Sorry for the delay, but I crashed the listserv and had to have IT recover my 134 contacts instead of the 2 that I had entered incorrectly. Thanks IT!!!

This month, we make the big announcement of an urban wood utilization workshop on March 30. We have Brian Knox coming in to present on the 4 rules of thumb to prepare logs for the mill. Tips and tricks all arborists should know!

We have Online Resources and a video link to Felled: The Movie. Take a look!

My email address is below and at the end of the newsletter for joining or unsubscribing. Please contact me direct for your questions and concerns. Thanks!

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NC Urban Wood Group Workshop
Bucking Hardwood Logs for Urban/Suburban Tree Professionals:
Urban Hardwood Recovery Project
March 30, 2016
8:00 AM - 3:00PM

A Chance to Learn and Network
Come join us at Clanton Park - Dorothy D. Waddy indoor pavilion located at 3132 Manchester Road in Charlotte, NC.

'Urban wood waste' is an untapped renewable source of lumber, fuel, fiber, and soil amendments. This is a very important gathering for the emerging North Carolina Urban Forest Products Industry that has been forming over the last couple of years.

Whether you are an arborist, municipal representative, mill operator, kiln owner, woodworker or craftsman, this is a workshop designed to build the communication and networking needed to make urban wood recognized as the valuable sustainable resource that it is.

You Must Register for this event, No Walk-ins Allowed
Click this link to REGISTER NOW!!!

NC Urban Forest Council Events Calendar
Lunch is being provided by Arborguard Tree Specialists and will be some of the best barbecue in North Carolina, prepared by Skip Warrick.

Bucking Hardwood Logs for Urban/Suburban Tree Professionals
AGENDA
8:00 - 8:45 Registration
8:45 - 9:00 What is Highest Use? - an examination of location, potential, markets and policy
9:00 - 9:25 Turning Trees into Lumber - a look at felling, bucking, hauling and milling of logs on production and small mills
9:25 - 9:45 The Basics of Lumber Grading - introduction to NHLA cutting units, grading face, standard grades, minimum yields and the difference between NHLA and “craft” grades
10:00 - 10:30 Recognizing and Evaluating Defects - how to read what to expect on the inside of log from the map on the outside
10:30 - 11:00 Log Scaling and Grading - understanding the rules makes cutting better logs easier
11:00 - 11:15 Rules of Thumb - boiling it all down into 4 easy to remember rules of thumb
11:30 - 12:00 Managing Small Woodlots - what services do small woodlot owners want and need and what tools can you provide?
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 3:00 Tour of Carolina Urban Lumber

Damon Barron of Carolina Urban Lumber will take us on a tour of his milling operation. We will look at the raw materials, milling operations, air drying and kiln drying.

*** 3.75 ISA CEU’s and 4.5 SAF CAT 1 education credits will be available ***

This workshop is made possible by technical and financial support from the NC Forest Service’s Urban & Community Forestry Program
On Line Resources

Facts Matter
http://www.biomassmagazine.com/articles/12773/facts-matter

The United States Industrial Pellet Association and many of its members are making new waves on social media through Twitter, Facebook and other mediums to cut through the white noise and spread the message that #factsmatter.  
By Seth Ginther | January 28, 2016

Over the past several months, you will have noticed an increased social media presence by the United States Industrial Pellet Association and many of our members through Twitter, Facebook and other social networking mediums. If you have been following along, you know that we have adopted the hashtag (#factsmatter). We chose that hashtag as a beacon of our messages on Twitter because it’s emblematic of the necessity to cut through all the white noise out there and continue to advance our case based on facts, data and evidence.

German Forest Ranger Finds That Trees Have Social Networks, Too
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/30/world/europe/german-forest-ranger-finds-that-trees-have-social-networks-too.html?_r=3
The Saturday Profile, The New York Times
By SALLY McGRANE JAN. 29, 2016

HUMMEL, Germany — In the deep stillness of a forest in winter, the sound of footsteps on a carpet of leaves died away. Peter Wohlleben had found what he was looking for: a pair of towering beeches. “These trees are friends,” he said, craning his neck to look at the leafless crowns, black against a gray sky. “You see how the thick branches point away from each other? That’s so they don’t block their buddy’s light.”

After the publication in May of Mr. Wohlleben’s book, a surprise hit titled “The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate — Discoveries From a Secret World,” the German forest is back in the spotlight.

Into the wood: America’s first modern tall timber building rises in Minneapolis

By Peter Callaghan | 01/19/16 MinnPost

They’re called nail laminated timber panels, NLT for short, and they helped make some construction history on Monday.

That’s when crews began laying the wooden panels on the cage of posts and beams at the Minneapolis site of what will eventually be the seven-story office building known as T3 (Timber, Technology and Transit). When it’s finished sometime this fall, the building will be the first modern tall wood building in the United States.

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Online Documentary: http://www.felledthemovie.com/
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