to salvage as much of this timber as time and equipment allow. Recognizing our challenges in the woods and at the mills will go a long way toward solving issues, as will staying focused on that bigger, mutual goal - maintaining healthy, sustainable forests. By doing that, we can continue to provide the products and environmental services for which Georgians depend on us, today and also tomorrow.

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## SWPA Executive Officers 2016 - 2018

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**President: John Lane**  
**Coastal Logging Co Inc**



John Lane's childhood memories stem from working in the woods on his father's logging crew. Growing up in the industry made it easy for him to begin his own business in 1981. He and his wife Donna started Coastal Logging Co from humble beginnings and today it has grown to a three crew operation. John's son, Johnny, and his wife Sarah are active in the business as well and represent the fifth generation of the Lane family in the timber industry. John also and serves in the national logging association, the American Logger's Council, as SWPA's representative, within the Georgia Forestry Association as well as the Glynn County Forestry Commission. John stated that he got involved because: "I felt it was my responsibility to become more active in issues that affect loggers and the future of the logging industry."

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**Vice President: Scott Gies**  
**Gies Timber & Land Inc.**



Scott first joined the SWPA after leaving the consuming side of the industry to establish a logging business in early 2007. He was elected to serve as a Board member in 2010. Scott's harvesting operations are primarily in northeast Florida and southeast Georgia. He is married to Sheila Gies and has a daughter, Jennifer Hale (husband Clint Hale), granddaughters Ella and Anna, a son Douglas and a daughter Kelli. Scott was also a Florida Logger's Council member of the Florida Forestry Association. When asked why he serves loggers as an SWPA Board Officer he said: "I feel that it important for those of us in the timber harvesting profession to have a unified voice. We are the ultimate stewards of the forest, and unless we as group make this known there is an assumption that we are not. By serving the members of the SWPA it is my hope to help get this message out to the public at large."

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**Secretary-Treasurer: Russell Fowler**  
**Flint River Timber of GA, Inc.**



Russell received a B.S. in Forest Resources in 1988, then started his career in the industry working for G.P. and the former Stone Container in the Big Bend of Florida and southwest Georgia. His exposure to the industry in the early 90's, along with its changes, led to the founding of a private wood dealership, Flint River Timber in Cairo, GA. The buying and selling of wood developed into investment in the logging business. The support of sub-contractors and company owned logging crews is vital to the success of a modern day timber dealership. Russell has always supported loggers and feels communication between forestry associations, the public and the industry is essential. Involvement with the SWPA is the most important link in accomplishing this task.

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**Past President: Richard Schwab**  
**MA Rigoni Inc.**



Richard Schwab began working with the family business, M. A. Rigoni, Inc., Perry, Florida, in 1990. He worked his way up within the organization as an equipment operator in the woods, to a mechanic, to managing a crew in 1992. From 1992 to 1995 Richard worked as crew foreman. From 1995 to present Richard has been responsible for procurement and new business development for all of the company crews and contractors. MA Rigoni operates three crews, a couple of private contractors, and a land clearing crew. Richard accepted a leadership role in the SWPA in the Fall of 2008 because "he is passionate about the logging industry and wants to do as much as possible to make a difference." Richard said, "I realized that unless we speak up for ourselves as a unified industry we are allowing others to control our destiny."

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**Executive Director: Tommy Carroll**  
**SWPA Inc.**



Tommy Carroll, Executive Director of the Southeastern Wood Producers Association (SWPA), has 37 years of experience in the timber harvesting industry. This includes 10 years with Union Camp Corporation working as crew foreman on company timber harvesting crews and later as a wood yard manager. For the next 15 years, Carroll was employed by Canal Wood Corporation as Harvesting Compliance Coordinator. The primary focus of this position placed an emphasis on safety and environmental compliance programs with Canal's timber harvesting contractors and company facilities throughout the south eastern and mid-western United States. Carroll began work for the SWPA in 2001 first as Education Director and became the Executive Director in 2007. Carroll served as chairman of the Georgia Forestry Association's Logging and Transportation Committee from 1996 to 2000 and currently sits on Georgia's SFI Statewide Implementation Committee and Logger Education Committee.

# The Florida Forest Service

## Director's Desk



Jim Karels, State Forester

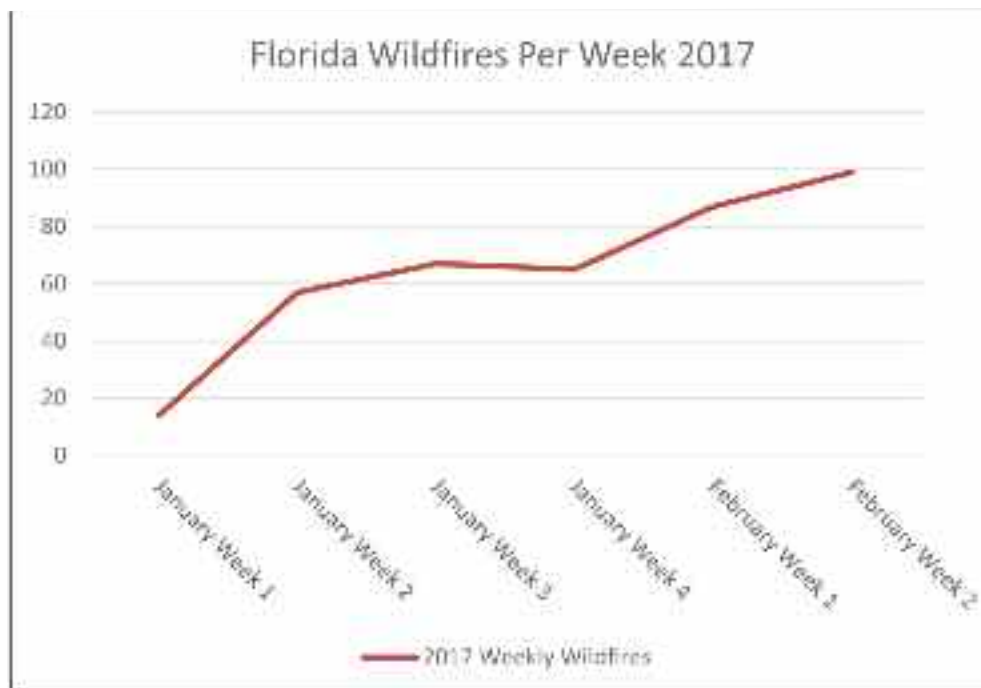
### Reforestation Cost Share Program Aims to Boost Florida's Working Forests

Wildfire danger is on the rise in Florida. During October through December, the state saw above-average temperatures and below average rainfall, except for those areas affected by Hurricane Matthew. Looking ahead, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center is currently forecasting above average temperatures for the entire state through March. This is likely a response to the current weak La Nina conditions. Florida's overall mean drought index currently sits at approximately 355, which is much drier than it was during the same time last year, which was only an index of 42. The Keech-Byram Drought Index measures soil dryness on a scale of 0-800, with 800 being the driest. The Florida Forest Service's Okeechobee District is currently the driest area of the state with its drought index already at 600. It is important to note that these warm and dry weather conditions are trending earlier this year than they were during recent "bad" wildfire years.

In the coming months, the area of most concern is the peninsula, south of the I-4 corridor, though we do expect heightened wildfire activity across the state in varying degrees. The peninsula will continue to see below average rainfall this year, which will likely continue into May. With above-average temperatures expected to continue through the onset of summer, and potentially throughout 2017, Florida is ripe for severe wildfire activity.

For this reason, we are asking Floridians to be especially careful with any fire or ignition source while outdoors. For equipment operators that work in the woods, we recommend the following vehicle safety tips:

- Be sure chains and other metal parts aren't dragging from the vehicle- they throw sparks.
- Check your tire pressure. Driving on an exposed wheel rim can cause sparks.
- Be careful driving through or parking on dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes can start the grass on fire.
- Never let brake pads wear too thin as metal on metal can cause sparks.



# The Florida Forest Service

## Director's Desk (continued)



Jim Karels, State Forester

We are also asking folks to keep their eyes open for suspicious wildfire activity. Wildfire arson is consistently cited as one of the most frequent causes of wildfire in Florida, with individual arson fires causing damages to resources and communities that can total more than a hundred million dollars (U.S. Forest Service). Having your eyes out in the field will be vital for preventing, and/or providing rapid response to, arson-caused wildfires. If you ever have any information about arson wildfires, contact Florida's Arson Alert Hotline at 1-800-347-5869 or call 911. Callers can remain anonymous and information about arson could result in a reward of up to \$5,000. When reporting suspected wildfire arson activity, remember the following

- Call 911 immediately.
- Do not approach the suspect.
- Identify vehicle descriptions and license plates.

- Identify physical descriptions of suspects.
- Identify the location where the suspicious behavior was observed.

With the help of our partners in the forestry and logging industry, we can help keep our abundant natural resources safe from wildfires during this especially risky time.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres.

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## Safety First



I recently stumbled across an article posted in the North Kentucky Tribune titled, “Logging by far deadliest job in U.S.; fishing, pilots/flight engineers next, says U.S. Labor Dept.” When your mission states “To enhance the logging profession, provide a unified voice on logging issues; and cooperate with public, industrial and private timberland owners to further sustainable forestry practices,” I hardly believe that this is what we had in mind.

Seeing how I thought that we were doing a better job promoting safety which, in my mind, is a part of the professionalism we are supposed to be “enhancing,” I went to the Department of Labor’s web site, or more importantly the Bureau of Labor Statistics, to see if I could determine just where the problems are. As it turns out, I discovered that we are lumped into this category that includes Farming, Fishing and Forestry, so I had to dig a little deeper. What I did find out is that there was actually a decrease in the number of fatalities in the Forestry and Logging category from 2014 to 2015, but unfortunately, there were fewer of us doing those jobs due to downsizing, mechanization and attrition, so the number of fatalities per 100,000 employed actually rose during 2015.

This is not the direction we want to be headed for several reasons.

First, the loss of life due to an accident that could have been prevented is not acceptable, and as we all know, most accidents are preventable.

Second, when we are trying to attract new employees to this industry, this is not the track record that needs to be advertised.

Third, when workers comp rates go up, this is the reason. No matter how safe your job site is, there are others in the industry who are not performing as safely as they could be and you are helping to pay the bills for them.

During our Summer Board of Director’s meeting last July, we were discussing some of the issues that we should be focusing on over the next several years, and Dave Cupp with Walsh Timber in Zwolle, Louisiana and representing our Individual Logger Members made the statement that we should also focus on losing our status as being the most dangerous occupation in the nation and at the very least get out of the top three. Visiting again with Dave this week he stated, “I feel very strongly that we can change this culture and not accept this as a part of our business.”

The American Loggers Council will be addressing this issue in 2017 and beyond, and by doing so will be helping to create a safe work environment where we can attract and retain the best and brightest young men and women in the country to sustainably harvest our Nation’s forests. You can help us. Don’t ignore safety issues on your job. Discuss near misses at tailgate safety sessions, recognize safe practices and offer incentives for achieving safety goals, and by all means, make it your responsibility that everyone has the opportunity to return home each and every evening to their families. Let’s make this a safe, productive and prosperous 2017.

*Danny Dructor is the Executive Vice President for the American Loggers Council, residing near Hemphill, Texas.*

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## Truck Driver Safety

JJ Lemire

Each day across America millions of truck drivers haul products to support our economy. Trucking plays a huge role in the wood products industry from logs to finished furniture. Trucking is the way our industry moves its products to market. Once the truck leaves the logging job or mill, drivers are on their own and away from direct supervision. There is a huge amount of responsibility and liability based upon the driver's decisions and actions.

The US Federal Highway Administration releases data each year that we must take to heart. Driver safety is extremely important and we must do all we can to reduce the number of accidents. Make safe driving a lifelong habit. Did you know that **EVERY 21 MINUTES, a road departure fatality occurs.**

As we investigate the ever-increasing numbers of truck accidents, we found two main causes – SPEED and driver distractions. Items such as using a cell phone or CB radio, becoming sleepy from long hauls, and boredom are all dominos in the accident process. The driver has direct control of both the speed and distraction factors. Control them and you make it home to family and friends. Do nothing and the end result is you become a statistic for us to talk about.

But what about external sources of hazards beyond your control? How often have you seen, or heard of another driver that cuts the truck because the driver did not want to be stuck behind the tractor and trailer.

Hazard recognition can help reduce the number of accidents caused by the truck and trailer leaving the road. Let us look at these hazards and address some simple ideas how to keep safety awareness at a high level. Some topics to discuss include:

**Animals on the road** - do not try to swerve suddenly to avoid them as the center of gravity can move and cause rollovers.

**Fog and heavy rain** - slow down when visibility is not good. These conditions reduce the distance you can see in front of you.

**Gawking at the scenery** –avoid this distraction and keep your attention on the road in front of you.

**Road conditions** – pot holes, loose gravel and uneven surfaces create hazards that can lead to flat tires, or loss of control of the truck. Scan ahead to avoid them.

**Narrow roads** – slow down to navigate areas on bridges and country roads.

**Farm equipment** – if you drive in rural areas, this is a way of life. Be prepared for the unexpected.

**School buses** – always be aware that these buses make frequent stops and that the children do not always follow the rules when crossing high traffic areas.

**Curves** – slow down. More trucks rollover due to excessive speed for the road condition. You may be doing the posted "speed" as you enter a curve or ramp but it may be too fast for your load.

**Black ice and snow** – in many areas, bridges especially, ice and snow can cause you to lose traction. Use caution as the weather ices before the road."

**Accidents can be prevented.** Lowering risk through safety awareness reduces the chance of an accident. Taking the time to hold safety briefings with your trucking employees will demonstrate your concern for them. Drive safely.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rollovers? LOOK UP!

Bryan Wagner

Overhead hazards are a clear and present danger in our forest industry. Our industry on a daily basis deals with height, weight and gravity issues. When something goes wrong, these properties are proven killers to our woods workers. Catastrophic injury and death are the results of overhead hazards. We must fight the risk from above by being alert and aware. Safety briefings by management can help keep awareness at a good level. Overhead hazards are a “team” battle. Our logging crews or teams can reduce the risk of overhead hazards by working together. Overhead hazards must first be spotted or identified. When a hazard is found, proper decisions and actions can defuse the risk. The process starts by **LOOKING UP!**

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Don't place yourself under anything that can move due to gravity or the loss of hydraulic pressure.

Maintain at least two tree lengths from any felling area. The industry standard for the two-tree length rule is 300 feet, or 100 yards. This distance can be highlighted in

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Be Visible! Be Seen! Make yourself visible by wearing high contrast clothing and high visibility safety colors.

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