

ASSOCIATION NEWS

FRA Praises Truck Weight Reform Action in House

Forest Resources Association President Deb Hawkinson praised Congressmen Reid Ribble's (R-Wisconsin) and Mike Michaud's (D-Maine) leadership in reintroducing a robust truck-weight reform measure in the U.S. House of Representatives on February 12. "Moving trucking efficiency forward in the way this bill indicates will be a huge assist in promoting manufacturing recovery," she stated. "Passing and implementing this reform will make our forest industry's supply chain more competitive."

On February 12, an evenly bipartisan group of six House members reintroduced HR612, the Safe & Efficient Transportation Act (SETA), with provisions similar to those of the bill with the same name that FRA advocated in the last Congress. SETA would enable states, at their option, to authorize six-axle semi-trucks weighing up to 97,000 pounds to use the Interstate system, or designated sections of it.

FRA will work with other SETA supporters to ensure inclusion of this reform within the next Highway Reauthorization bill, anticipated for action in late 2014.

Safety on the Logging Deck Video

The North Carolina Forestry Association, the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety Foundation (THATS), and a large number of supporting organizations have produced *Be Seen, Be Safe, Be Alive*, a 12-minute video addressing safety exposures for ground workers on logging decks, with accident-prevention guidelines. This instructional DVD, available from the Forest Resources Association, is suitable for group instruction or one-on-one orientation for logging workers.

The video stresses maintaining safe distances between equipment and ground workers, maintaining communication, and ensuring workers wear brightly colored clothing.

There is a discount for orders of 10 or more. Please enclose payment with order, checks payable to "FRA". Charge orders may be faxed to (301) 838-9481.

Direct orders to Forest Resources Association Inc., 600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20852, and refer to stock number 12-A-6.

OLC Announces New Officers

The Oregon Logging Conference (OLC) has announced its new officers for 2013-2014.

- Milt Moran, Cascade Timber Consulting, Sweet Home, Ore., President
- David Nygaard, Warrenton Fibre, Warrenton, Ore., First Vice President
- Jeff Unger, Unger Logging, Reedsport, Ore., Second Vice President
- Mike Randall, Swanson Bros Lumber Co., Noti, Ore., Treasurer
- Rikki Wellman, Oregon Logging Conference, Eugene, Ore., Conference Manager

The 2014 Oregon Logging Conference is scheduled for February 20 to February 22 at the Lane Events Center in Eugene, Ore. For conference details, visit www.oregonloggingconference.com.