



WE'RE MAKING IT!

When I am finishing up a conversation with a member I generally finish with “How’s Business”? Over about the last year, my unofficial top three responses from members are as follows:

#1 WE'RE MAKING IT

#2 FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

#3 JUST PLUGGING ALONG

Unfortunately, 2025 for the forest products industry will likely end with skeptical enthusiasm for next year but will hopefully be a notch above “We’re Making It”. I am disappointed because our industry seems to be impacted by so many factors outside our control, like politics, the social landscape, the economy, and the list goes on. I for one, in January 2025, had an optimistic attitude toward growth in our industry. As the year progressed my optimism waned as we learned more about the impact of tariffs and other political maneuvering along with the continual battle to promote the utilization of solid wood products.

I am not an economist, and I don’t play one on TV, so when I look at the economic growth in the U.S. and the fact that most of it is in the “Tech” sector, like AI, I still wonder how the economy will grow without people making stuff and selling stuff. I can still hear my old economics professor at MU talking about the principle of “goods and services”. He said that economic growth is dependent on manufacturing goods and selling those goods and their associated services. I can’t get it through my head that “Tech” can replace that component of our economy, it can certainly add to it in many ways, I understand that.

I am still optimistic that products that we produce and manufacture are going to be needed and desired by people all over the world for years to come. Our challenge is convincing people that things like quality, longevity, heritage, durability and strength, the terms that are synonymous with our industry, are worth the investment. This mission, as opposed to politics, is clearly within our control and why we must stay united as an industry and united as an MFPA membership.

MFPA will be working hard to collectively represent the industry in 2026 and ask that you continue your membership in the Association.

*Have a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!!*

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

Board of Directors

December 12th, Jefferson City, MO

MO Logging Council Area Meeting

December 15th, Steelville, MO

MO Logging Council Area Meeting

December 16th, Marionville, MO

2026 Winter Meeting

January 13 - 14th, Jefferson City, MO

2026 Summer Meeting

July 17-18th, Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO

****REMINDER****

**ONE CE IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY
TO RETAIN PTH CERTIFICATION**



CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



WRAP-UP OF 2025

Well, here we are at the end of another year that went by way too fast! As I get older, time just seems to fly by way faster than when I was younger. Same for everybody else?

Before we get into anything else, let me say that I hope everybody had a wonderful, family-filled Thanksgiving! Let me also wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year with your family and friends! I was thinking about what I should write about this month and one thing that I think is a very important part of our PTH Training that we just don't talk about enough is why we should bother with the PTH Training at all. I think this is an excellent time of year to think about things that truly matter!

Let me first tell everyone why we worked so hard to learn how to put the trainings on. I know for myself, and I'm sure Aaron and Jason are of the same opinion, we actually enjoy helping people. We believe the training can help our participants become a more knowledgeable and a more skilled sawyer or skidder operator. Don't get me wrong, we all 3 know we don't know everything, but we do have a lot of experience, mainly because of what we learn in all the training that we have done. We go to each training session wanting to learn that one new thing that we don't know so that we can pass it on to many more people in our future training. But the main reason we work hard at training is to help everyone be able to go home every day to their families. Learning as much as one can about being safe while working in the woods will hopefully keep you safer. As Trainers, we will give you our All during every training.

I've talked before about why anybody should attend the PTH classes, but here's what I believe to be the most important reason to attend. As an industry, we need every single person working in the woods to be able to walk out of the woods every afternoon and to be able to go home to your families. Will going to training guarantee your safety, of course not. I know for positive sure, going to training will help you have a much better chance of walking out of the woods on a daily basis. We've all got our own way we do things, but we also all know there are many ways to skin a cat. Let's talk about felling techniques briefly. Why do I believe the Open Face Boring Technique is the safest method of cutting a tree down? Simple because the Notch and Hinge, if done right, is very consistent in accuracy and is good for quality of the butt log. The Bore Cut allows the tree to be cut from the inside out so you're not chasing the Hinge, and the tree is standing still, giving you more time to manufacture the Hinge correctly. Lastly, the trigger, the most important safety feature. allows you to escape faster and farther, generally you're about two steps farther away from the stump as the tree falls. You start moving when the tree starts moving. Let's all be safer in 2026, PLEASE!

~Joe Glenn, Chainsaw Trainer

Trump Administration Announces \$12 Billion Farmer Bridge Payments for American Farmers Impacted by Unfair Market Disruptions

We thought it was important to share the information regarding the Trump administration's newly released Farmer Bridge Payment Program to the tune of \$12 billion. As you read the text, you will notice that the timber industry is completely left out. However, they have reserved \$1 billion for "specialty" that may or may not include our industry.

MFPA and most other state and national forest products related associations are reaching out to Congress to lobby for inclusion in the specialty crop program. We will keep members informed as any new information is released.

Visit website for article - <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/12/08/trump-administration-announces-12-billion-farmer-bridge-payments-american-farmers-impacted-unfair>

2026 PTH Class Schedule

Location	Level 1 & 2	Level 3 & 4	Forest Management
Hannibal	January 20-21	February 5-6	January 22
Houston	March 30-31	April 28-29	April 1
West Plains	April 30-May 1	May 19-20	May 7
Moberly	May 5-6	May 26-27	May 13
Ellington	September 8-9	September 29-30	September 17
Sullivan	September 10-11	October 1-2	September 22
Marionville	December 7-8	December 29-30	December 16



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and their immediate families**

***Have you sent in your Big Buck Picture?
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SHOW US YOUR BUCK

CONTEST *

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members, employees, and
their immediate families*



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Winter Meeting 2026

REGISTRATION

Deadline January 7th

Name _____

Company Name _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Total Attending:

_____ Winter Meeting Reception & Dinner

Registration Fee: \$120.00 per person

_____ Legislative Breakfast (State Capitol)

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Lodging is not included in the meeting registration fee. Hotel reservations are made directly with the Courtyard Jefferson City by calling Marriott reservations at (800) 321-2211 or (573) 761-1400 and ask for the special rate of \$ 151+tax for MFPA.

Please reserve your room by December 14th to receive MFPA rate.

The hotel is conveniently located within walking distance from the capitol.

2026 WINTER MEETING Sponsor Opportunities

Support your association by sponsoring the Winter Meeting

This event that we prepare for our members is important to our industry and serves as an opportunity to exchange information, build partnerships, gain awareness on matters facing the industry, and promote our industry legislatively. We are most effective in these efforts through your support and sponsorships.

Committee Meeting Refreshments

Forest Health	___ \$200
Education & Technical Services	___ \$200
Governmental Affairs	___ \$200
MFP PAC	___ \$200
Board of Directors Meeting Refreshments	___ \$200
Co-Sponsors \$200 each	

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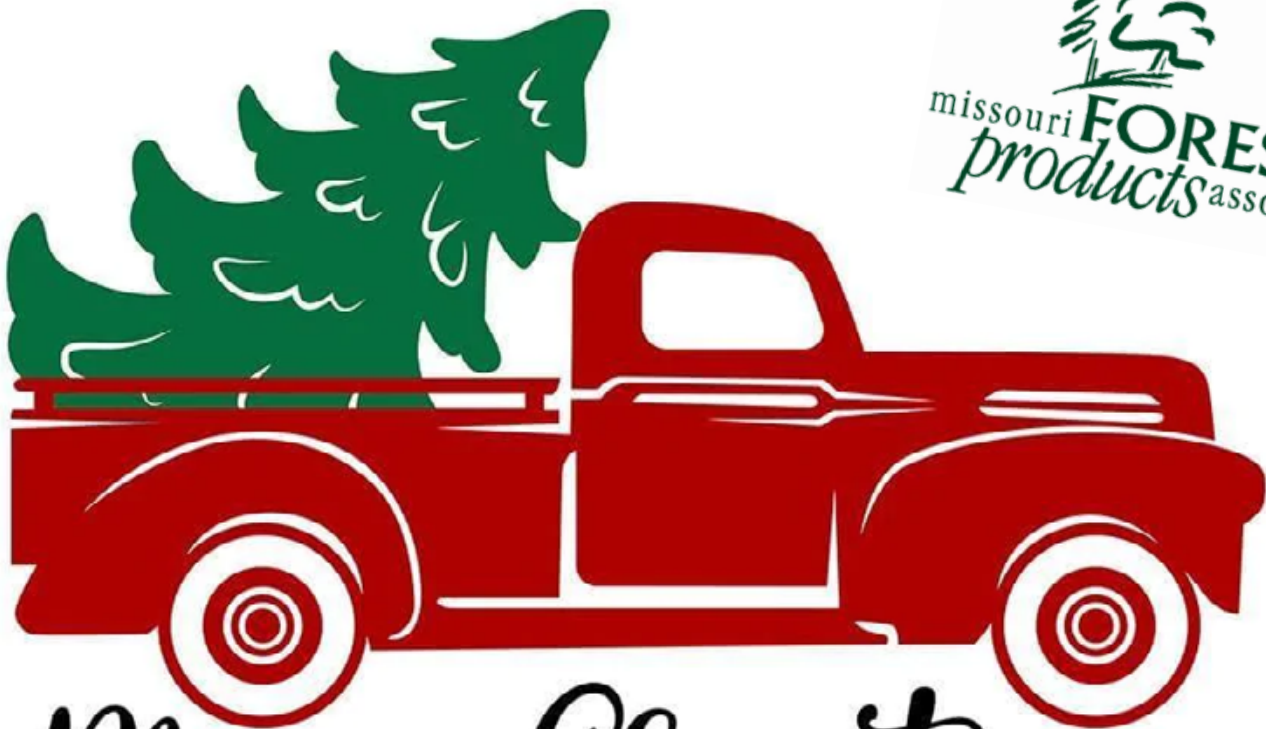
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