

# What's Happening? A lot!

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First and foremost, is the American Loggers Council Annual Meeting October 7th – 9th in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Aside from the Summer Board of Directors Meeting in Minneapolis this will be the first time in two years that the American Loggers Association membership has gathered. The conference promises to be a great event in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, culminating with nationally renowned keynote speaker SSG Travis Mills. Registrations have been strong, so if you haven't registered do so now.

Of course, the American Loggers Council has been very involved in the \$200 million Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers (PATHH) program. The application period is now open. To date 3000 applications have been submitted. Prior American Loggers Council surveys and estimates indicate that far more are eligible. The application is quite simple, only one and a half pages. The local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices are prepared to assist loggers and truckers with the application and process. **There is probably not a simpler federal assistance program. The deadline to apply is October 15th, 2021, but don't wait until the last minute. [Apply Now >>](#)**

***“I've worked with federal grants before and this application was by far the simplest I have ever applied for. I don't know how it could have been any simpler. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being very difficult, this program and application is a 1. The application only takes 30 minutes to complete and the FSA office was extremely responsive and helpful with any questions” -Nancy Glass, Office Manager, Rutar Logging***

The American Loggers Council was hosted by the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference and toured the aftermath of the California wildfires by helicopter. Video footage of that survey was professionally edited and

compiled to give a real-life perspective of the impacts, challenges, salvage and restoration opportunities created by the rampant wildfires. This video was incorporated into a Press Release advocating for a new national policy and strategy to reduce wildfires. A copy was shared with the White House and the Washington Office of the U.S. Forest Service. Click here for the [Press Release](#) and [Video](#).

The American Loggers Council participated in a Congressional Hearing, with Government Relations Chair, Henry Shienebeck testifying regarding the U.S. Wood Products Industry: Facilitating the Post COVID-19 Recovery. The American Loggers Council was also invited to represent the American logging industry in a White House Summit on the Homebuilding Supply Chain.

The American Loggers Council has been traveling extensively over the past few months. A recent trip to Washington DC to look at potential office space, incorporated meetings with the White House, FSA and USFS. Additionally, the American Loggers Council has visited members in Texas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, Wisconsin and Michigan, and has trips planned to Mississippi, Maine, Alabama and Idaho in the immediate future.

The membership of the American Loggers Council, particularly Individual Logger Membership and Associate Membership, has been growing. Over the past three months approximately 10 new Individual Logger Members and 8 new Associate Members have joined, increasing membership revenue by over \$20,000.

The American Loggers Council Communications Director, Kevin Smith, has upgraded the website to allow for online [Associate Member Application](#) and payment. The communications plan has increased the American Loggers Council profile on the national level.

So, what's happening? A lot, and the American Loggers Council welcomes the opportunity to represent the members and industry whenever, wherever and however we can.