

2019 Annual Report



Message from Tony Diaz, 2020 LFA President

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Reflecting on 2019, the Louisiana Forestry Association continued to promote and support our forestry industry through:

- Supporting the Louisiana Logging Council (LLC).

- Coordination of Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) continuing education for loggers.

- Identifying critical industry issues and providing a forum for creating working solutions.

- Facilitating interaction between landowners, loggers, mills, government and academia.

- Speaking up for issues impacting the forest industry in both state and local governments.

- Acting as an information resource for landowners and others through our interactive website, Forests & People quarterly magazine and personal response to phone calls.

- Louisiana Forestry Foundation — increasing the endowment and adding scholarships.

- Forestry Teacher Tour, equipping teachers to share forest industry knowledge with students.



- Providing access to a cost-effective hunting liability insurance program.

- Supporting TEAM Safe Trucking helping drivers develop safe truck driving habits.

While we value the traditional roles and responsibilities that help define the LFA, the Executive Committee is resolved to address the urgent forest industry issues of our time with every available resource. We see the

needs surrounding commercial truck insurance, infrastructure and governmental actions that affect our business activities and forest uses. These issues affect our families and livelihood as well.

The LFA is aligning our efforts with other groups having like-minded interests to target tort reform in the 2020 legislative session. We believe that by shaping our state laws and policies to be more competitive with other states we will encourage economic growth and opportunity for all Louisianans.

Please consider attending your own parish Police Jury meetings. In these venues

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Financial figures for the Louisiana Forestry Association

Figures from 2019 are actual; 2020 figures are budgeted.

| 2019 (Actual figures) | | 2020 (Budget figures) | |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | INCOME | |
| Dues | \$401,219 | Dues | \$420,000 |
| Special Assessments | \$105,337 | Special Assessments | \$105,000 |
| Program/Annual Meeting | <u>\$410,921</u> | Program/Annual Meeting | <u>\$440,617</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$917,477 | TOTAL INCOME | \$965,617 |
| EXPENSES | | EXPENSES | |
| Program/Services | \$314,615 | Program/Services | \$338,900 |
| Office | \$127,639 | Office | \$110,100 |
| Administrative | <u>\$569,857</u> | Administrative | <u>\$584,000</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,012,111 | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$1,033,000 |

FWS rule on La. pine snake makes Register

The 4(d) Rule for protection of the Louisiana pine snake has been finalized and published in the Federal Register. The publication, attached to this email and posted to the Louisiana Forestry Association's website, can be downloaded for those wanting to read though the document in PDF form.

The reptile was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2018.

"The Louisiana pine snake has been on the radar for a very long time, but was finally listed at a time of significant change within the US Fish & Wildlife Service," said Paul Stone, chairman of the Endangered Species Committee for the Louisiana Forestry Association.

Stone said with the snake being listed as threatened rather than endangered, the Fish & Wildlife Service was able "to recognize that continued active forest management is beneficial to the survival of the snake within its range, and develop a 4(d) rule that reduces the impact of the listing on forest landowners and managers."

Joe Ranson, field supervisor for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), said his office is working on developing a key for the Louisiana pine snake to be included in IPAC — Information for Planning and Consultation — an online service that allows anyone to determine whether they have to clear a project in an area that could have the pine snake.

He said once established, possibly in April, a forester or landowner wanting to plan a harvest or replanting could, through a series of questions, find out whether a plan would have to be considered through FWS.

If the program determines there would be no effect or not likely to have an adverse effect, approval could



The Louisiana pine snake is listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. After two years of work, the final 4(d) rule was recently listed in the Federal Register and will allow the continued practices in sustainable forestry to help aid the snakes recovery.

be granted through the online program. If it could likely have an adverse effect, the plan would have to be approved through FWS.

Stone said most sustainable forestry practices likely will be unchanged.

"Consultation with the service will not be necessary for many normal forest management activities when done as outlined in the rule," said Stone.

Headed back to Lake Charles

The 73rd annual convention of the Louisiana Forestry Association returns to the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino Resort in Lake Charles!

Details are still being worked out, but you can bet it's going to be a great time for our members to fellowship and learn more about the forest products industry.

The big event is scheduled for Aug. 25-27, opening with the President's Reception on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Like last year, we will have our golf tournament on Tuesday on the Golden Nugget course and a sporting clay shoot is set for Tuesday morning. Times will be announced as details are completed.

Members will be able to register for the meeting and book your room online, which is scheduled to begin in April through a link on the LFA website. At that time, you also will be able to download a registration form on the website. Look for an emailed newsletter when the links are live. If you're not signed up to receive the newsletter, you can send a request to jzeringue@laforestry.com.

President's message

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you can become more informed about issues and make a difference with your ideas.

While working with our government officials to create solutions is helpful and needed, our free market economy has historically been a source of effective and efficient solutions for a multitude of issues. Bypassing regulation, taxation and bureaucracy can be the quickest and least costly path to correcting our problems. Maybe you have a private sector idea that needs a voice. Let us know at the LFA.

Whether you are involved in managing land, logging, working for a consuming mill, making policy or educating others, I encourage you to be involved in the LFA. Membership is inexpensive, and you become part of a group that stays at the forefront of managing one of our greatest resources — our forests. Make this your year to make a difference with us!

Tony Diaz

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Highlights of 2019

- Through the Forest Political Action Council (ForPAC), more than \$60,000 was raised during the previous four-year election cycle. With those funds, ForPAC supported 26 candidates for the Louisiana Legislature. Of those races, only four did not win their elections.

- The Louisiana Forestry Foundation in 2019 surpassed the \$1 million mark in the amount of scholarships it has awarded to forestry students at the state's three four-year colleges and two community colleges. It was the 52nd year the Foundation has awarded scholarships. Last year, 56 scholarships helped students studying forestry at Louisiana Tech University, Louisiana State University, Southern University and the Forestry Technician program at the Central Louisiana Technical Community College Huey P. Long Campus in Winnfield and the Southwest Louisiana Technical and Community College Oakdale campus. That brought the total scholarship money awarded to forestry students to \$1,018,200 since the inception of the Foundation's program in 1967. We also have a new endowed scholarship.

- With help of the volunteers among the LFA membership, more than 1,000 fifth-graders from

Rapides Parish schools were able to venture into the great outdoors at Indian Creek Recreation Area and East Kincaid Boat Launch to learn about forestry and its importance to their community.

- A partnership with Hunt Forest Products and Tolko Industries Ltd. formed the LaSalle Lumber Co. and opened the first new lumber mill in Louisiana in the past 25 years. Hunt and Tolko are family-owned companies with similar goals and values. "We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them," said Trott Hunt, co-owner and chairman of the board of directors of Hunt Forest Products.

- Drax is expanding their consumption of wood in Louisiana and began installing a 175-rail-car-spur in Urania, which equates to more than a mile of track on which full pellet cars will use to send the pellets to the port of Baton Rouge and eventually Europe.

- RoyOMartin announced multimillion-dollar expansion of its plants at Chopin and Oakdale, giving more capacity for Louisiana wood to be used for building projects across the region.

- The Louisiana Forestry Association website and Facebook page regularly engaged the public in timely issues.