



# NEWS & UPDATE

November 2020

## PREPARING FOR 2021

From my personal perspective, putting 2020 in the rear-view mirror, will be a welcome event. Personally and professionally, I have experienced “stuff” in 2020 that I could have never imagined having to deal with during my lifetime. Unfortunately, that “stuff” I would categorize as bad. So, I am ready for 2020 to go away, but will 2021 be any better?

On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, former Vice President Joe Biden will become President Joe Biden. I understand that election fraud is still being investigated but I am preparing for a Joe Biden presidency and what that potentially means to our industry, that is my responsibility.

President Elect Biden has already assembled a new Coronavirus Working Group and they will be preparing to immediately launch a flurry of executive orders that launch new rules/regulations/programs that deal with all things Coronavirus. Nobody knows what the Executive Orders will implement but speculation is widespread that the federal government will have a significantly larger role in personal/business Coronavirus mandates aimed at curbing the spread of the disease. Today, congress is debating another Coronavirus relief package that will likely be distributed directly to the American people who have taxable income under a certain threshold. We are all praying for an effective vaccine to end the spread of the Coronavirus, that seems to be the only short-term hope of reducing, or hopefully ending, the drastic impact that the disease has had on our lives.

It will be interesting in Missouri to see how the Republican dominated Executive and Legislative branches of government navigate Coronavirus policies that will likely clash with the new Biden administration. Governor Parson has made it clear that he will not push Coronavirus mandates in Missouri that he feels infringe upon the personal freedoms of the citizens, and that message seemed to resonate with voters.

President Elect Biden will likely immediately repeal several decisions that President Trump implemented during his four-year term. He will rejoin the Paris Climate Accords, he will reverse Trump’s withdrawal from the World Health Organization, he will allow travel to Muslim-majority countries, and he will reinstate programs for “dreamers” to allow them to stay in the United States, just to name a few of the reversals that will likely happen quickly after January 20, 2021. At least these were all “documented” promises during his campaign.

I believe one of the most significant potential impacts on our industry will be the Biden’s administration climate policy. President Elect Biden has already stated that he intends to rollback over 100 public health and environmental rules that the Obama administration had in place. This will undoubtedly impact our industry and likely impact operating expenses. Biden’s commitment to the Green New Deal is not fully understood but we will be closely monitoring the new administration’s environmental policy.

The Biden administration will appoint over 4000 government positions over the next year, some of which will be very important to our industry. For example, the new Secretary of Agriculture’s view on timber harvest will be critically important regarding the strategic direction of the United States Forest Service. We will be watching very closely as appointments are made and new staffs are put in place.

The Coronavirus has disrupted just about every meeting/event that MFPA had planned in 2020 and will continue to do so in 2021, at least until a vaccine is readily available. Please understand that MFPA staff continues to work hard every day on behalf of you, our valued members, to employ our mission of being THE VOICE OF THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY. We must stay vigilant in our representation of the forest products industry in Missouri, which is still a \$10 billion economic engine for our state, so PLEASE stay committed to MFPA by renewing your membership for 2021 and maybe even recruiting a new member. We really look forward to seeing everyone face to face in 2021, and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

-Executive Director Brian Brookshire

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## WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBERS

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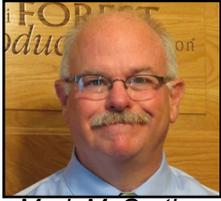
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# CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



If you are anything like me.... you have been looking forward to the end of 2020. I am actually happy for 2020's end for 2 reasons. The most obvious reason is we have seen better years...the sooner this one ends the better. However, not everything is based on the negative. My second reason for wanting 2020 to end is the promise of new beginnings in 2021. MFPA is not "toddling" into the new year, nope, PTH is sprinting. Due to a lot of things that made 2020 a rough year, there were cancelled classes, rescheduled classes, changes in Continuing Ed opportunities. Recently we made some changes to help with Continuing Ed (more on that in a second). We have also received many calls from people that need the PTH certification. That being said...we are hitting the ground running with classes starting in January in Chillicothe. In February, we move to Farmington and Hannibal. The rest of the year will take us to Cape Girardeau, West Plains, Columbia, Doniphan and Springfield. You can find the specific dates, and register on line on our website ([www.moforest.org](http://www.moforest.org)). You will also see the class listings occasionally in the newsletter. You asked...we answered. Let's fill these classes.

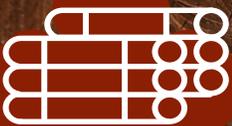
Don't forget as we approach the end of the year, there are still some of you that need Continuing Ed credit to maintain your PTH certification. To help out, for a limited time, we are offering DVDs and online modules free through the end of the year. If you do not have your credit by December 31, 2020, your name will be removed from the PTH Trained Logger list on our website.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me...(573) 634-3252, or [mark@moforest.org](mailto:mark@moforest.org)  
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# 2021 Scheduled PTH Core Curriculum Sessions

(note classes are not all in chronological order)

Location	Level 1 & 2	Level 3 & 4	Forest Management
Chillicothe	January 4-5	January 25-26	January 12
Farmington	February 8-9	March 1-2	February 18
Hannibal	February 11-12	March 4-5	February 25
Cape Girardeau	March 8-9	March 29-30	March 23
West Plains	March 11-12	April 5-6	March 23
Columbia	August 30-31	September 13-14	September 8
Doniphan	October 18-19	November 4-5	October 28
Springfield	November 8-9	November 29-30	November 22

The above list shows all currently scheduled opportunities around the state to complete the PTH core curriculum and to earn continuing education credits. Online registration is available. Additional classes are added as they are scheduled. Updates and changes to the schedule will be posted to the website. <https://moforest.org/education/schedule.php>









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# Introducing MFPA's Newest Employee



Melissa Finnegan is joining MFPA! Melissa is our newly hired Executive Assistant/Accountant and has begun training with Beverly. Beverly will be retiring at the end of the year. We are sad for Beverly to be leaving MFPA, but we are happy for her to retire and do all the things she loves to do full time. Melissa and Beverly will be working together until Beverly retires to ensure a smooth transition for our members and serving your needs.

Melissa has a well rounded professional background working for various companies and associations serving in an administrative assistant or office administrator position. Melissa has experience resolving issues and demonstrates strong communication skills required to build professional relationships with our members.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*Have a blessed day celebrating with family and friends*

**2021 MFPA Winter Meeting  
& Legislative Breakfast**

**POSTPONED**

**Due to COVID restrictions at the Missouri Capitol MFPA has postponed the Winter Meeting. Look for email and newsletter updates for a Winter Meeting after the new year.**

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Type	Topic	
Online Module	Forest Resource Management (Silviculture)	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
Online Module	Tree Identification (Dendrology)	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
Online Module	Map Reading and Compass Use	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
Online Module	Regenerating White Oak	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
DVD	Team Fire Safety	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
DVD	Image of the Forest	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)
DVD	Be Seen Be Safe Be Alive	<b>FREE</b> (Thru 12/31)

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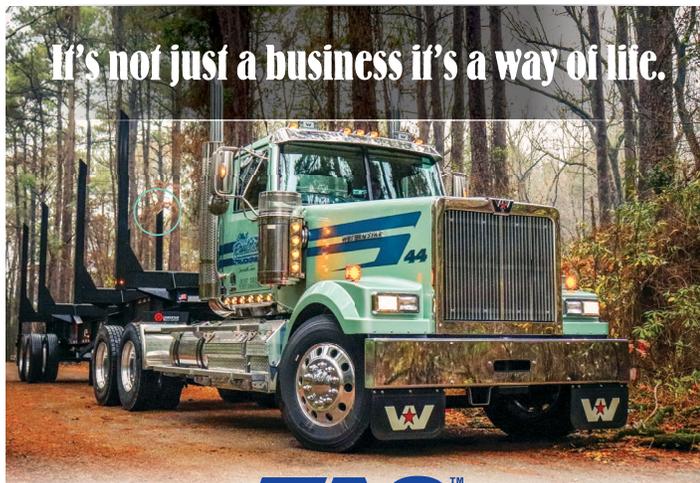
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