



## Association News

### FRA Urges Action

The Forest Resources Association is asking you to urge your legislators to support the “Forest Roads” fix in the Farm Bill.

“Farm Bill conferees are now attempting to complete negotiations over provisions in a comprehensive Farm Bill — which may include the terms of the Silviculture Regulatory Consistency Act. That legislation provides statutory protection to state-managed BMP programs for logging access and prevents additional litigation and potential EPA regulatory overreach.

Please follow the link below to e-mail a message automatically to your members of Congress (House and Senate) to urge conferees to include the “Forest Roads” fix (currently in the House version of the Farm Bill) in the final Farm Bill, without amendment.

[http://www.forestresources.org/issue\\_alert.asp?g=FRA\\_ACTION&issue=forest\\_road\\_S971HR2016&parent=FRA\\_ACTION](http://www.forestresources.org/issue_alert.asp?g=FRA_ACTION&issue=forest_road_S971HR2016&parent=FRA_ACTION)

### SFI Seeks Comments

The FRA (Forest Resources Association) reported that the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® is seeking comments on its draft SFI 2015-2019 Standard. The 60-day comment period will conclude March 6.

“The draft Standard includes new performance measures to conserve biodiversity in fiber sourcing; to limit conversion from one type of forest to another; and to expand the definition of “controversial sources” excluded in SFI-labeled products.

In addition to reviewing the draft and submitting comments at [www.sfiprogram.org/comment-on-standard/](http://www.sfiprogram.org/comment-on-standard/), interested parties may participate in any of nine public workshops across the U.S. and Canada.”

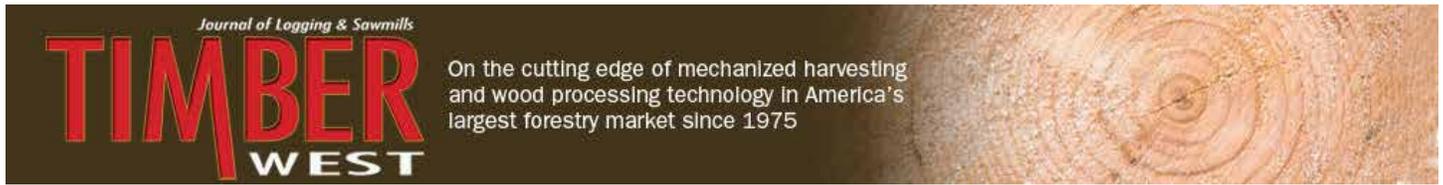
### Tax Tips

The Forest Service recently released a bulletin with tax reporting tips for 2013. The document provides short explanations of various deductions, along with examples. The Forest Service Forest Taxation web site has a variety of other tax related resources and information that readers may find of use. To access the information, just visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/taxtips2013.pdf/>

### WSDOT's New Roadside Policy Manual

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has a new roadside policy found in the Roadside Policy Manual. Roadsides are the green infrastructure that contributes to the transportation system.

The new policy emphasizes preservation of existing desirable vegetation and restoring the roadside using native vegetation in a way that is maintainable. The new policy also contains guidelines for tree replacement ratios if a project removes trees. Trees and large shrubs play a big part in the functions of our roadsides.



## **Washington Contract Loggers Annual Meeting**

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held March 14 and 15, 2014, at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Wash. In addition to the meeting, you can earn credits for the Master Logger Program.

Speakers range from Dr. John Sessions, who will cover improving efficiencies in biomass collection and transportation, to Ed Bruser of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, who will be speaking about disc brake systems.

For more information, go to <http://loggers.com/annual-meeting>