

## What Makes the American Loggers Council "The National Voice for Loggers"?

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In the last month the American Loggers Council, with our state association members, has represented the American Logging Industry at a White House round table meetings, participated in the Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers (PATHH) announcement Press Conference, was a witness in a Congressional Hearing, and received national media coverage of our opposition to the nomination of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

First, after many months of working with the USDA, USFS and FSA as they developed the Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers the program was unveiled. The American Loggers Council was the primary organization that participated and provided input to ensure the program met the objectives of target group. The American Loggers Council was trusted to respect the confidentiality of the program development and was the timber industry primary stakeholder at numerous meetings. In fact, upon the public announcement the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) said:

**"We thank the American Loggers Council & its state association members for helping us better understand the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the timber harvester and timber hauler sectors... they provided insights on their industry that allowed us to develop an effective and efficient program that delivers the greatest benefits to businesses in need."**

**-Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency**



The American Loggers Council was invited to be one of 20 participants at a virtual White House Summit meeting with Commerce Secretary Raimondo and other Cabinet Members and Administration Officials to discuss the Homebuilding Supply Chain. The American Loggers Council was the only participant representing the American logging industry. The American Loggers Council took advantage of the opportunity to provide comments that the logging industry end of the supply chain has not derived any benefit from the record lumber prices and explained the need to maintain the Canadian Softwood duties.

## WHITE HOUSE SUPPLY CHAIN SUMMIT ON THE HOMEBUILDING SUPPLY CHAIN



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The American Loggers Council Government Relations Chair, Henry Shienebeck, and Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association Executive Director, was a witness in the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry Congressional Hearing on The U.S. Wood Products Industry: Facilitating the Post COVID-19 Recovery. As one of four Congressional Hearing witnesses, Henry represented the American Loggers Council. Again, Henry touched upon the fact that the loggers and truckers have not realized any benefit from the record lumber prices. In closing he provided recommendations that would facilitate the wood products industry recovery such as the Future Careers in Logging and Safer Routes legislation that the American Loggers Council has been advocating for. He also encouraged the development of new forest products such as Cross-Laminated Timber (Mass Timber) and biomass products derived from forest based feedstocks.



**Henry Shienebeck, ALC Chair of Governmental Relations Committee**

The American Loggers Council Board of Directors voted at the Summer Board Meeting in Minneapolis to oppose the nomination and confirmation of Tracy Stone-Manning as the Director of the Bureau of Land Management due to her documented involvement in eco-terrorist tree spiking incidents. The American Loggers Council opposition and request to the Senate to vote no on her confirmation was picked up by national news services across the country.

**These four examples, over the past month alone, demonstrate why the American Loggers Council is “THE NATIONAL VOICE FOR LOGGERS”.**