



## GOVERNOR PARSON VETOES AG BILL

On July 1, 2022 Governor Parson vetoed HB 1720, otherwise known as the omnibus agriculture bill, that included legislation very important to the forest products industry. If you would like to read the governors reasoning for the veto go to <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-issues-legislative-veto-calls-special-session-permanent>. The ability to continue and fund the wood energy tax credit along with important changes to the statutes that govern log hauling were in HB 1720.

Governor Parson was steadfast in his reasoning to veto HB 1720 but has called for a special session, that is scheduled to convene next week, to specifically address the tax credits that he vetoed in HB 1720. The Governor understands the importance of the tax credits but HB 1720 only extended them for 2 years and he strongly believes the term should be 6, which he is pushing for in the special session. Unfortunately, the log hauling provisions that MFPA lobbied for and got to the Governor's desk in 2022, will have to be fought for again in 2023 and will hopefully become law.

We will keep MFPA members informed on the progress of the special session and the status of the Wood Energy Tax Credit.

## MFPA ENDORSES MIKE KEHOE FOR GOVERNOR

MFPA's board of directors voted unanimously to endorse Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe for his bid to become Missouri's governor in 2024. "Mike has been a staunch supporter of Missouri's forest products industry since he was elected Senator back in 2010 and we are proud to endorse him as Governor. Mike is a self-made man who understands the rewards of hard work, faith and commitment which is the foundation of our industry. We will work hard to help him during his race for Governor" said Brian Brookshire, MFPA Executive Director.

On August 24, 2022 Mike Kehoe travelled to Madison County Wood Products where MFPA President Paul Gaines and Brian Brookshire welcomed him and his wife to receive MFPA's official endorsement. Lt. Governor Kehoe took a tour of Madison County Wood Products and spoke to the employees expressing his sincere appreciation of the endorsement.



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## WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBERS

**Company:** HD Forest Products LLC

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**County:** Morgan

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**PTH Class - Lebanon**

September 26-27, October 5, October 17-18

**Board of Directors**

December 5th, Jefferson City, MO

**2023 Winter Meeting**

Tentatively January 10 - 11th,  
Jefferson City, MO

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# CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



We have talked about this for several months now, but there is still a great opportunity out there for loggers to be a little safer in the woods. The cost share for PTH trained loggers to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continues. MDC provided \$20,000. It's a first come, first served program that offers a 50% reimbursement for PTH trained loggers, or 75% for Missouri Master Loggers for buying certified safety gear. Wearing PPE helps minimize catastrophic injuries should something go wrong. Cost sharing helps people buy gear they might not otherwise buy.

A program like this provides great options for everyone. The state gets to help make the woods safer. MFPA is advocating for the industry. The logger gets help buying needed equipment.

The program covers everything from boots and chaps to hardhats and ear protection. You can get a maximum reimbursement of \$500. It's easy... once you make a purchase, you submit the receipt to MFPA. It serves as proof the items you bought are certified safe for logging. You can submit electronically, or by hand...but make sure if you are writing, everything is legible.

Purchasing for a crew is allowed, but individual loggers must be listed on the itemized receipt. They will be checked for PTH certification and will not be eligible for reimbursement again until the next calendar year.

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### PPE Equipment Includes:

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hard hats  
safety glasses  
chaps  
cutting pants  
safety boots

All equipment must be certified for its intended use.

# OSHA FINES MFPA MEMBER

## “REED” ALL ABOUT IT

Reed Lumber Company, Potosi, MO recently completed an OSHA investigation that was triggered by a finger injury that resulted from an employee attempting to dislodge a jammed throat of a Precision, 8 knife, 66”, horizontal feed, top discharge chipper while it was still running. The injury occurred when the jam quickly released at the throat of the chipper and the employees’ finger was smashed between a chunk of wood and the mouth of the chipper.

Reed Lumber stations a dedicated employee at the chipper at all times to monitor the flow of material through the machine because of the large quantity of wood constantly vibrating to it. Occasional jams occur at the throat of the chipper that are typically cleared using a long pole, avoiding close contact with the machine. However, we all know that injuries occur when employees make bad decisions, and one did at Reed Lumber when the jam could not be cleared with the pole and the employee tried to clear the jam by hand without shutting down the machine.

OSHA investigated the accident and spent weeks investigating chippers of all sizes and brands trying to analyze who was at fault. The OSHA investigator readily admitted he had little knowledge of our industry and zero knowledge of commercial wood chipping machines. Reed Lumber fully cooperated with the investigation, providing all the manufacturing information for the Precision chipper.

OSHA seemed determined that the chipper had to be guarded in some way to prevent a similar injury in the future, so Reed Lumber and OSHA came to an agreement on a guard structure around the chipper that satisfied the federal agency. Below are pictures of the structure that was installed around the chipper that is designed to prevent employees from getting to the throat but still allowing the use of a long pole to dislodge “normal” jamming. Employees that are stationed at the chipper or have the responsibility for monitoring the chippers’ function are required to receive documented training on how to deal with jams. The fine was \$10,000.

Normal operating procedure for OSHA is to take their experience during one investigation and enforce it at their next. So, we appreciate Reed Lumber sharing their experience so that other MFPA members may avoid this issue in the future.





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early winter. Get it done before the end of the year.

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## Professional Timber Harvester 2022 Class Schedule

Location	Cutting 1 & 2	Cutting 3 & 4	Forest Management
Lebanon	September 26-27	October 17-18	October 5
West Plains	October 20-21	November 28-29	November 2
Camdenton	December 8-9	December 28-29	December 13



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# BAND SAW FILER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

NTC's Wood Technology Center of Excellence - Antigo, WI

**NTC offers the only accredited Band Saw Filing Certificate program in the United States.**

The Band Saw Filer Certificate program is a hands-on intensive training that prepares learners for careers in the saw filing profession. In just 4 weeks, students will learn proven procedures to effectively bench, fit, and repair saws while learning to properly align band mills to increase saw longevity and sawing accuracy. Learners will practice these fundamental skills under the direction of our expert instructor utilizing NTC's modern saw filing facility. This program is designed for Current Saw Filers, Saw Filer Trainees, and Sawmill Managers.

**Due to the intense hands-on nature of these classes, the program is limited to 6 participants.**

## Training Focus:

- Safety – handling saws
- Effective use of measuring tools and equipment
- Applying trade-based formulas
- Benching band saws (level and tension)
- Fitting band saws (swage, shape, and grind)
- Welding band saws using MIG and Oxy Acetylene torch equipment
- Maintaining saw guides
- Maintaining, aligning, and timing band saw grinders
- Aligning band mills

## Meet the Instructor: Mitch White

Mitch White is a nationally known saw filing expert with 45 years of experience and a diverse background encompassing both the softwood and hardwood sawmilling industries.

Classes	Credits
BAND SAW FILER LEVEL 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE TRADE	1 credit
BAND SAW FILER LEVEL 2: BENCHING BAND SAWS	2 credits
BAND SAW FILER LEVEL 3: FITTING BAND SAWS	4 credits
BAND SAW FILER LEVEL 4: MAINTAINING SAWS, SAW FILE EQUIPMENT & BAND MILLS	1 credit

## Tuition: \$3950 + Books & PPE

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