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**WESTERN
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Boise Corporation

Rick Williams

*Each month we will profile a different
member company and contact person*

Boise Cascade Corporation formed in 1957 when Cascade Lumber Company (Yakima, WA) merged with the Boise-Payette Lumber Company (Boise, ID). Boise Cascade today owns and operates pulp and paper, lumber, plywood, veneer, laminated veneer lumber, oriented strand board, particleboard, and other engineered wood products mills, trucking operations, and manages 2.1 million acres of timberlands in Alabama, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, Canada, and Brazil. Additionally Boise operates office products and wood products distribution facilities and retail operations around the world; white papers, corrugated medium, newsprint, market pulp, tissue, softwood lumber, softwood plywood and veneer, laminated veneer lumber, I-joists, oriented strand board, particleboard, office products distribution, retail office products, wood products distribution, trucking, timberland management. The pulp and paper mill at St. Helens, OR has operated continuously since 1926. Boise Paper Solutions purchased the facility in 1967. Boise produces 380,000 tons of fine white paper and tissue annually at the St. Helens mill. On site are three fine white paper machines owned by Boise and one tissue machine owned by Cascades Tissue Group (operated under contract by Boise). Boise consumes 670,000 bone dry tons of wood chips (325,000 bone dry tons hardwood, 345,000 bone dry tons softwood) annually in the process of producing pulp for paper.

Williams began his forestry career with the USFS in Arizona and California after obtaining degrees from Colorado State University and Oregon State University. His 27 years with Boise Cascade have included cruising timber, appraising timberlands and timber sales in NW Oregon and SW Washington, Region Silviculturist for Boise's Central Washington (Yakima) Region, Contract Logging Supervisor, Chief Region Forester, analyst of wood fiber markets and supply for the Western US, and currently Fiber Procurement manager at the Boise Paper Solutions St. Helens pulp mill. Williams also serves on the Western Hardwood Association Board of Directors.

Contact Rick Williams at Boise Corp., 1300 Kaster Rd, St Helens, OR 97051, phone: (503) 397-3957, fax: (503) 397-9206, and email: RickWilliams@BC.com.

Welcome New Members

Pacific International Hardwood, Inc.

Wholesaler.

Jeff Reed

PO Box 9593

Bend, OR 97708

Ph: (541)280-7068

Fax: (541)382-6486

Email: pih.inc@bendbroadband.com

Host a New Member

The Western Hardwood Association is growing and you can be part of it. First year, first time introductory membership is only \$150. If you are not a current member and would like to join or know someone who would like to become a member, please contact the Association office by phone or email and an application will be sent out. New members can also sign up online at www.westernhardwood.org by clicking the "join the WHA today" link on the Member Info page.

Remember, you can win money for each new member. For every new member you bring in before the annual meeting in June, you will receive \$25, doubled if you attend the annual meeting below!

Be a Newsletter Sponsor

The board approved offering sponsorships of the March, June, September, and December newsletters. Total cost \$400 per issue, can be split among a maximum of 4 sponsors per issue. Contact the WHA office by phone or email to sign up now! Deadline for the March issue is March 5th.

News in the News

WASHINGTON DNR TIMBER PROGRAM

keeps chugging forward. After all the bad news, it appears that they will meet this year's target (FY 04) of +- 560 MMBF and expect to meet that volume or more next year. Bid stumpage exceeds \$300 for the first time in several years, the bidder pool is increasing and very few sales are going "no-bid".

PRESIDENT FUNDS HFRA in his FY05 budget unveiled February 2nd. The budget included a request for \$760 million to implement his Healthy Forests Initiative. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman said that "with the budget increase, the federal land management agencies will be able to

Stake y0RE Claim!

Go for m0RE in 2004! at the WHA Annual Meeting, June 25-29, 2004.

Strike gold with speakers and topics including issues concerning users in CA, UT, and AZ as well as the Pacific Northwest.

- ✓ Overseas markets;
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Substitute species
- ✓ Hardwood conversion
- ✓ NHLA
- ✓ Pallets
- ✓ Growth & Yield
- ✓ Speaker from the Los Angeles Hardwood Lumberman's Club

Register before May 5th to be entered in the Early Bird door prize drawing! Registration forms are available online at www.westernhardwood.org or from the office, call (360) 835-1600.

You can make your reservations now directly with the J.W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa, and Golf Resort by phone or online. Please see your registration package or go to the annual meeting information page on the WHA website for a link.

treat more acres more quickly thus bringing benefits to our forests and restoring critical wildlife habitat.”

THE FOREST SERVICE AND BLM released guidelines on January 15th to develop and implement stewardship contracts, which is another part of the President's Healthy Forests Initiative. These contracts will allow private companies, communities, and others who engage in contracts to retain forest and rangeland products in exchange for the service of thinning trees and brush, and removing dead material. Long-term contracts foster a public/private partnership to restore forest and rangeland health by giving those who undertake the contracts the ability to invest in equipment and infrastructure. This equipment and infrastructure is needed to productively use material generated from forest thinning to make products or produce biomass energy, all at a savings to taxpayers.

BOARD MEMBER PAT MOORE of Potlatch Corp. passed away on February 19th. He was an active member of the Association, the Board of Directors and was a presenter at WHA's first Symposium. Moore joined Potlatch in 1996 as Production Superintendent of the Boardman, Oregon hybrid poplar plantation. Moore managed the acreage for the production of high quality solid wood

logs targeted for the hardwood lumber and plywood markets. Previously he spent 10 years with the Scott Paper Company as the Forest Engineer Manager and another 10 years in logging and sawmill equipment sales. He and his expertise will be missed.

Education News

RURAL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE is a partner with Western Hardwood Association and Washington Hardwoods Commission to facilitate an education curriculum for small landowners. Working with UW and WSU Extension, it will bring the latest on-the-ground information about alder to small land owners and their advisors. Alder is rapidly becoming a preferred species for small landowners because of its short rotation and high return on investment. But thousands more small landowners need to know these advantages. The Northwest's largest symposium on alder will be presented at the University of Washington, March 24-26, 2005.

GRADE SCHOOL is scheduled for April 22-23, 2004 at the Kelso Red Lion in Kelso, WA. Ludwig Rabold will teach on the new alder grades. See the registration form below for more information and to register.

Grading School April 22 & 23, 2004



Ludwig Rabold, retired PLIB Senior Supervisor, will be conducting a class discussing the new alder grading rules incorporating common proprietary grades, plus presenting the standard NHLA grades for PC maple. A must for wholesalers, manufacturers, mill salesmen and graders.

Two day class from 9:00 to 5:00 each day costs \$200 for members and \$350 for non-members. The extra \$150 for non-members can be used for your full first year introductory membership. Grading stick is required for \$40 or bring your own. Room and meals are the students' responsibility.

Register today for the school by completing this form and sending it with your payment to the Western Hardwood Association, P.O. Box 1095, Camas, WA 98607. Make room reservation with the Red Lion Inn, 510 Kelso Drive, Kelso, WA 98626, 360/636-4400. For room discount, tell them you are with the Western Hardwood Association.

Name 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Company _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

of Students Attending _____ @ \$200 (\$350) = \$ _____

of Grading Sticks _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Up Coming Meetings

March 11, 2004

Western Hardwood Association Board Meeting

Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

Vancouver, WA

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.org

March 29-April 1, 2004

Human Dimensions of Family and Farm

Forestry Symposium

Washington State University

Pullman, WA

Register: www.familyforestrysymposium.wsu.edu

Phone: (509)335-2963

March 31, 2004

Washington Hardwoods Commission Meeting

Office of Hearings

Olympia, WA

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

e-mail: washingtonhardwoods@comcast.net

April 1-2, 2004

Advanced Sales Training

Blacksburg, VA

e-mail: rsmith4@vt.edu

April 22-23, 2004

Grade School

Red Lion Inn

Kelso, WA

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.org

April 26-27, 2004

Plywood Manufacturing

OSU

Corvallis, OR

e-mail: outreach@for.orst.edu

May 6-7, 2004

Forest Products Marketing

Blacksburg, VA

e-mail: rsmith4@vt.edu

June 25-29, 2004

Western Hardwood Association Annual Meeting

J.W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Las Vegas, NV

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.org

March 24-26, 2005

Red Alder: A State of Knowledge Symposium

Kane Hall, University of Washington

Seattle, WA

e-mail: wha@westernhardwood.org

The Western Hardwood Association wants this newsletter to be your source of information. If you know of any upcoming events that would be of interest to our readers, please contact the WHA office, 360/835-1600. We will be happy to list any upcoming meetings or events. Please keep in mind that this is a monthly newsletter. We will need any new meeting dates by the first of each month. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Hardwood Stand is mailed quarterly. The regular monthly issues will be sent by e-mail and available on the website. Please be sure we have your correct email address. We know you want to be included!

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