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# NOT SO FRIENDLY FOREST FIRE

The summer of 2017 brought catastrophic fires to California, Oregon and other western states. Chris Chase, Timberland Manager at Michigan-California Timber Company and a recent Governor appointee to the California Dept of Forestry and Fire Protection board, shares his insights on sustainable forest management, wildfires and the wood products industry.

"Three primary factors influence the intensity of a fire season: weather conditions, ignition sources and fuels," Chase explained. "In 2017, we had a hazardous combination of all three."

"Four years of unprecedented drought created a lot of dead trees that became fuel for the fire. A wet winter led to a prolific grass crop which provided an abundance of fine fuels on the forest floor, in the chaparral and in grassland zones. Then we had a dry, windy summer with lightning episodes – the ignition source. This 'ideal' combination of factors came together to give us this devastating fire season."

## Forest Fires: Mother Nature's Way of Clearing Out the Clutter

Before human settlement, fires were part of the natural life cycle of the forest. According to the National Park Service, "Fire reduces dead vegetation, stimulates new growth and improves habitat for wildlife. With fire suppression...fuels, such as dead trees, pine needles, leaf litter and shrubs build up to unnatural levels in forests."

"In the past 25 years or so, timber harvest levels have dropped significantly in California and the western United States. Yet we continue to suppress fires and that's a big part of the reason why we have the catastrophic fires that we do," Chase said.

## Timberlands and Environmental Stewardship

Timber Products Company is a major purchaser of US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management timber. This environmental stewardship helps reduce the excess growth that can fuel devastating wildfires.

- Our Registered Professional Foresters work together with wildlife and fisheries managers to develop forest management and harvest plans that promote biodiversity and wildlife conservation.
- On our private timberlands, we balance harvest and growth to ensure that we have wood products for decades to come, while mitigating the risk of wildfire.
- Michigan-California Timber Company adheres to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the comprehensive California Forest Practices Act, the toughest set of forest protection laws in the country.

## Utilizing Fire-Salvaged Wood

Timber Products Company also purchases substantial quantities of fire-killed timber. Our Yreka plant produces softwood veneer from wildfire-damaged wood. Logs that do not meet our high standards are chipped instead. Manager Michael Don explains, "The challenge is to make sure we convert it into veneer form as quickly as possible after the fire. Once staining sets in, or bugs get to it, the wood is less desirable."

For more information on our forest land management, be sure to read about Timber Products' sustainable forest practices. We hope that 2018 brings less devastating forest fires. 



## MILL SPOTLIGHT: SOFTWOOD VENEER IN YREKA, CALIF.

**Our facility in Yreka, California manufactures softwood veneers that are the building blocks for products manufactured at other Timber Products Company locations. The state-of-the-art facility can process up to 55 truckloads of logs each day, utilizing every part of the log.**

When a log arrives in Yreka, it is conditioned using high-pressure steam. Next, the log is trimmed and debarked. Shasta Forest Products, our facility's next door neighbor, buys the castoff bark pieces for landscape and agricultural applications. Finally, the log is peeled by a lathe to produce softwood veneer in four-, eight-, nine- and ten-foot lengths.

"In the process of peeling veneer we generate about 750,000 peeler cores each year off our ten-foot lathe line," said plant manager Michael Don. "About 96% go to a mill in White City, Oregon that produces low-grade lumber. The smaller peeler cores that come off our four-foot lathe are chipped."



Some of the chips are used as fuel for Yreka's boiler. The machine generates the steam used to heat logs prior to peeling. Most of the chips are sent to other facilities to be turned into particle board, MDF (medium density fiberboard), paper pulp, and even electricity. "Burning the wood chips generates steam, which turns turbines that generate electricity," explained Don.

For every 55 truckloads of raw timber received, Yreka produces 35-40 truckloads of veneer. The remainder is turned into peeler cores and wood chips. Nothing is wasted; 100% of every log that enters the plant is utilized in one way or another.

Our facility in Yreka utilizes Douglas fir, white fir and a combination of ponderosa and sugar pine to make its softwood veneer. Historically, the plant consumed equal amounts of Douglas fir and white fir. Recent wildfires, a wet winter and market demand have limited Douglas fir log resources. Because of this, the facility has

shifted to roughly 55% white fir, 30% Douglas fir and 15% pine.

"Laminated veneer lumber, which is a veneer-based product, is very strong. Only Douglas fir lumber can be used to make it, so that puts a lot of pressure on that resource," said Don.

Approximately 73 employees work at our Yreka facility, a combination of full time and temporary team workers. The facility is actively recruiting technicians to support and maintain the technology at the plant in addition to seeking workers for entry-level positions on the production side. "We're always interested in hiring people interested in working in the timber products industry," said Don.

Learn more about job opportunities with Timber Products Company on our website, or contact Yreka to schedule a tour. To discover what happens to veneer after it leaves Yreka, read about Timber Products Grants Pass manufacturing facility. 



# AMERICAN STRONG: JOB GROWTH IN THE WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

One of the biggest questions on everyone's minds in the lumber industry is "How will job growth affect the timber industry in upcoming years?"

In a short answer, things are looking good. We spoke with John Underwood, Southern Oregon Human Resources Manager at Timber Products Company, to get his insights into how jobs in the timber industry are changing.

One of the contributing factors has been technology. While the timber industry is still in the process of adopting new technologies, more and more areas of the lumber industry are embracing technology to improve their businesses.

"Our industry is definitely gearing up. We're getting the technology we need to compete on a world scale," said Underwood. While some worry new technologies will displace workers, when Timber Products launched their new dryer in early 2016, they found it actually created new positions within the company.

"The technology we implemented with this dryer did displace positions, but those people were absorbed back into our operations," said Underwood. "So, on the whole, if you're staying current with your technology, that also allows you to grow your business. I think technology does displace some labor but at the same time adds labor in a different way."

Another positive shift that is contributing to new jobs in the timber industry is an increased awareness within the school system. "There are great jobs in manufacturing, but kids don't even know about it. I think we're starting to see a shift in that mentality across the nation," said Underwood. "Schools are starting to implement more technical vocational training, they're starting to focus on career paths that focus on all kinds of vocations, which includes manufacturing and production work."

The timber industry is not without its challenges. In particular, competing with less expensive Chinese imports. "When you're competing with a nation state the size of China who subsidizes their industries...you're at a very distinct disadvantage in a competitive way," said Underwood.

But while Chinese imports can make it a challenge for American companies to stay competitive, there will always be a healthy market for green companies committing to making a difference in the world. "You don't get an industry that is any greener than wood products. I'm not kidding when I say that!" exclaimed Underwood. "In what other industry can you grow trees in a sustainable way, uses over 98% of every tree that's cut, then make them into products that we use every day of our lives?"

The wood products industry is not showing any signs of slowing down. Interested in joining us? Get in touch. "We're always looking," said Underwood.

## FROM SEED TO FINISH TO EQUIPMENT

When you think of the different uses for wood, furniture and flooring come to mind. But the applications for lumber and other wood products spread far and wide, and companies across the country (and the globe) are finding ways of integrating wood, from hardwood plywood to wood laminate, into their products. One of the areas that more companies are using wood that we at Timber Products are most excited about is equipment!

### Wood is Powering the Agricultural Industry...

Take John Deere, the country's most iconic agricultural equipment company, for instance. While many competitors use plastic or steel as bearing materials, John Deere uses wood. Wood bearings have been used for centuries to support various types of machinery – including the agricultural machinery for which John Deere is famous. John Deere designed their own line of wood bearings to power their combines, and they credit the use of wood for the machine's high-quality performance and long life.

What makes wood bearings such a powerhouse for agricultural equipment? Plastic bearings

can allow abrasive materials into the shaft, causing damage and shortening the life of the machine. But wood bearings, when lubricated properly, absorb the abrasive materials into the bearing, protecting the shaft from damage and extending its life.

John Deere's wood bearings set the industry standard for what's possible in using wood in agricultural equipment. Their bearings leverage grain direction for strengthening purposes, have a significantly higher lubricant capacity than competitors (in a test, John Deere's bearings held 27.5g of lubricant to the competitors 1.7g), and maintain shape and form at extremely high temperatures.

### ...And Pretty Soon, It'll Be Driving Us

While some companies like John Deere are leveraging tried and tested techniques, others are finding new and innovative ways to integrate wood into equipment.

As more automobile makers shift their focus towards making cars more environmentally friendly (and in turn appealing to a growing number of consumers), new materials are

being explored, and wood is quickly rising to the top of the list. Researchers in Japan are exploring ways to break wood pulp (which is only 1/3 the weight of steel) down into nanofibers, which can then be mixed with plastics and used to build significantly lighter cars, which would cut down on production costs and make electric cars more affordable for the public. While the research is in its early stages, results look promising, and before you know it, you might have a part-wood car parked in your driveway.

Over the next few years, we anticipate experimentation with wood to continue across all industries. Projects like the standard building of furniture using custom cut products, the construction of tall wooden skyscrapers, the use of special wooden bearings in machinery, and the creation of wood-infused cars are just a few examples of industry expansion with wood products as the backbone. And here at Timber Products, we look forward to what is on the horizon.

## AFFILIATES HELP TIMBER PRODUCTS CO. ACHIEVE QUALITY AT EVERY LEVEL

While Timber Products Company takes pride in its complete control of the wood production process, we can not take full credit for the high levels of quality we're able to provide our end-users. We benefit from the resources, support and tireless advocacy of affiliate organizations who work to create a strong, sustainable, and competitive environment at every level of the wood product manufacturing process.

Consider the following four examples of how our affiliate partners help Timber Products increasingly push for the highest levels of quality within the wood products industry.

### CFA

The California Forestry Association strives to serve as a unified voice among forest owners and forest products producers. It understands that healthy forests are good for communities and businesses and that the only way both can thrive long-term is through responsible forest stewardship. The association works with members like Timber Products and the forestry industry at large to encourage the application of environmental standards and successful forest practices. Through our CFA

membership, we stay abreast of the changing forestry practices developed for best management and protection of this resource.

### HPVA

The Hardwood Plywood & Veneer Association drives the creation of policies that support safe manufacturing, fair trade practices and competitive manufacturing across the hardwood plywood, hardwood veneer and engineered hardwood flooring industries. In addition, its standards and certifications help create a level playing field in which member companies like us can confidently demonstrate our products' quality performance to our customers.

### KCMA

The Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association is an industry-specific resource for ensuring the manufacture of high-quality cabinetry. Through its certification and Environmental Stewardship programs, the organization helps drive designers and consumers toward greater acceptance and use of sustainably produced materials and durable end-products. At Timber Products, we benefit from sustainability compliance resources and promotional materials, as well

as a connection to cabinet manufacturers dedicated to working only with the highest quality materials.

### NHLA

Since its founding in 1898, the National Hardwood Lumber Association has grown to represent the hardwood supply chain at all levels of production. The international trade association serves as the voice of the hardwood industry in its effort to maintain structure and ethics in the changing global hardwood marketplace, promote North American hardwood lumber, and advocate for the interests of the hardwood community in public/private policy issues. In turn, it provides members with resources ranging from inspectors and inspector training to kiln drying certification to ensure their products remain industry leading.

Involving ourselves with the various affiliates and groups of the wood products industry keeps us on the cutting edge of information and allows us to better serve our customers and partners. Learn more about Timber Products' affiliates at [www.timberproducts.com/about/affiliations](http://www.timberproducts.com/about/affiliations).



## SLIPPERY WHEN WET: ROAD CONDITIONS DURING THE COLDER MONTHS

Now that summer is long gone, and the temperature has started to drop, it is time to start preparing for the changing weather of winter. And for truck drivers, that means brushing up on safety measures.

Fall and winter present a whole slew of weather-related dangers for truckers. While most major companies offer truck company training to get their drivers ready for the change in seasons, it never hurts to take the initiative and do a quick safety review before you hit the road.

Here are some of TP Trucking's most important fall and winter safety tips for truck drivers:

### Take A Few Minutes To Prep The Truck

With frigid conditions and temperatures below freezing, the last thing you want is to run into truck issues on the road. Be sure to do a full check of every system on the truck to make sure everything is running properly before you head out. Checking the truck only takes a few minutes and can keep truck-related issues to a minimum.

### Take It Slow

Winter weather can make driving conditions extremely dangerous, so it is not the time to try and set a new cross-country record. It is much easier to lose control of a truck when driving at high speeds, so you should plan to take it slow to protect yourself and everyone else on the road.

You should also increase your following distance; it takes much longer to brake and come to a

complete stop in a truck than a normal-sized car, so increasing the following distance gives you more of a cushion to brake when necessary.

### Drive According To The Road Conditions

The biggest danger for driving in fall and winter months is dangerous road conditions. Roads that are wet or icy following a storm can cause serious challenges if you do not adjust your driving to suit the conditions.

Taking turns slow, driving in the middle of the road to avoid deep puddles of water, and avoiding roads that have not been salted or sanded are all important to maintain safety through the winter months. You should also know what to do if the truck hydroplanes or slips on a patch of ice (release the accelerator and push in on the clutch).

### Get Regular Service

The key to keeping a truck safe and running well throughout the winter is to have it regularly checked out by professionals.

As a prominent trucking company in Oregon, we operate an Oregon truck center to provide maintenance and body services to any drivers in Central and Southwest Oregon this fall and winter.

The fall and winter months can be dicey weather-wise, but with the right precautions, they don't have to be unsafe for truck drivers. For any other questions, don't hesitate to contact us today! 📞



## HOW THE PROS PREP THE FOREST FOR A LONG WINTER'S SLEEP

As the cooler weather sets in, it signals a shift in operations for forestry and logging professionals—beginning with a shift in altitude.

"We actually can operate in the wintertime," explains Chris Chase, Timber Manager for Timber Products Company. In the fall, loggers with the Michigan-California Timber Company move operations from steeper ground to the flatter portions of the forest. In areas where drainage is good and a reliable freeze can be counted on to support machinery without soil compaction, business can continue unabated.

Back in those steeper areas, the focus is on hunkering down for spring. Road drainage structures are checked for blockages or other problems to ensure that when the fall rains come they do not erode the soil. "We make sure everything's buttoned up from the season's logging operations and any storm damage from the previous winter is completed before we get into the next wet season," Chase said.

The fall is also an active time for planting. In fact, foresters plant approximately 25 percent of their trees in the fall. Plantings are focused on the high elevation sites that will be buried by up to 10 feet of snowpack most of the long winter. The newly planted trees will have time to develop their roots while an insulating cover of snow protects the young plants from dry winter

winds and provides necessary moisture. Once the snow melts, those well-established trees will be ready to take advantage of the ideal growing conditions of late spring.

With the possibility of inaccessibility due to snow, foresters are working diligently through the fall to complete their fieldwork. "If they're writing a harvest plan for a high elevation site, they're really scrambling to get all the fieldwork done," Chase said. "We do have snowmobiles and an ATV that allow us access to a lot of our ownership, even in the wintertime, but there are portions we really don't access once the snow lays in."

Logging operations might slow in the winter, so Timber Products ensures it has a big log inventory at its facility in Yreka, Calif. By October's end, inventory will include as much as a 5-month supply of logs.

"You never know how bad the winter is going to be," Chase explained. "It's better to plan for the worst and ensure we've got enough log volume on hand to meet customer demand all the way through the winter and spring, regardless of how rough a winter it is."

Of course, Chase adds that the horizon looks clear of disruptions and the company is prepared to hunker down for winter no matter what the season brings. 📞

## STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD WITH THESE HANDY TIPS

Staying healthy on the road is just as important as driving safely. If you want a long and successful career (and life!), eating healthy and living a healthy lifestyle needs to be a priority on the road. Here are some of our best tips for leading a healthy trucking lifestyle:

### Pack Snacks

Gas stations are notorious for stocking cakes, cookies, chips and other unhealthy processed foods, which makes finding a healthy snack option at a fuel stop a challenge. Instead of caving in and eating what is available, pack healthy snacks before your trip like dried fruit, granola bars and nuts to keep you satiated.

### Find Healthy Spots in Advance

On long trips, you are going to need to stop for food. But if you wait until you are hungry, you are more likely to stop at the first place you see which may or may not offer healthy options. Instead, plan ahead! Consider mapping out your route and look for truck friendly restaurants that serve healthy food along the way. By scoping out healthy spots in advance, you won't be tempted to pull off for fast food or other unhealthy options when it is time for a meal.

### Exercise Whenever You Can

It can be hard to squeeze in time to exercise on the road. But luckily, you don't need to set aside

an hour to get a workout in! Studies show that even 7-10 minutes of activity can have positive health benefits, so next time you're at a fuel stop, do a few jumping jacks next to your truck or go for a quick, 10 minute jog before you start driving in the morning.

### Get Enough ZZZ's

Long-haul trucking is known for long hours, with drivers often driving through the night. But skipping out on sleep is a recipe for disaster. Getting enough sleep is a must for living a healthy lifestyle; not only does it give your body the rest it needs to function properly, but getting a healthy amount of sleep also makes it easier to make better, healthier choices throughout the day (like choosing an apple instead of a bag of chips). Aim for at least 7-8 hours of sleep per night.

### Work for the Right Company

When you are working transportation jobs, it is important to work for a company that values your health. At TP Trucking, we are dedicated to supporting the health of our drivers. With senior, mid, and entry level trucking jobs, we have room for everyone who wants to drive a truck—and stay healthy at the same time.

Staying healthy on the road takes a bit of planning, but taking care of your health is the best thing you can do to support a long and healthy driving career. 📞

## FOLLOWING WHITE BIRCH FROM FOREST TO FLOORING —AND MORE

White birch is known in the wild for its striking bark that peels to expose a smooth orange trunk beneath. It is known in the forest products industry for the strength of its wood, its fine grain and the beautiful ripple patterns that make it a prized veneer. And its unique growth properties make it a plentiful, and cost-effective option for a wide variety of interior uses.

White birch's journey from forest to end-use begins in cooler northern climates, typically in hardwood-conifer forests, where the tree flourishes. Also known as paper birch, canoe birch or silver birch, this hardwood tree can reach heights of 40 to 70 feet, and up to 3 feet in diameter. It can grow in almost any soil and due to this, and its preference for full sunlight, white birch is among the first trees to emerge in an area after a wildfire, logging or other disruptions.

Once harvested and processed, white birch reveals its predominantly creamy white sapwood and golden brown heartwood. Because of birch's hardness, it is generally easiest to shape it

with machinery than with hand tools. But this hardness also makes white birch the first choice for a variety of applications.

Our hardwood lumber birch ultimately goes on to form furniture components, flooring, cabinetry, pallets, railroad ties and more. Its light color and durability make birch wood floors a popular neutral choice, and it is among the best hardwood flooring options to withstand abuse from frequent foot traffic. As a hardwood plywood or architectural plywood, white birch veneer shines with rich character and an appearance that ranges from fine lines to unique curl patterns. Given this broadly-ranging appearance, birch is among the most widely used woods for veneer around the world. You can expect to find its easily recognizable pattern on doors, furniture, and paneling or a unique application—for example, it makes a "striking" shell for drums.

To discover what options you have available to you with white birch, contact to your local Timber Products salesperson! 📞

# SHE DRIVES HIGHLIGHT

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women make up 47% of the U.S. workforce, but only 6% of American truckers. With the American Transportation Research Institute reporting a shortage of approximately 50,000 drivers – why are there not more women truck drivers?

Mona Chisum, an experienced driver for TP Trucking, shared her insights:

“I’ve driven most [types] of trucks including log trucks, dump trucks, belly dumps, flatbeds and all vans. Working in a male-dominant profession there will be times you’ll be scoffed and sneered at, or hear someone say, ‘Here little lady, let me

do that for you.’ But if you politely thank them for the offer and calmly do the task, you’ll gain a lot of respect and pride in your accomplishments. Swearing like a sailor or giving rude hand gestures will only bring about low opinions by your fellow drivers. My mom always said, ‘Act like a lady and you’ll be treated like one,’ and 99% of the time she is right. For the other 1%, just ignore them.”

### Tips For Women Interested In Trucking Jobs:

- Choose a CDL school with a mix of men and women on staff.
- Ask for on-the-road training with a female trainer.
- Advocate for a vehicle package that includes features that are important to you to be successful.

Mona Chisum also recommends taking the time to learn all aspects of the job: loading, unloading, city driving, night driving and inclement weather

driving. Her top tip: practice difficult backing. “Choose a truck stop in the middle of the day and practice blind side backing in two or three spots. Someday, you may have to do this and all the practice will come in handy. The more you do, the more confident you’ll be, thus the more you’ll enjoy your job.”

Chisum, a truck driver for more than 27 years, takes the time to help other drivers whenever possible. “I’ve learned a lot by helping other drivers, little pieces of information that came in handy down the road,” she said.

Organizations such as the Women in Trucking Association and Real Women in Trucking offer resources for women interested in CDL jobs. Chisum highly recommends truck driving as a career.

“Very few professions offer the opportunity to see so much of our great nation while getting paid to do it,” she said. “I can’t imagine doing anything else.”



Mona Chisum, driver for TP Trucking.

## HOW WE KEEP OUR PARTICLE BOARD DURABLE AND PERFECT FOR YOU

Timber Products Company’s composite panels are the ideal choice for a wide range of applications. All particle board products:

- Resist warping, sagging and chip-out
- Provide excellent machinability and screw-holding power
- Contain 100% post-industrial recycled/recovered fiber
- Carry the FSC Chain of Custody certification

Our Encore line is a no-added formaldehyde (NAF) particle board manufactured from recycled wood residuals. Encore is an ideal sustainable design particle board (SDP) for indoor applications on LEED projects or anywhere that indoor air quality is a primary goal. The panels are MR10-rated, available in industrial, M2 and M3i grades, and can be used for shelving, countertops, laminated melamine, office furniture, stair tread and any other applications where particle board is typically used.

Timber Products’ particle board production process:

- Utilizes a pMDI resin system
- Meets the most stringent formaldehyde emission standards in the world
- Adheres to ANSI standards (verified by third-party testing)

Terry Velasco, General Manager of our Ampine facility explains the benefits of Encore: “One of the big selling points to Encore, besides being an NAF product, is the raw material we use, the ponderosa pine. The color is lighter than doug fir particle board, and it’s much easier on tooling (sawing, routers) than a doug fir product because the tree fibers yield a bit better.”

The Ampine composite panel board manufacturing plant produces particle board sheets up to 5 feet wide and 24 feet long, and any custom size in between. As an added value, our plant can also create particle



board shelving using an in-house edge-banding machine.

“First we run a 16-foot panel through a gang rip saw that cuts it down into strips,” Velasco

explained. “Then we feed the strips into our edge banding machine, a Biesse Stream machine, that puts a radius edge on it like the edge of a countertop or a table would have.

“After that process is done, the machine applies tape to the edge of the bullnose to give it a nice, clean, paintable edge. Our machine runs at about 82 feet a minute; we can produce almost a mile of shelving per hour and the machine runs 24/7.”

Timber Products Company manufactures particle board substrates in a variety of grades to fit customer needs including underlayment, door core, commercial, industrial and specialty. We can also produce thicknesses, widths and lengths that are not available in plywood.

Learn more about Timber Products’ composite panel options like MDF and Apex, or download technical specs and additional information about Timber Products Encore particle board.

## AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE U.S. LACEY ACT

When the Lacey Act was passed in 1900, it was focused on protecting wildlife. It was a time when the passenger pigeon was nearly extinct due to people’s infringement on the bird’s habitat and when shipping game into other states was big business. Today, however, the act plays a big role in protecting both plants and animals, the environment and businesses that depend on the protection of native species.

The law has undergone a number of amendments in the last 100 plus years. Among other things, its current language helps prevent the spread of invasive and non-native species, and regulates the import of any species protected by international or domestic law. This prevents non-native species from out-competing native plants for resources. This was the case with plants like kudzu, for example, which was imported to the U.S. from Japan in the 1870s as a solution for erosion control. Today it’s a familiar sight in the Southeastern U.S. where it grows so rapidly that it climbs over trees and kills them through heavy shading.

The Lacey Act also plays a role in protecting the livelihoods of people and businesses—like Timber Products Company—that depend on the survival of native species. In 2008, the act was updated to prevent timber or other vegetation from being illegally

harvested. There is no set list of prohibited plants under the Lacey Act because it applies to all plants and focuses on the legality of the harvest itself. For example, harvesting timber on protected federal lands would be illegal, as would be the trade of cacti harvested on a Native American reservation without permission, or the import of orchids not declared during reentry into the United States.

This protection extends to endangered products that are brought in from other countries, including illegally logged timber. Today the Lacey Act is at the heart of ongoing discussions about China’s aggressive dumping of low-cost hardwood plywood products into the United States.

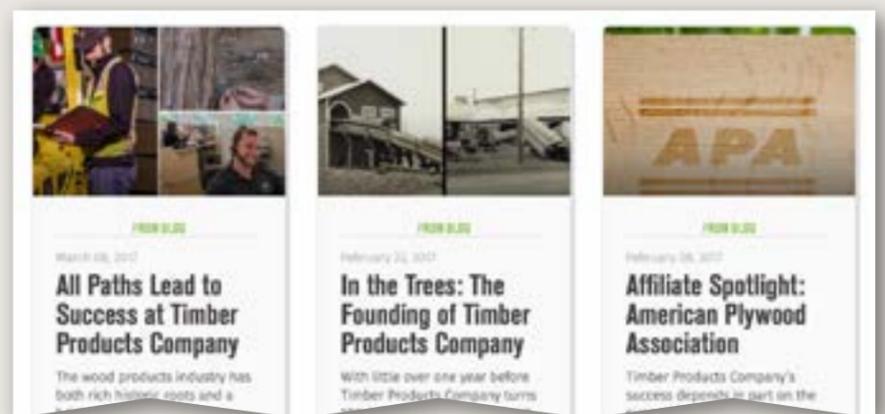
Under the Lacey Act, the United States Department of Agriculture enforces civil and criminal penalties for the illegal trade of both animals and plants. Penalties for violating the act vary, based on whether or not the violator knew they were trading in illegally harvested materials or did their due diligence to determine that the product was legal.

By working directly with a supplier that understands the impacts and nuances of the Lacey Act, you can be sure that you are working with materials that have been responsibly sourced. Here at Timber Products Company, we refer to the Act as the ultimate guide in protecting the environment and respecting the communities impacted by timber harvests.

To discover more about Timber Products Company’s continued challenges with anti-dumping, read more on our blog.

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