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Meetings Continue

The CILA is continuing its contractor and trucker meetings throughout the territory. Last night we met with Fraser Lake area contractors and truckers, and dates will be set next week for meetings in Williams Lake and 100 Mile House, and following those, Chetwynd. Meeting topics are centering largely on rates and contracts, as well as local issues. The meetings are open to all area contractors and log haulers, not just CILA members, as we work more closely together on common issues. For more information, contact MaryAnne Arcand, 1-877-562-5668.

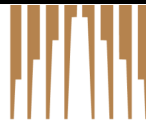
Free Passes to Expo

All forest industry companies, contractors, and their employees qualify for complimentary passes to Resources Expo's trade show and contractor fair, June 3-5. Just call Carmel at 250-563-3368 to reserve yours. Top notch speakers, and product demos, live logging and chipping demos, networking reception, and a giant Texas Hold 'em Tournament are just a few of the reasons to come. If you work in, or provide services to any of the resource industries, or want to find out how you can find opportunities to do so, you should be there.

CILA members get discount pricing on the entire package, call the office for details. Make sure to stop by the CILA booth and say hi.

Beer n' burger reception

CILA members and invited guests are invited to a Beer 'n Burgers Reception at the Railway and Forestry Museum on Friday June 4 at 6pm, in conjunction with Resources Expo. Don't miss this great opportunity to network with and reps from the other resource industries, to explore potential pipeline and site prep logging opportunities. Please RSVP to Ellys@cila.ca or call the office, before June 3.



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"Wood paper" used at Resources Expo

Mark Clark, president of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations, has supplied Resources Expo with "wood" paper made from mpb trees off his own Prince George woodlot. The "paper" will be used for agendas and tickets, which would otherwise have been printed on regular cardstock paper. Expo organizers saw the product and thought it a great way to highlight other uses of wood, and a tangible reminder that though the name of the event has changed, and the audience has broadened, it's not abandoning its forestry roots.

Called back to work? We're here to help

Harvesting contractors around the region are being called back to work, and scales are opening in Prince George, Williams Lake, Quesnel, 100 Mile, Houston, Smithers, Vanderhoof and Fort St James during the next month. Tolko Williams Lake already started May 3, the earliest start in recent memory, and Clear Lake (Canfor) is receiving logs now. As pre-season safety and contract meetings happen, don't forget the CILA is here to help with issues, costing templates, rate models and contract information, and negotiation assistance.



The Central Interior Logging Association's Weekly Log-Harvesting Industry Update

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Protection for Boreal Forest

21 forest companies and nine leading environmental groups announced the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement this week, which makes 72 million hectares across Canada's north off-limits to logging. In exchange, industry will no longer have to combat "do not buy" campaigns against forest products in the market place and anti-logging campaigns. According to some analysts, the cost of losing access to that many hectares is more than made up by the "green" stamp of approval from environmental groups in terms of future sales and the public relations value in an increasingly environment-conscious world market.

Around the Industry

The **Western Silviculture Contractors Association** has started an online petition in an effort to force the province to plant more trees. The WSCA says 3-6 million hectares of trees killed by the pine beetle will not regenerate naturally, so approximately 6 billion trees need to be replanted. For more info go to www.forestfacts.ca

Tolko Industries has struck a deal with China National Building Materials, for SPF of various grades and dimensions, most of which will come from Tolko's Quesnel operation. This is similar to the deal **Canfor** disclosed when it announced the re-opening of its Quesnel mill earlier this month.

BCTS is making wood harvested for oil & gas development available for bid online. Minister Pat Bell says the online service will make it easier to buy and sell wood harvested as a by product of oil & gas development.

Canfor Pulp has begun phase one of its odor reduction upgrades to the PG, Northwood and Intercontinental pulp mills. The first two projects are aimed at reducing odor emissions from PG Pulp by 60% and increasing electricity production by 11,000 megawatt hours per year.
