missouri FOREST products association

NEWS & UPDATE

September 2026

FUEL IS CRUEL!!

Fuel prices are the talk of the coffee shop, the town, the city, the state and the country. Most of you know by now that I am a prolific reader of all things political, and I am having a very difficult time keeping up with the fuel blame game. Some quotes from federal government elected officials and employees are real doozies! I have figured out that the complexity of oil markets is well above my pay grade and seems impossible to rationalize. I think what seems to bother our members the most is the federal governments “discounting” of the issue. Quotes such as “the American people need to deal with the pain at the pump” and “America is now the number one producer of oil” and the clincher “America is exporting more diesel fuel to Europe now than ever before” are wearing thin with lots of folks.

Fuel-dependent industries like ours are suffering more than others, possibly, because we have no ability to pass on the pain to the consumer. The price of our product has at best been flat for a few years, and in many cases has declined. If we do try and increase the price because of input costs escalating, that seems to push our customers even more towards fake alternatives that originate in foreign countries. It’s a double whammy that we are trying our best to articulate to our elected officials.

I am not pronouncing my objections to world events that are being blamed for high fuel prices. I am pronouncing my objections to a lot of decisions that seem to be dumb that are impacting fuel prices. Two easy ways to immediately drop fuel prices are to temporarily drop the approximate 25 cent/gallon federal fuel tax and quit exporting diesel fuel out of the United States. It seems to me that every drop of diesel produced in the U.S needs to be used in the U.S., at least until world events get settled down. We recently posted Scott Dane’s , Executive Director of the American Logging Council, interview with Stuart Varney on the Fox Business channel, on our FB page. Scott did a great job.

So, MFPA is reaching out to all the elected officials, and we would strongly encourage you to do the same. Please support the industry by making a phone call or sending an email and let your elected officials know that the pain has gone on long enough!y!

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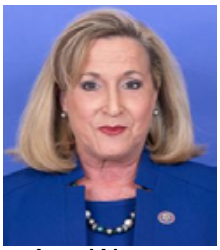


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December 4th, Jefferson City, MO

Last PTH Class of 2026
December 7-8, 16th, 29-30th Marionville

2027 Winter Meeting
January 12th, Jefferson City, MO

Our Mission

Missouri Forest Products Association is dedicated to serving and promoting the forest products industry of Missouri. Founded in 1970, MFPA has over 300 members representing primary and secondary wood industry, supplier and service industries, loggers and landowners. MFPA advocates sustainable management and sound stewardship of Missouri's forests to benefit current and future generations.

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Well, this happens to everybody from time to time, but nobody really likes it when it happens to them. The best thing to do when it happens to you is to just own it and learn from it. So, I have to back-up in the last paragraph from last month's article, the number 3 paragraph. Whoops, I told you my brain was getting fried. What I was wrong on was in saying that in that described situation, the chain would cut toward the thinner chip side, no, no no. Whenever one rail is shorter than the other side the chain will not cut toward the thinner chip side. It will immediately start veering towards the thicker chip side because that side with the lower drag setting is taking more wood with each rotation of the chain than the higher drag setting side which produces a thinner chip. The deeper the chain cuts into the log, the more crooked the cut becomes, until the edge of the rail on the thinner chip side runs into the wood on that side of the cut. That causes the chain to stop cutting and the saw to rev-free because the chain can no longer touch the wood held back by the corner of the bar being stuck on the thinner chip side of the cut. Wiggle the saw and chain a little bit and it may temporarily go back to cutting but it will soon stop cutting again. Best to fix the bar or replace it.

Well, that was one long drawn-out reason for your saw cutting crooked! That was actually two reasons for a crooked cutting saw. The one reason is the mechanical problems with the bar itself. Like the bar having one rail lower than the other rail. The other problem we really didn't talk about but, if you think about it, it's pretty easy to understand is when the top of the rails wear it stands to reason that the chain rubs against one other part of the bar while it's spinning around it. The chain is also guided by the inside of the two rails guiding the drive links. Therefore, the inside of both rails can wear more on one side than the other causing the chain to lean while sitting on the bar. The drive links that drive the chain can wear on either side from rubbing harder on one side or the other of the rails. This can taper the drive links causing the chain to be too sloppy. The last reason wear can affect the chain cutting to one side or the other is the chasse of the chain. The chain rides on the tie straps which ride on the tops of the rails. Along with everything else that can affect how straight the chain cuts, the bottom of the drive links can wear more on side or the other. They can also wear on the bottom corner causing the teeth to pitch outward when the tooth makes a chip. All of these issues can be affected by how you maintain your bar, chain, and your drags. And most are affected by very small measurements, often by one or two thousands of an inch.

Still the main reason for keeping our saws, bars, and chains in very good condition. The better shape and well maintained our tools are, the safer we will be while using them! If we don't have to struggle to use them. I can't speak for anybody else, but when I was young and starting out, when my tools didn't work properly, that would usually make me mad and very tired. With my temper usually there was a thrown saw somewhere in the mix!

~Joe Glenn, Chainsaw Trainer

Summer Meeting Golf

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Summer Meeting Golf Hole in One!

Nolan Lashley scored a Hole in One, during the MFPA Summer Meeting Log A Load for Kids Golf Outing! Nolan's long drive was at the 8th hole on The Oaks Golf Course on July 18th. He was playing with Mark Garnett (his grandfather), Kayla Foht (his cousin), and Brian Smith (his stepfather). Independent Stave Company LLC was the hole sponsor. Nolan used a Pitching Wedge from 153 Yards to make the Hole-in-One.



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Registration

Deadline January 7th

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Please reserve your room by December 13th to receive MFPA rate.

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