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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

HATCHER NAMED NCFA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the NCFA Executive Vice President Search Committee, we are pleased to announce that John Hatcher has accepted the NCFA's Executive Vice President position. It was an extremely competitive pool of candidates.

John holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Forestry Resources with an emphasis in Forest Economics from Clemson University. He will start on June 18, 2018.



John Hatcher

Please support John in his efforts to lead the NCFA.

Sincerely,

Bernard Rose, NCFA Board Chair
Boyd McLaurin, NCFA President

The search committee consisted of the NCFA's Executive Committee - Bernard Rose, Boyd McLaurin, Perry Hunt, Doug Burleson, Chuck Daniels, Allen Whitesell, David Johnson, Keith Biggs, Nancy Thompson, Jim Reavis and Bob Schaefer.

As part of the search process, the search committee contracted with Anderson & Associates, a professional executive resourcing firm, to assist in identifying top prospects and providing guidance during the interview process.

The executive committee would like to thank Frank Rackley and Jack Swanner for stepping in to help out as interim executive vice president over the past six months. ■



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FORESTRY DAY WELCOMES LAWMAKERS BACK TO RALEIGH

The NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature was a success as over 90 members traveled to Raleigh to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with their elected officials.

Prior to the luncheon, Scott Bissette with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture provided an update on the North Carolina Forest Service and some of the key programs that recently have been funded by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The afternoon luncheon started at 11:30 a.m. and was popular with members and staff.

Thanks again to all of our members who came out for Forestry Day! ■



(l-r) Senator Brent Jackson and Charles Jones pose for a photograph during the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature.

NCFA PROLOGGER PROGRAM GRADUATES NEW CLASS AT MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The NCFA's ProLogger program graduated a new class in late May in Troy at Montgomery Community College.

"It was a smaller class than we have experienced here in Troy over the past two years," stated the NCFA's Chris Brown, "but it was a great class. Everyone was really engaged and ready to participate. That's what makes this base class so special."

The NCFA would like to thank all of its training partners including the North Carolina Forest Service, North Carolina Department of Labor, The North Carolina Highway Patrol, and Forestry Mutual Insurance Company.

"Our training partners are awesome," stated Brown. "They make the class really informative and hopefully create some future contacts for our ProLoggers going forward."

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(center with saw in hand) Forestry Mutual's Bryan Wagner led the field portion of the ProLogger base class held at Troy, NC in May.

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Events, news items, press releases, job opportunities should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

A private, non-profit organization, the NCFA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFF TO QUICK START WITH BUDGET APPROVAL

The North Carolina General Assembly began the short legislative session year on May 16, 2018. Typically, budget discussions during the short session are focused on adjustments to the two-year budget established last year in the long session.

In most years, each chamber typically introduces its own version of the budget shortly after the governor has released his/her budget. Then, discussions, committee meetings and negotiation sessions begin.

This year, leadership of the House and Senate met over the past three weeks to iron out the adjustments for this year's budget. Through a technical procedure, Senate Bill 99 became the compromise on the budget adjustments. The bill moved forward as an up or down proposition for elected officials without the ability to make any amendments which did not sit well with all lawmakers.

In the end, the Senate approved the budget quickly. The House took up the Senate's approved version and after a few colorful days of discussions, the House approved the budget. The budget will now head to Governor Roy Cooper, who will have 10 days to sign it.

In terms of other legislation, it is still early in the session. The NCFA will continue to monitor the introduction of any new bills that might impact forestry, the forest products industry, and/or private property rights. ■



(l-r) Rep. Garland Pierce and Kenneth Lin with International Paper pose for a photo during Forestry Day in the Legislature

REVIEW OF MUSSELS UNDERWAY BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES

The Asheville Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has begun the process that culminates in the decision of whether three mussels warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act. The mussels are:

Longsolid (Fusconaia subrotunda) - Currently found in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Round hickorynut (Obovaria subrotunda) - Currently found in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Purple Lilliput (Toxolasma lividum) - Currently found in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Michigan, and Virginia.

Although the timeline is tentative, the Asheville Field Office expects to spend the summer gathering and analyzing data on the current status of these mussels, as well as threats that could impact its future - positively or negatively.

This will be followed in the fall by the completion and review of what is commonly called a Species Status Assessment - a document that captures all the pertinent information on which we base our decision whether or not Endangered Species Act protection is warranted. That decision is expected late 2018 to early 2019.

If the office concludes listing is not warranted, the process will end. If it concludes listing is warranted, then it will propose adding one or more of the mussels to the endangered species list, and consider the need for designated critical habitat. Those proposals would be open for public comment before a final decision is made.

These three mussels were part of a petition from a coalition of organizations to place 404 plants and animals on the federal threatened and endangered species list.

If you have any information concerning the status of these three mussels, or any threats they may face, we invite you to contact Mr. Andrew Henderson of our staff at 828/258-3939, Ext. 227; andrew_henderson@fws.gov. ■

BRANCHING OUT WITH NC FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

The NCFA has wrapped up its new *Branching Out with the North Carolina Forestry Association* for the 2017/2018 year. The NCFA's Education Programs Manager, Amy Juliana, led free forestry educational programs to over 3,000 students, teachers and parents in seven central Piedmont counties.

"We would like to extend a "Thank You" to those NCFA members who assisted in making connections to their local schools," stated Amy Juliana. "Scheduling for the 2018-2019 year will start soon, so if you know of a teacher in the central Piedmont that would benefit from a forestry program, please ask them to reach out to me via e-mail or or share our website page - www.ncforestry.org/teachers. ■



Fourth Graders from Virginia Cross Elementary in Siler City measure the crown of trees in front of their school.

SFTE REGISTRATION ENDS

The North Carolina Forestry Association and its partners will once again be delivering the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE) to three different locations in 2018.

Registration is now closed for the experiences. As of today all workshops are full! Thank you for encouraging teachers in your community to enroll in our programs. We look forward to showing educators what sustainable forestry and the wood products industry looks like in our state.

The dates and locations are:

June 18-21, 2018- Piedmont Experience, Southern Pines
June 25-28, 2018- Coastal Plains Experience, New Bern
July 23-26, 2018- Mountain Experience, Asheville

For more details on our voucher program, please contact the NCFA's Education Programs Manager Amy Juliana at (800) 231-7723 or ajuliana@ncforestry.org. ■



Members of the Project Learning Tree Advisory Committee met at Haw River State Park in May. The NCFA's Amy Juliana (second from the right) serves on this committee.

POINT OF VIEW

WHY WE NEED THE H-2C PROGRAM FOR FORESTRY

By Tony Doster, Resource Management Service, LLC

Why do we need individuals with Agricultural "guestworker" visas to meet our treeplanting and silvicultural needs in the U.S.? Consider the reforestation logistics that face just one company, my company, Resource Management Service, in one region, our North Carolina forestlands, in one planting season. Our region is one of seven in our southern U.S. operations, and the issues we face are replicated not only across our company's lands but by other companies like mine that manage forest land throughout the U.S.



Tony Doster

Every time a new year approaches, the preparation and the plans that have been in place for over a full year prior, begin to come to fruition.

Site preparation is almost complete. Each site has had a combination of treatments applied to ensure that it is ready to plant and that the new seedlings will have the conditions they need to get off to a good start come spring.

Seedlings, by family, have been ordered. A year previous, orders with the nursery were placed so that they would know how many seedlings to grow and allocate to us. Seedling assignments for each tract have been made. Maps showing the trees per acre and the family to be planted on that tract have been made. Contracts are in place obligating both the nursery and the company to a volume of seedlings.

Refrigerated vans have been ordered, their reefer units checked, and their contracts in place. A contractor has been hired to operate the vans, pick up and deliver seedlings to the planting sites, ensure the right families are planted on the right locations, perform planting inspections, and make sure the seedlings are properly cared for.

A project manager has been carefully reviewing all of the elements that will make up a successful planting season. 124 stands comprising 11,265 acres will be planted using over 5.5 million seedlings, every one planted in just over two months.

And one component, one absolutely crucial component, has been meticulously planned for, but its reliability cannot be assured because it depends on the senators and representatives and the government employees that determine the number of visas available for the temporary guest workers that the whole system relies on.

124 stands. 11,265 acres. 5.5 million trees. Just over two months. About 50 planting days. Do the math and that's about 2 and a half stands, 225 acres, 110,000 trees per day. Each planting worker plants about 2,000 trees per day, so we'll need 55 workers.

55 temporary workers, capable of moving quickly from site to site, with the skills and the physical ability to plant 2,000 trees per day.

And once the trees have been planted? These same workers will come back around to many of the same sites to apply a small amount of (continued on page 7)



ProLogger Program... (from page 1)

The field day is the first chance for participants to get a hands-on view of topics discussed over the previous day and a half of presentations in the classroom setting.

The highlight is always the chainsaw felling portion led by Forestry Mutual's Bryan Wagner. This class was no different.

Opening up the session, Wagner asked how many people had seen his training routine and/or had a working knowledge of the open face felling technique. Only a few hands were raised.

"So how are you cutting," asked Wagner.

"Swing cut," stated ProLogger participant Wesley Burgess.

"You know that's not safe, right?" countered Wagner.

"Yes, that's why I am here," replied Burgess.

"I'm not going to lie to you, I need to be able to move trees on steep hills. I have to position them so I'm here to learn a new technique."

This brief exchange set the tone for a truly productive field session full of questions and answers between each tree felling.

The huge advantage of the open face felling technique is the control the timber cutter maintains on the direction of the tree through the existence of hinge wood. Wagner also introduces the use of wedges to further increase the ability to stabilize a tree during the cutting process in the case of a tree with heavy lean and/or windy conditions.

At the conclusion of the field class, Burgess was satisfied he could employ the newly learned skill in his terrain in western North Carolina.

"I don't always have the luxury of a site like this," stated Burgess as he looked out on the site just southwest of the Uwharrie National Forest. "My trees are larger and they are usually on the side of a hill. I like the idea of having more control while I am close to the stump."



Bryan Wagner reviews how to read the good and bad side of a tree.

When statistics show that most fatalities to timber cutters occur within eight feet of the stump, it is imperative that timber cutters use Wagner's training and all the accessories available to them such as wedges.

Thanks again to the following volunteer trainers: North Carolina Highway Patrol Troopers Daniel Billingsley and Tim Peterson; North Carolina Forest Service's A.J. Lang, Matt Vincent, Mark Bost, Richard Chellberg, Walter Cross; North Carolina Department of Labor's Eric Smith and Bruce Pearson; and Forestry Mutual Insurance Company's Bryan Wagner and Eddie Campbell.

The NCFA would also like to thank Allen Whitesell and Todd Willis with Troy Lumber Company for coordinating and sponsoring lunch on Thursday. ■



Special Thanks to Billy McCormick and his crew for hosting our ProLogger class! (front row, l-r) Manuel Santander Ruiz, Justin Blake, Josh Garren, Dustin Haywood, Abel Santander Ruiz. (Second row, l-r) Chris Santalucia, Everitt Green, Billy McCormick, Jason Davis, and CJ Shepherd.

PROLOGGER MODULE 18 CLASS SCHEDULE

If you are going to host a Module 18 class, please send the information and a flyer (if available) to cbrown@ncforestry.org so we can update our online schedule at www.ncforestry.org and our e-mail newsletter, ZipLine, in a timely fashion. Thanks again to all of our member companies that host these continuing education sessions.

6/14 Thursday	Southeastern CC	5:30 p.m.	Whiteville, NC
6/14 Thursday	CNS Training Room	5:00 p.m.	Dudley, NC
6/21 Thursday	James Sprunt CC	6:00 p.m.	Kenansville, NC
6/26 Tuesday	Roaring River VFD	5:30 p.m.	Roaring River, NC
6/30 Saturday	NCFA office	10:00 a.m.	Raleigh, NC



The NCFA will be hosting three offerings of the ProLogger Base Course in 2018. The base course is a two-day program that is mandatory for all professional loggers who would like to earn ProLogger status. If you are interested in becoming a ProLogger, you must complete this course and then maintain in good standing by taking a continuing education component, namely training modules. Please contact Chris Brown (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or at cbrown@ncforestry.org if you would like to register for the next class.

Date	Community College	Location
Completed.....	Wayne CC	Goldsboro, NC
Completed.....	Montgomery CC	Troy, NC
September 11-12, 2018	McDowell Tech CC.....	Marion, NC

FILMING UNDERWAY FOR MODULE 19



Bryan Wagner starts to step away from this skidder to demonstrate sight lines on the logging deck.

The NCFA has been spending the past few weeks collecting interviews for next year's Module 19 production. We appreciate everyone who has agreed to help us out with these shooting days.

The NCFA was recently in the Louisburg area and caught up with one of the crews of David Kemp's Katesville Pallet Mill, Inc. Bryan Wagner was addressing proper spacing on the log deck in addition to several other safety tips.

One of the stressed topics was "Be Seen, Be Alive" and Wagner stepped out from the front of a skidder and walked away until the driver could see him. The distance was roughly 30 feet.

Please check out the NCFA's Facebook page to see the video. ■



Thanks to Matt Greer of CEG Trucking (second from right) for participating in the production of a Module 19 segment that will explore dash cameras and GPS units in log trucks. Jadie Andrews with Boise-Cascade and Jean-Paul Dame (our ProLogger producer extraordinaire) and Chris Brown were on hand for the shoot.

NCFA'S ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR RALEIGH

The NCFA will be hosting its Annual Meeting in Raleigh this year on October 10-12, 2018.

The Raleigh Sheraton will serve as the host hotel and North Carolina State University will be partnering with the NCFA to provide some quality speakers as part of a program that will include topics on emerging markets, politics and forest management and water quality. ■



DECK LOCATIONS ARE IMPORTANT

JJ Lemire, *Forestry Mutual Insurance*

No matter what you call them, a Deck, a Landing, or a Dock, improper placement can cause crowding and congestion as well as create hazards for truck drivers, ground personnel and vehicle traffic.

Recently, we received complaints about decks set up so close to the main road with logs trucks lined up along the public road awaiting their turn to be loaded. Oncoming traffic in both directions were affected by the bad decision to set up the deck so close to the road. Other reports were about crowded decks with no room for the trucks to turn around. Since many accidents occur on and near the log deck, you should carefully consider where you place your deck.

Careful consideration is required to select and set up a deck. To this end, loggers, land owners and dealers should work together to properly place the deck/landing in a location best suited to reduce hazards. Consider the following:

- Use signs to warn the oncoming traffic of log trucks entering highway.
- Move the deck back far enough off a public road/highway. It should be backed up enough so trucks do not impede traffic. If it is too close, it is a public nuisance and creates extreme safety hazards.
- Make sure drivers do not have to back off the highway or trim/strap loads in the highway.
- Nearby residents and state DOT folks will get upset with excessive mud on the highways at entry points. Take steps to reduce the problem with trailer set outs, bridging, mats or gravel.
- Space at the deck is crowded. When you plan, include space for the service truck, fuel truck, and visitor vehicles.
- DO NOT locate your logging deck in the powerline Right of Way. Logging Deck needs to be located 300 feet from edge of the Powerline Right of Way due to the boom length of up to 30 feet and the stem being up to 100 feet. This extra distance gives you a safe operating distance.
- Good communications are key to a successful and safe log deck. CB Radios, walkie-talkies, or cell phones let the loader operator have direct contact with folks entering or exiting the deck.
- Require hand signals and direct eye-to-eye contact to keep visitors from walking into a danger zone with moving equipment.
- Workers on the log deck should watch for moving equipment and their blind spots. Ground personnel must be aware that they need to move out of the way. High visibility clothing is a must for ground personnel to be seen. Drivers/ground personnel must not be around the loader as the truck is being loaded.
- Equipment operators must be aware of ground personnel as well as their line of site problems with their equipment due to size and attachments. Visitors, announced or unannounced, create problems for equipment operators. Have a check-in point and never allow visitors to freely roam around the logging job. Visitors are required to wear PPE just like you do to avoid injury or citations from OSHA or the company auditors.

Safety starts with you! Think about hazards present for each part of the job and take actions to eliminate them. The goal is for everyone to go home safely each night. ■

LANDOWNERS



Wilson County landowners were well-represented at the NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature. Representative Bobbie Richardson joined in on the group photo.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 20-21, 2018 FORESTRY CONFERENCE

Halifax Community College
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Roanoke Electric Cooperative's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project is bringing together forestry and natural resource agencies and organizations from the state, federal, and private sectors for this conference to inform and educate North Carolina and Virginia landowners on available programs and technical assistance.

USS NORTH CAROLINA SSN-777 LEAVING DRY DOCK WITH NEW NC FLOORING



As a result of donations by two SSN 777 Club supporters, the crew of the USS North Carolina SSN 777 will now be walking on North Carolina born and bred wood flooring.

Edwards Wood Products of Marshville, North Carolina and the Friends of the SSN 777 Club donated North Carolina white oak for flooring that has been installed in the Chief's berthing spaces.

In addition, the Coastal Carolina SubVets purchased and donated 26.5 feet of original teak decking from the Battleship North Carolina. This teak will be planed for use in the crew's messing and berthing spaces. ■

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR NC PRESCRIBED BURNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The State Forester's Prescribed Burner of the Year Award is presented annually to a NC Forest Service employee or team of employees who demonstrate leadership and excellence in accomplishing prescribed burning in North Carolina's forest ecosystems.

This award recognizes significant achievements in overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning, working successfully with landowners and partners to conduct, support, and facilitate prescribed burns, and promoting the benefits of prescribed burning. The acres burned in a single year are not the sole basis for this award.

The recipient(s) of this award will have shown perseverance to accomplish and support prescribed burning for the health of the forest, its inhabitants, and the citizens of the state. The award will be presented by the State Forester at the Annual North Carolina Prescribed Fire Council meeting (Aug. 2-3, 2018 in Asheboro).

Past Recipients include:

- 2009: Phillip Inman, Mike Hardison, Shane Hardee, Brunswick County
- 2010: Brian Elam, Surry County Ranger
- 2011: Scott Maynor, Jason Haywood, Jay Strider, Tommy Gaddy, Tom White, Montgomery County
- 2012: Jeremy Callicut, Assistant County Ranger, Stanley County
- 2013: Rob Shackelford, Dare County
- 2014: Alan Hill, Hugh Hassell, Kerry Lathrop, Jonathan McCall, Charles Choplin, Harold Phillips, Bobby Mashburn, Benji Reece, Jamie Logan, and Dwayne Vigil (District 9)
- 2015: David Poole and Jason Walker (Rowan County)
- 2016: Kenny Griffin - District 11 Ranger
- 2017: David Spooner, Pilot and Wayne Everts, Crew Chief

Nominations for the 2018 State Forester's Prescribed Burner of the Year Award are now being accepted. NCFS employees and/or groups of employees are eligible for consideration and can be nominated by NCFS staff, partners, landowners, etc. Nominations must be emailed to sean.brogan@ncagr.gov and reneestrickland@ncagr.gov by noon on Monday, June 25, 2018 to be considered.



(l-r) SAF Chair and NCFA member Jeff Pardue took a photo with Representative Jimmy Dixon during Forestry Day. Representative Dixon is a big support of forestry and agriculture.

Why We Need the H2C Program... (from page 3)

phosphorus fertilizer on each seedling. Once spring comes and the grasses begin to sprout on the planting sites, they'll return to apply herbicides to control the grasses and weeds around the new seedlings.

All of the time, the planning, and the money devoted to establishing the year's new seedlings will come down to the availability of quality, affordable, seasonal, guest labor.

Most folks don't see the planning and the preparation that's required to implement a reforestation program. It's not something most folks deal with. They look at the issue of guest workers and ask why local people can't do the work. It's a valid question, but if you imagine the availability of local labor in the numbers and over the time necessary to conduct reforestation operations, you begin to see that it simply isn't a feasible way to swarm these areas with labor during the times we need to do them successfully.

And that's why the Agricultural Guestworkers Act H.R. 4092 (AG Act) and H-2C guest worker program is so crucial to our industry.

The AG Act which reforms the H-2A system and creates an H-2C visa classification would bring some confidence to the entire reforestation industry. It would allow planning and execution of the operations that have to be conducted prior to planting, with the knowledge that the money will not be misspent. It would give the guest workers and their families the ability to plan for their time away and to make more certain decisions about their affairs.

And even more importantly, the AG Act will ensure that the reforestation of our nation's forestlands occurs as soon as it can following a harvest, that our forests remain environmentally sustainable, that the whole forest products industry has a sustainable wood supply, and that the landowners who invest in new forests do not invest their funds in vain.

Thanks to Tony Doster and the FRA for sharing this article. ■

HAYWOOD CC SEEKS SUPPORT FOR TIMBERSPORTS TEAM

Haywood Community College is starting a capital campaign to improve facilities and operations for the college's timbersports team, the HCC Lumberjacks.

The timbersports team embodies Haywood County's rich history of logging, forestry, and paper products industries by keeping the lumberjack tradition alive through competitions where athletes use axes and saws, the traditional hand tools used by lumberjacks to harvest trees and transport logs to the sawmill.

The timbersports team is the college's only athletic team. Participation is open to all students on campus. Even while competing against teams from four-year colleges, the team has placed first in 23 competitions since their inception in 1995.

Being part of this championship team provides HCC students with opportunities to represent the college with pride. Traveling throughout the Southeast for competitions, these students have the opportunity to meet other students in the forestry field.

For more information, please contact Pam Hardin, HCC Foundation Director, HCC Foundation, 185 Freedlander Drive, Clyde, NC 28721. (828) 627.4544 or pahardin@haywood.edu. ■



LOG EXPORTS TO CHINA INFORMATION FROM APHIS

According to several reports, the Chinese government increased quarantine checks on raw logs entering its ports in response to pests being discovered on shipments from the United States.

Shipments at Chinese ports that are found to have pest contamination are either re-exported to the United States or destroyed. According to USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) staff, about 5,700 U.S. containers await inspection at or near ports in China.

APHIS Deputy Administrator Osama El-Lissy recently stated in a conference call with participants from the hardwood sector that the Chinese General Administration on Customs (GACC) announced that treatment of raw logs in country will no longer be allowed at Chinese ports and that logs fumigated in Hong Kong will no longer be allowed entry either due to some fraudulent documentation on shipments coming through Hong Kong.

Logs that have been fumigated in the U.S. prior to shipment and are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate will continue to be allowed entry into Chinese ports.

China has agreed to allow for in-country fumigation for shipments that are currently on the water provided that the company can demonstrate that it has successfully exported logs to China in the past.

This concession does not apply to future shipments, however, and so negotiations with the Chinese government on this matter continue. This issue continues to be ONLY on logs and not hardwood lumber.

To facilitate collection of shipment information to demonstrate successful export transactions with China in the past, APHIS staff has created two spreadsheet templates:

1. Hardwood logs (with bark) to China currently on the water, which should contain all hardwood log (with bark) shipments to China currently on the water as of May 2, 2018.
2. Hardwood logs (with bark) to China in 2017-2018, which should contain a history of hardwood log (with bark) shipments to China in 2017 and so far in 2018.

APHIS staff have requested that shippers populate the spreadsheet and return to Tyrone Jones - John.T.Jones@aphis.usda.gov at APHIS by close of business (Eastern Standard Time) on Friday, May 11.

They will compile all the submissions and share them with the GACC.

Special thanks to the Hardwood Federation for sharing this information with the NCFA. ■

MIRACLE SHOOT IN AUGUST

The Shavender Herring Fry was held in April in Jamesville, NC. With a captive audience seated for an excellent luncheon, Buddy Shavender took the opportunity to promote this year's Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot that takes place on August 3-4, 2018 at Rose Hill Farm Sporting Clays in Nashville, NC.

The event is one of the top fundraising events for North Carolina's Log a Load for Kids program that benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

This year's shoot will mark 23 years of fundraising for the event. Earl Dail, the Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot Coordinator, can be reached at (252) 229-2344 or (252) 847-5437 if you have any questions about participation or sponsorship opportunities for the event.

In addition to sporting clays where the top three performers in all classes will be honored with prizes, the event features an luncheon and two different gun raffles. ■

FOREST LINE

JUNE 2018



(l-r) Senator Phil Berger and Allen Whitesell pose for a photo during the NCFA's Forestry in the Legislature.

If you have an event you would like to share, please forward to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org

October 18, 2018 Log A Load Golf Tournament, River Landing Golf Course, Wallace, NC

August 3-4, 2018 Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot at Rose Hill Farm, Nashville, NC

July 15-18 COUNCIL ON FOREST ENGINEERING MEETING, WILLIAMSBURG, VA
7/18 NC SIC GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING - RALEIGH, NC - 10:00 A.M.
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LOG A LOAD EVENTS

6/30 PROLOGGER MODULE 18 CLASS AND DUES DEADLINE
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6/25-28 SUSTAINABLE FORESTY TEACHERS EXPERIENCE, NEWBERN, NC
6/18-21 SUSTAINABLE FORESTY TEACHERS EXPERIENCE, PIEDMONT, NC

6/9-12 ACF NATIONAL MEETING, ASHEVILLE, NC
6/6-8 NC SAF SUMMER MEETING, NEWBERN, NC - 9:30 A.M.
6/6 NCFA BOARD MEETING, RALEIGH, NC - 6:00 P.M.

6/4-8 NCASI EASTERN REGION MEETING, ATLANTA, GA
6/4-6 NCASI EASTERN REGION MEETING, ATLANTA, GA



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