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Webster County Hauling Ordinance - almost.

The attempts by local governments to develop county ordinances aimed at logging are increasing. The majority of interest in these ordinances centers on hauling and road issues. Normally, these proposed ordinances are conceived without input from forest industry, logging, or farming interests. The following account, from Bob Bauer, Executive Director of KFIA, of a proposed ordinance in Webster County shows the importance of logger participation in local government.



"In October, KFIA received a call from a local logging member concerning final passage of an ordinance requiring a permit before logging in Webster County. The ordinance had been given approval at a prior meeting and was to be approved at the regular fiscal court meeting. Information was distributed to all members in the area concerning the new regulation and the potential threat to the local industry along with an explanation of costs that would ultimately be passed on to the farmer.

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BMP Board Releases 5 Year Report

Recommends temporary master logger card, changes in BAD ACTOR, inspections, and the KML program.

The Kentucky Forestry BMP Board recently released its five year report on the Forest Conservation Act. The following items are taken from report and have the most relevance to logging in Kentucky. The recommendations that follow are only a summary of the 27-page report. The recommendations were developed to aid loggers, provide needed sustainability to the Kentucky Master Logger program, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of KDF inspections, deal with some loopholes found in defining what type of harvests can be inspected, and strengthen the bad actor penalties. Significant detail and justification for these recommendations are provided in the report.

Kentucky Forestry BMP Board

The BMP Board is a governor's appointed 13 member board formed as part of the KY Forest Conservation Act. It includes forest industry and logger representatives, forest landowners, farmers, and University of Kentucky and Kentucky Division of Forestry representatives. It is charged with reviewing and updating Kentucky's timber harvesting BMPs and overseeing the logging inspection program. The BMP Board first met in Frankfort on May 24, 1999 and meets quarterly throughout the state to review logging inspections, BMPs and the progress of the Kentucky Master Logger Program.

Summary of Recommended Changes

Temporary Kentucky Master Logger Designation. This would provide a means for a new firm or individual to start logging prior to completion of the 3 day KML program. An administrative fee, time limit, and notification of jobs while the temporary designation is in effect is required. The logger must complete the 3 day program in the designated time period.


Hauling ordinance


Around 50 people attended the meeting, with the majority of people being loggers and mill operators that utilize logs from Webster County. The association members, along with the organized membership of the Green River Logger's Council, was successful in stopping passage of the ordinance, which will be reviewed again in the spring. The ordinance would have required a \$25 permit to be purchased before logging anywhere in the county, and loggers would need to provide all contact information, location of the job and a list of the county roads that would be traveled. Anyone operating without the permit would be fined \$200 per day. Through this system the county could check for road damage caused by the logging operation and assess appropriate costs.



courtesy Bob Bauer

A wide range of issues were voiced by those in attendance concerned about logging being singled out from all the other industries that use the county roads and being blamed for all the damage. Also in attendance were some farmers and representatives from the Farm Bureau who explained the potential effect on stumpage prices in the county.

This account is not the only instance, and county road issues continue to pop up throughout the state. If you hear about this issue arising, KFIA would like to know about it. Also, if you need assistance with this issue in your county, contact KFIA at 502-695-3979 or www.kfia.org. KFIA also encourages loggers to work with the local county judge and magistrates to avoid potential problems and keep roads in the same condition when harvesting is complete. 

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2005 KML 3-Day Schedule

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2005 KML CE Schedule

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BMP Board Recommendations


What Logging Jobs are Inspected. Cutting trees in association with the clearing for farm purpose or other non-forest use, rights-of-way, and oil and gas well exploration or use, are not subject to inspection unless logs or other timber is being cut as a part of a commercial timber harvest.

Bad Actor Designation. A means should be established to allow a logger to work their way off of the bad actor list; currently there is not a way to do this. Secondly, if a harvest is being conducted by a bad actor and violations are found a NOV can be written, bypassing the written warning. An emergency shutdown order can be issued to a logger with three or more bad actor designations. Finally, the bad actor fine should be increased to \$5,000. The circuit court in the county in which the violation occurred should have concurrent jurisdiction with the Franklin Circuit Court. These recommendations were made to provide recognition for those loggers that have been designated bad actors, but are currently adhering to the BMPs as well as to help stop repeat bad actors, having multiple violations on multiple jobs.

Written Warning and Notice of Violation. A logging firm should be subject to an NOV versus a written warning if it currently has an ongoing violation at another job site.

Kentucky Master Logger Program. The KML program should maintain the 3 day program. However, the requirement for first aid/CPR should be dropped and the supplemented with more thorough training in BMPs, laws and regulations, logging safety, and other topics such as silviculture. The cost for the 3 day program should increase to \$120 per participant to keep the program solvent.

Notice of Intent to Harvest. This issue was discussed by the board over the last year and the board's position is that a Notice of Intent to Harvest was not warranted at this time.

These recommendations are merely recommendations. They were provided to the LaJauan Welcher, Secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet the cabinet that contains the Kentucky Division of Forestry and other state government agencies. 

Kentucky Bad Actor List

The following is a current list of Bad Actors through 2004. The list is a matter of public record and is provided by the Kentucky Division of Forestry as a part of the Kentucky Forest Conservation Act. The Kentucky LogJam publishes this list annually as it is one of the most talked about aspects of the Conservation Act and loggers with multiple Bad Actor designations are a major concern of the Forestry BMP Board (see article this issue).

Name	Designation#	County	Date	Name	Designation#	County	Date
Adkins, Darold	OH-087-002	Boyd	'03	Marshall, Louis	KY-135-096	Greenup	'04
Alexander, Jack	OH-025-003	Owen	'02	Maynard, Russell	KY-159-125	Floyd	'04
Arnold, Beaver	KY-163-044	Bullitt	'02	Maynard, Virgil-6 sites	KY-195-074	Pike, Lawrence	'04,'03,'02
Blackburn, John	WV-099-009	Martin	'02	McCarty, Wendell	KY-153-046	Morgan	'03
Blackburn, Kelly	KY-159-017	Martin - 3 sites	'04	McCoy, Jack	KY-145-016	Crittenden	'03
Blair, Ricky	KY-133-062	Perry	'03	McCoy, Orville(Bud)	KY-043-024	Martin - 2 sites	'02
Bowe, Charles	KY-195-072	Martin	'03	Mills, Gary-4 sites	KY-121-056	Knox	'03,'02
Bowe, Mike-10 sites	KY-195-063	Floyd, Johnson, Pike	'04,'03,'02	Mills, Larry	KY-121-021	Knox	'04
Butler, Albert	KY-043-050	Carter	'03	Mills, Ricky	N/A	Knox	'04
Christmas, Jeff	KY-141-021	Logan	'04	Montgomery, Randy	KY-155-020	Marion	'04
Coats, Dale	N/A	Hardin - 3 sites	'03	Morgan, Gene	N/A	Madison	'02
Combs, James&Perry	N/A	Pike	'02	Napier, Rick	KY-121-096	Knox - 2 sites	'02
Combs, Perry(Pete)	KY-193-099	Perry	'04	O'Dell, Mike	KY-055-035	Livingston	'04
Couch, Rodney	KY-131-148	Magoffin	'04	Ogburn, Bradley	KY-041-005	Carroll	'04
Dalton, Billy	KY-151-013	Madison	'01	Rose, Carey	KY-139-009	Livingston	'04
Davis, Mike	KY-183-064	Ohio	'04	Short, Dennis	N/A	Clay	'01
Detweiler, Sam(Robert)	KY-099-032	Butler	'02	Simpson, William	KY-131-030	Clay	'04
Detweiler, Andy	KY-099-065	Butler	'02	Smith, Robert	KY-127-057	Lawrence	'03
Donahue, Mark	KY-205-027	Boyd	'03	Stalcup, Michael	KY-057-010	Cumberland	'04
Duke, Russell,Jr.-2 sites	KY-163-024	Nelson, Breckinridge	'04,'03	Stamper, Estill	KY-043-063	Lawrence	'04
Elliott, Kyle	KY-135-112	Bracken	'04	Swink, Jeff	KY-163-014	Hardin	'03
Fannin, Tim	N/A	Johnson	'04	Thomas, Bradley	N/A	Owsey	'04
Fulkerson, Dwight	N/A	Hopkins - 2 sites	'04	Thomas, Randy	KY-189-026	Owsey	'04
Hamilton, Robert	KY-069-028	Fleming	'04	Tussey, Bobby	N/A	Madison -2 sites	'03
Hamilton, Tony	KY-131-053	Leslie, Floyd -6 sites	'03,'02	Vaughn, Ernest	KY-125-066	Laurel	'04
Handel, Lance	N/A	Carroll	'04	Whitaker, Jeff	KY-157-009	Ballard	'04
Hannah, Jr., Virgil	WV-045-001	Martin	'03	Williams, Bill	KY-195-081	Pike - 2 sites	'03
Hardin, Leslie B.	KY-195-070	Magoffin - 2sites	'04,'03	Williams, Darrel	N/A	Pike - 2 sites	'03
Hemingway, Ed	IN-155-002	Carroll	'04	Wilson, Raymond	N/A	Edmonson	'03
Howard, Tommy	N/A	Floyd	'02	Big Sandy Hard - woods-B.Jude	N/A	Martin	'02
Jude, Bryan	KY-159-123	Martin - 2 sites	'03,'01	Coal Field Lbr.Co B. Jude	KY-159-123	Martin	'04
King, David	KY-159-014	Martin	'04	Francis & Francis Logging	N/A	Pike - 3 sites	'03
Lefevers, Joe	N/A	Bell - 2 sites	'02	Oak Ridge Lbr.Co. B.Jude	KY-159-123	Martin - 2 sites	'04

Live Equipment Demos

Mechanized equipment demos are becoming commonplace since the new worker's compensation rate was passed for mechanized logging. The question becomes how to fell and delimb oak, work on steep slopes, and pay for the equipment. Two demos were held in the fall of '04 to help answer some of these questions.

Live equipment demonstrations are always well attended, and the Kentucky Master Logger Continuing Education classes on November 10 in Ohio County in Western Kentucky and the December 9 demonstration in Jackson, KY, were no exception. Both demonstrations included feller-bunchers and delimiters geared to handling hardwoods. Thirty-seven loggers attended the demonstration in Western Kentucky sponsored by the Green River Logging Council and over 130 individuals came to the program with 88 loggers obtaining CE credit in Jackson, KY.



The morning session at Jackson, KY

photo J. Stringer

At the Ohio County program Ralph Metcalf & Wayne Kaylor of Cutting Systems Inc. of Union Grove, NC demonstrated a PTD 264 pull-thru delimeter and a DL-4400 classic slasher. An IDT 2800 independent trailer was also on site. The 2800 and PTD 264 pull-thru delimeter is a self-contained, radio-remote-controlled delimeter/power unit combination to be used with a knuckle boom loader to delimb, top, and load logs and pulpwood. The 264 pull-thru delimeter features a four knife pull-thru delimeter and topping saw designed for use in hardwood. The DL-4400 Slasher offers better operator visibility and more room for grapple swing through. This system is a very economical means of producing wood and can be incorporated to help loggers qualify for the new mechanized harvesting rates for workers compensation insurance. Sonny Young of Young Sawmill provided the harvest site for the logging demonstration.



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Timbco 445 EXL at the Jackson program. John Wade brings the Timbco up for close inspection for loggers at the morning session.



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Tigercat, with grapple and winch on hand stand guard over the lunch tent.



photo K. Negray

PTD 264 pull thru delimeter at the Ohio County program



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Denny Cornett, Forest Products Inc., Big Stone Gap, VA talks to the group about his experience purchasing and operating Timbco feller-buncher in steep terrain.

The Jackson program was unique because is focused on the use of feller-bunchers cutting hardwoods in steep terrain. Lyon's Equipment brought in a Timbco 445 EXL (self-leveling cab) with a 24-inch head, Tigercat skidder with winch/grapple, and a Tigercat delimeter and cutoff. Denny Cornett of Forest Products Inc. out of Big Stone Gap ,VA did a great job talking to both the morning and afternoon sessions. He was able to provide firsthand experience about how he made a decision to buy a feller-buncher, how he uses it in steep terrain, and how his operation changed over time to accommodate the increase in production. The weather for the Jackson program was rain, rain, and more rain. Unfortunately, the ground was too wet to practically demonstrate the Tigercat, but the loggers present got some time with the Timbco, which was operated by John Wade of VA, and the delimeter. The Jackson program was the developed by Grant Curry, forester, Trus-Joist (Weyerhaeuser) and Stacy White, UK Cooperative Extension Service, Bell County Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent. Bob Bauer (KFIA), Stewart West (KDF), and Brandon Reavis



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End of day in Jackson with Tigercat delimeter and cutoff and Timbco 445.

of Amerisafe, Inc., were invited speakers during both the morning and afternoon programs.

Sponsors for the Jackson program included Amerisafe Inc., Begley Lumber Co., Curry Timber Products, Forest Products Inc., Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Kentucky Hardwoods, Lyons Equipment Co., Pine Mt. Lumber, Patterson Chip Co., Southeast Kentucky Agriculture Development Association, Trus Joist (Weyerhaeuser), U.K. Cooperative Extension Service, and Van Meter Insurance. 🐾



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Timbco 445 EXL with leveling cab in action.



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2005 Kentucky Master Logger 3 - Day Program Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 16, 22 and 24	Carter County – Olive Hill – Carter Caves State Resort Park
March 8, 9 and 17	Hardin County – Elizabethtown – Coop. Extension Service Office
April 13, 20 and 27	Breathitt County – Jackson/Clayhole – U.K.'s Robinson Forest
May 4, 11, and 18	Christian County – Dawson Springs – Pennyryle State Resort Park
June 8, 15 and 22	Bell County – Pineville – Pine Mountain State Resort Park
July 13, 20 and 27	Metcalf County – Edmonton – Coop. Extension Service Office
September 7, 14 and 21	Madison County – Berea – Old U.S. Forest Service Office
November 2, 9, and 16	Carter County – Olive Hill – Carter Caves State Resort Park



Continuing Education Schedule Spring - Summer 2005

Program Fee - \$50.00

Date	Location	Program Title
Jan. 20	Marshall Co. – Gilbertsville – Ky. Dam Village State Park	Map & GPS Navigation for Loggers
Jan. 25	Pulaski Co. – Somerset – Cooperative Extension Office	Forest Management for Loggers
Feb. 10	Christian Co. – Dawson Springs – Pennyryle Forest State Park	Practical Directional Timber Felling
March 24	Madison Co. – Berea – Old U.S. Forest Service Office	Map & GPS Navigation for Loggers
April 14 ?	Breathitt Co. – Jackson/Clayhole – U.K. Robinson Forest	Practical Directional Timber Felling
May 12	Bullitt Co. – Clermont – Bernheim Forest Arboretum	Map & GPS Navigation for Loggers
June 2	Bell Co. – Pineville – Pine Mountain State Park	Map & GPS Navigation for Loggers
Aug. 24 ?	Pulaski Co. – Somerset – Site to be Determined	Practical Directional Timber Felling
Sept. 1	Floyd Co. – Prestonsburg – Jenny Wiley State Park	Map & GPS Navigation for Loggers

Practical Directional Timber Felling Classes are limited to 25 Participants. REGISTER EARLY!!!

Kentucky Master Logger Program



Registration Form

Registration Requirements:

1. All spaces must be completed.
2. Print or type all required fields.
3. The registration fee must be included.
4. Only one participant per registration form (photocopies accepted)

Please Check the type of program you want to attend:

- KML 3-day Program
- KML Continuing Education Program

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

County of Residence: _____

KML Designation Number (Kentucky Master Loggers Only): _____

Please list the program location and date you wish to attend:

Course Location: _____ Date: _____

Please list a second choice in case your first choice is full:

Course Location: _____ Date: _____

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