



## WINTER MEETING 2026

It's hard to believe that the 2026 legislative session will begin in 80 days when we will likely be experiencing an ice storm. It seems as though every MFPA Winter Meeting coincides with the first serious winter storm of the year. Let's hope not and give Laura a break from contemplating a hotel disaster.

The forest products industry, like all others I suppose, cannot escape the repercussions of the current political landscape. No matter how hard we hope, wish, and beg, that politics will have a neutral impact on our industry, that pipe dream will never be a reality. So, we must stay engaged and inform elected officials on the laws, policies, and regulations that hurt and help our industry. Nobody is going to do it for us, so we must do it ourselves.

The MFPA Winter Meeting, to be held January 13-14, 2026 is our annual opportunity to educate elected officials on the importance of our industry to Missouri's economy and our forest resource. Trust me, the disconnect between producing forest products and forest management is massive and bridging that gap with policymakers is a never-ending job. The work is hard, not fun, can be frustrating, but critically important. Simply put, elected officials want to hear from their constituents, so MFPA needs your help, plain and simple.

In this issue there is opportunity to register for the meeting, please consider joining your colleagues in Jefferson City to support the forest products industry. As usual, we will hear from Missouri's political leadership and will have the opportunity to ask questions about their 2026 legislative agenda.

We assume Fall weather is coming, enjoy it when it gets here!!



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**Area Meeting – Salem**  
**When:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30pm

**Where:** Crossroads Inn  
1200 S. Main St., Salem

*Please RSVP no later than Friday,  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, to [chris@moforest.org](mailto:chris@moforest.org)  
or call (573) 634-3252*

Supper will be provided by the Missouri Logging Council and Missouri Forest Products Association. Representatives from the SFI Implementation Committee will be present to provide an overview of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and its implementation in Missouri. MLC events and industry updates will also be covered. ALL LOGGERS are invited to attend this meeting.



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## A FEW THINGS ON MY MIND I'D LIKE TO SHARE

I've been thinking about what to write about this month, and I have a lot of things rattling around in my head, but there are only so many words that will fit on a page. So, I'll pick out a couple of topics, and we'll just go with it.

**ACCIDENTS;** I've heard of a couple of serious accidents around the state so far this year, there are probably more I haven't heard about. Now I don't know any of the particulars of those two. I just know they were bad enough to require a fairly long recovery time. Now, of course, you know, and I know that accidents can happen to anyone and at any time. They are not prejudiced toward any person or any logging crew. Remember, we've already discussed how and why they happen. But I think it is worth harping on again.

Many things that happen in the woods are predictable, but some are not, but sometimes they are not predictable. Unpredictable accidents don't happen very often, but when they do happen, they are likely true accidents. That simply means that in that particular situation, it was unforeseeable, therefore it was unpredictable and unpreventable. But remember, most accidents in the woods happen because the person involved failed to recognize the hazard, or that person didn't escape at the correct angle or far enough away, or escape to the right place. This all goes back to one thing: "Situational Awareness". Recognizing the hazard is sometimes hard to do. When searching for hazards, you need to slow down (just enough) to look for and identify all the hazards you can find that could hurt or kill you. Decide how to handle them and make a short plan to deal with them. While making the preplan, decide where you need to end up on your escape route. Very simply, decide where you need to be to avoid as much danger as possible, whether that means escaping at a different angle or escaping farther than 15 feet, or maybe using a blocker tree. You can't always see the hazard, but you simply want to avoid the hazards that you can see and try to predict what the tree or situation may result in as you execute the preplan.

**RESISTANCE TO PTH CLASS;** I usually tell each class that I have taught about when I was made to go to my first class. I was told to go to class or no job, so I went. I got to that first class and found a seat in the back. I told myself that I would not learn anything because I had already cut timber for 12 years. This was the first class Soren taught in Indiana, so I knew a few of the other guys. So, we are sitting there, and Soren starts talking about cutting timber, and by about 30 minutes into class, I was well aware that I did not know as much as I thought I did. So, I sat there and listened. After a while, we went out and everyone cut a tree. Yes, I was nervous, but I learned several things that day. I can't understand why we resist signing up for class, even though I was the same way as everyone else. I truly believe that once someone decides there is no sense in going out of their way to learn more about their profession of working in the log woods, that's when they are going to get hurt or killed.

# **FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**

## **OCTOBER 19-25, 2025**

It's time to recognize the many products that come from our forests, the people who work in and manage our forests, the businesses that make the products, and how each of these components contribute to our lives.

On September 13, 1960, the United States Congress issued a joint proclamation designating the week beginning on the third Sunday in October as National Forest Products Week. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the proclamation on September 15, 1960. Since then, each sitting president has proclaimed the week. America's forests are a source of pride, and they provide crucial products and materials for our citizens and communities. As we celebrate Forest Products Week, we recognize the importance of our forests to our economy and way of life, and we reaffirm our commitment to protecting them through wise stewardship and sensible land management.

We believe active forest management, utilizing sound forestry principles, is the key to addressing forest health now and ensuring a healthy and sustainable forest for the future. That is why we take the time each year to celebrate and recognize the contribution of Missouri forests and forest products.

## **The Hardwood Federation is asking for action!**

### **Tell Congress to Provide Financial Relief to the Hardwood Industry**

The Hardwood Federation asked hardwood associations to reach out to Congress and the White House to share the impacts of current trade policies on the industry and to ask that any agriculture industry relief programs initiated by Congress or the Administration include hardwoods. It would be great if member businesses express the impacts on their company directly.

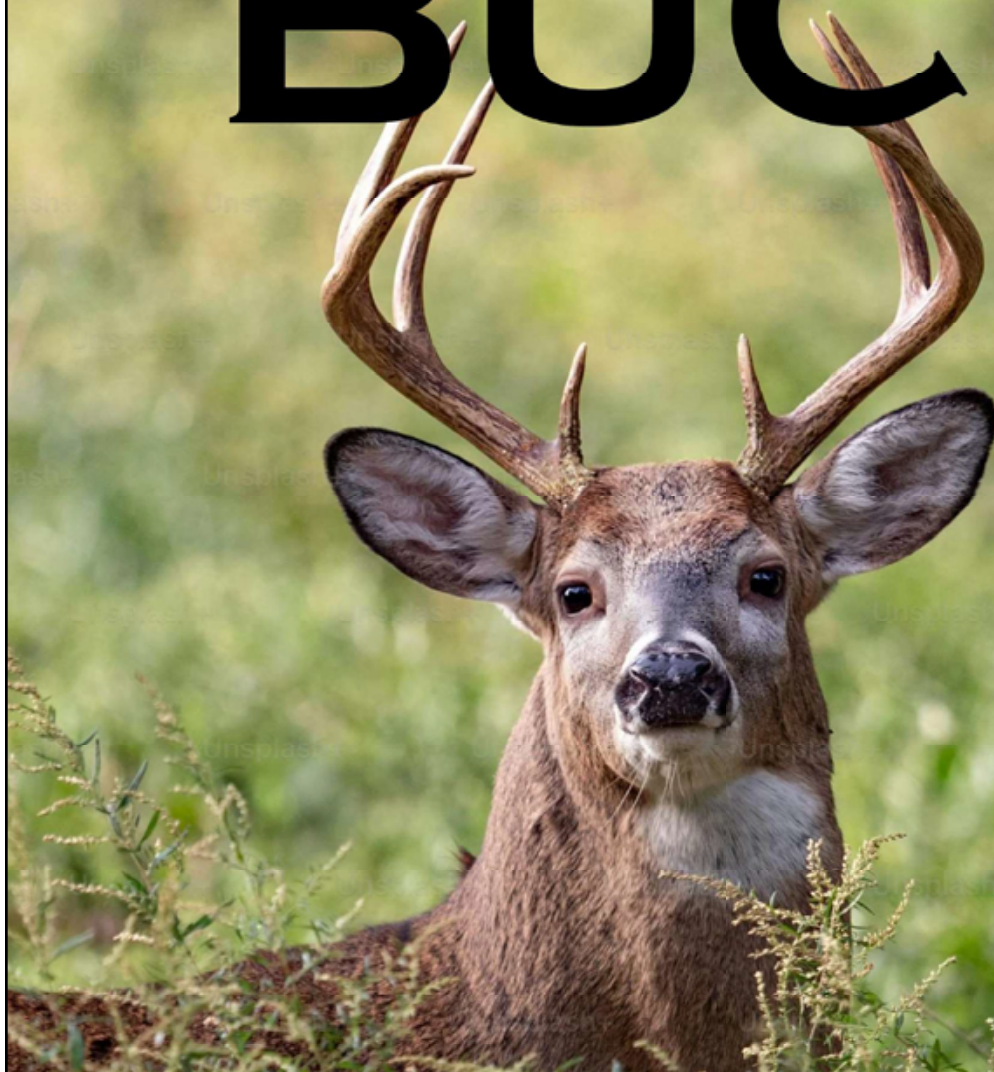
The Trump Administration and Congress are actively discussing if and how to provide relief to agricultural sectors in light of declining markets and commodity practices. The Hardwood Federation is holding meetings weekly...if not daily...with elected and White House officials to express the importance of including the Hardwood industry in any relief package. However, hearing from individual company owners, executives, and employees as well is essential! Please take a moment to communicate your concerns to the President, Vice-President, and your members of Congress...and please add in a sentence or two to personalize the message. Details about how current trade policies are impacting your business specifically will increase the impact of these letters.

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# Winter Meeting 2026

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Deadline January 7th

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Attending:

#\_\_\_\_\_ Winter Meeting Reception & Dinner

Registration Fee: \$120.00 per person

#\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Breakfast (State Capitol)

Hosted by the MFP PAC

Please return this form & payment by mail, fax, email, or phone to:

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## LODGING

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.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Trade Update

Trump Administration Announces Tariffs on Imports of Softwood Lumber, Upholstered Furniture, and Kitchen/Bath Cabinets

The Trump Administration released the long awaited Executive Order (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/09/adjusting-imports-of-timber-lumber-and-their-derivative-products-into-the-united-states/>) outlining the findings of their timber and lumber national security investigation.

Results of the investigation include:

- The Order imposes a 10% global tariff on imports of softwood lumber.
- The Order imposes a 25% global tariff on certain upholstered furniture, which will increase to 30% on January 1.
- The Order imposes a 25% global tariff on kitchen cabinets and vanities, which will increase to 50% on January 1.
- Trading partners who negotiate with the United States to address the threat of wood imports to the national security of the United States may be able

to secure an alternative to pending tariff increases.

- The United Kingdom, the European Union, and Japan will have more favor that reflects the terms of their trade deals with the United States.
  - The Section 232 tariff on subject wood imports from the United Kingdom will not exceed 10%.
  - The combined Section 232 tariff and favored nation tariff on subject wood imports from the European Union and Japan will not exceed 15%.
- Products that are not subject to these Section 232 tariffs will generally be subject to reciprocal tariffs.
- The treatment of products on the list of Potential Tariff Adjustments for Aligned Partners (PTAAP) remains unchanged unless an antidumping or countervailing duty order applies.

Imports of hardwood do not appear to be impacted unless it is included as a component of furniture or cabinets. A full listing of the impacted HTS codes can be found here, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/timber-.pdf>.



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