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## 2022 ELECTIONS

By John K. Bartow, Jr.

2023 came in like a lion and continues to roar, and as we go to print we are only 6 weeks in on the Legislative Calendar. Governor Kathy Hochul has framed her budget and legislative agenda in her State of the State Message delivered on January 10th (see page 3) and her SFY 2023-24 Executive Budget Proposal (see page 3). The Executive Agenda for 2023 also follows up on the final Climate Action Council Scoping Plan that was approved by the Council on December 19th, 2022, and delivered to the Governor and Legislature before the December 31st deadline.

ESFPA is also tracking over 100 bills that have been introduced in the new 2023-24 biennial Legislative Session and we are filing memorandum in support or opposition on over a dozen bills to date. I was invited to testify on the "legislative and budget implications of the Scoping Plan" on January 19th. I was also invited to testify at the Joint Legislative Hearing on the Governor's 2023 Executive Budget on February 14th. You can find our full submitted testimony on the ESFPA web page.

The issues, as well as opportunities, our sector is facing in 2023 are defining what we will be looking at for the next several decades. The Governor and Legislature are debating and deliberating on legislation that will shape the climate agenda through 2050. The Department of Environmental Conservation has until December 31st to stand up the regulations that will be necessary to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction of 40% by 2030, 85% by 2050 and "net zero" by 2050. Our forests and harvested wood products play a critical role in the Climate Scoping Plan and it's up to us to ensure that we get this right.

You can also join us and help advocate for the legislative and budget implications facing our forests and wood product manufacturing by participating in **Forestry Awareness Day**

**on Tuesday, March 14th** in Albany. Woody Allen once said that 80 percent of success in life is just showing up. That sounds really simple. All you need is patience and persistence and you'll succeed. The reality is that many factors conspire to stop you from showing up. I hope you are not a spectator of the issues that are impacting you, because the costs of not getting your voice heard is just too high these days. We try to make this day as easy as possible, but the reality is, it's real people just like you that make this day a success. While your staff at ESFPA work all year long advocating for your business and success, this is one day that pays back immensely with elected officials. So please consider joining us on March 14th.

Come April 1st we will shift out of the budget mode and focus on legislation that will be considered by the Legislature until they adjourn on June 3rd. Keep your eyes open for our Legislative Advocacy Campaigns and the opportunity for you to weigh-in on bills that we either support or oppose. It's a simple "One-Click Politics" advocacy tool that amplifies our impact on lobbying.

Finally, we are in the middle of our Membership Drive for 2023. We know that this year is presenting a lot of financial challenges but hope that ESFPA is one of your priorities to support. It is the memberships that support our efforts and we appreciate the trust and confidence you all have in us. If you have not yet considered your 2023 ESFPA membership please do so. All of us at ESFPA and your Board of Directors appreciate the years of support you have given us. If you have pledged your dues, thank you!

On behalf of the staff at ESFPA we hope you have a healthy and prosperous 2023.

*John Bartow*

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

*Jennifer DeFrancesco, ESFPA Chairperson of the Board*



The view out my office window this morning looks a lot more like spring than the middle of February. This has been a very frustrating winter so far for much of the state. I am happy to say that despite the hardships, our membership drive has been going very well so far. If you have not already paid your invoice, you still have time to do so. If you need another copy, please contact the ESFPA office and they can help you. And as always, if you know of a potential member that we should reach out to, please let Gabriella know.

The spring has always been the time that we look for a little break after the hard work of the winter. "Mud season" is a funny thing to anyone that isn't in our business. I say to people that I can't take a vacation in the winter, but I will try during mud season, and they have no idea what I am talking about.

For me, spring also gives me time to reflect on what we have been doing and what changes we could make. A time for "rebirth" if you will. At ESFPA, we are no different. We are entering a time of rebirth in the form of resurrecting some programs that had died out during Covid. Most of these programs depend on a component outside of ESFPA, and they simply got lost in the shuffle at those other agencies and associations. We are working hard to get them going again.

Project Learning Tree, the Watershed Ag Council education series, and the Workforce Development Council are just a few of the groups that we are collaborating with to increase our outreach and address the issues that you have identified as the most pressing to your businesses. We are working hard to get the information to the youth in our country that our industry can yield a very successful career. I encourage you to take any opportunity that you can to speak at a school career day, or something similar. I have done it many times and it is always as fulfilling for me as it is for the students.

Over the course of this month, you will be getting information on Forestry Awareness Day. We are excited to be going in person this year. You can read about some of the current legislation that we are taking a stance on later in this issue.

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**ESFPA Sustaining Members**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON *(continued from page 2)*

We need as much help as possible to make this event a success. If you have never attended, you will be paired up with someone that has. This is one of our most important events of the year, and we normally have over 40 meetings set up. We need as many people to participate as we can get to make each meeting count.

We are also expanding our outreach with the legislature through increasing business tours. We have a few collaborations in the works for an Adirondack tour as well as a Hudson

Valley tour. If you are interested in taking part in any of our legislative outreach, please contact our office and we can point you in the right direction.

Sharing our passion for this industry is the key to its continued success. The public simply does not understand the importance of what we do, and we are the only ones that can teach them. I hope that you can take some time this spring to get reinvigorated to help save the industry that we all love.

*Jennifer DeFrancesco*

# STATE CORNER

## 2023 STATE OF THE STATE – FIVE KEY TAKE AWAYS

On January 10th Governor Hochul, New York's 57th and first woman Governor, laid out her State of the State for 2023. You can find the 247-page document and associated press materials on the Governor's web page at [www.governor.ny.gov](http://www.governor.ny.gov).

Five key takeaways that will affect forests and wood product manufacturing include the following:

### 1. The New York Housing Compact

- 800,000 new housing units over the next 10 years. Twice what was built the previous decade. If decreasing embodied carbon is included this could bode well for wood markets.

### 2. Climate Cap and Invest Program

- Meet New York's climate goals with a "Cap-and-Invest" program that prioritizes affordability that establishes a gradually declining cap on greenhouse gas emissions, limits financial impact to New Yorkers, all while investing the proceeds in programs that drive emission reductions in an equitable manner, and maintaining the competitiveness of New York's industries. Cap fossil fuel consumption and sell allowances for continued use with reductions over time. Energy Intensive and Trade Exposed industries could be exempt from buying allowances.

### 3. All Electric Buildings

- Adopting laws and regulations calling for all new construction to be fully sustainable, with no on-site fossil fuel combustion by 2025 for smaller buildings and by 2028 for larger buildings. We will look to continue exemptions for industrial and commercial processing equipment and buildings.

### 4. Extended Producers Responsibility

- Introduce the Waste Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act which transfers the onus of recycling to the producer — not the taxpayers. Require producers to meet specific recycling rates, create binding post consumer recycled content rates, and ensure recycling is convenient for consumers.

### 5. Index Minimum Wage to Inflation

- Proposing to automatically increase our minimum wage to keep pace with inflation going forward. After reaching \$15 per hour, each region's minimum wage will increase consistent with the year-over-year Consumer Price Index-W for the Northeast Region. The legislature has been considering an increase of minimum wage to \$20/hour over the next 3 years downstate and 5 years upstate, then indexing to inflation.

## GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S SFY 2023-24 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

On February 1 Governor Kathy Hochul released her 2023-2024 Executive Budget proposal, a record budget of \$227 billion. Staying with her theme from the State of the State message, "A New Era for New York", her themes projected that New York is "in a position to fund these historic policies by making historic investments". Historic investments they certainly are.

Priorities in the Governor's budget focus on healthcare, teacher and state employee workforces, providing tax relief to middle and low-income individuals and families, accelerating economic growth, strengthening state and local infrastructure and combating climate change. She also is counting on advancing the 2022 Clean Air, Clean Water and Green Jobs Bond Act and

federal aid from the Inflation Reduction Act (ARA).

While she did not propose raising income taxes, she proposed extending a tax hike on large corporations that is scheduled to expire at the end of this year for another three years, perhaps partially placating the party's left wing, which has called on her to make the tax increase permanent.

She also goes into the budget negotiations with a lot of political rifts between her and the Legislature. Last fall she executed a record number of vetoes skuttling policy that Legislative leaders wanted. Just two weeks ago, a Senate committee rejected her

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nominee for chief judge, a stunning defeat that marked the first time a governor's pick for New York's highest court was rejected, and one that may linger over the typically contentious budget negotiations. We anticipate tense negotiations and some political gamesmanship, such that may lead to a late budget adoption beyond the April 1st deadline.

Below are just some of the highlights of her budget proposal that are of interest to our sector. ESFPA will be developing more position statements on the budget which we will be sharing with legislators and using during our Forestry Awareness Day on March 14th. We also will be submitting testimony on February 14th at the Transportation, Economic Development, Energy and Environmental Joint Legislative Budget hearing.

### Economic Development

The Executive Budget includes core funding of **\$225 million** in grants and tax credits to fund high value regional priority projects developed by the Regional Economic Development Councils. The Executive Budget also includes significant resources for a package of workforce development initiatives (up to \$350 million) and downtown and community revitalization initiatives (up to \$450 million) that will be coordinated with REDC-driven economic development strategies.

The Governor is proposing a ConnectALL initiative that will be the largest-ever investment in New York's digital infrastructure and providing reliable broadband statewide. Catalyzing over **\$1 billion** in new public and private investments.

The Governor is proposing a nearly billion-dollar plan focused on the State's small businesses, including targeted programs to address small business needs throughout the State. Key components of this plan include:

- Funding for Small Businesses of the Future – Capital and venture debt awards to emerging small businesses in the innovation sector, including minority-and-women owned companies often overlooked by venture investments.
- Small Business COVID Capital Investment Tax Credit – A **\$250 million** tax credit to small businesses that took on COVID-related capital expenses.
- SeedFundingforSmallBusiness–A**\$200million** flexible grant program for early-stage businesses recently opened despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Small Business Lending Initiative – Provide reduced interest rates and accessible loans to expanding small businesses.

### Environment and Energy

Governor Hochul has gone fully in on implementation of the recently adopted Climate Scoping Plan and is elevating environmental and energy spending. "We know that the cost of inaction is far too high, so New York State will implement an aggressive agenda that will lead the nation in transitioning to a sustainable green energy economy, as we confront the urgency of an unprecedented global crisis.

A **\$500 million** investment to develop the State's offshore wind supply chains and port infrastructure leads her renewable

energy commitment.

An additional **\$500 million** in clean water infrastructure funding, bringing the State's total clean water investment to \$4.5 billion since 2017.

Continued **\$400 million** level of funding for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) including funding for the Wood Products Development Council (\$200,000), Regenerate NY cost share program (\$500,000) and Easements for Land Trusts (\$1.5 million). Not included in this year's EPF was funding for the Climate and Applied Forestry Research Initiative. ESFPA will be working to restore funding at \$200,000 or more. The proposal does include provisions for DEC to offload personnel costs onto the EPF. This has been opposed in the past.

**Extended Producer Responsibility** (EPR) legislation that includes paper and paper packaging. The proposal also establishes recycled content mandates, reduction and recycling rates and dates and targets that do not seem practical to meet. We now have two EPR pieces of legislation from the Governor and Senator May and we heard yesterday that Senator Harckham is planning on introducing yet a third option.

**Pesticide Registration Fee** Certain pesticides registration fees included sunset provisions, this would remove those sunset provisions to keep the current fee amounts of \$600 or \$620.

**Make the Youth Deer Hunting Program Permanent** would make permanent the pilot deer hunting program for mentored youth established in 2021. This allowed kids aged 12-13 to hunt with an experienced licensed hunter. During the two-year pilot program there have been zero safety incidents or hunting violations with young hunters and have increased annual license sales for 12- and 13-year-olds by approximately 30%.

**Clean Up "Forever Chemicals"** bill would create a new program to aid municipalities in investigating and remediating sites contaminated with emerging contaminants, such as (PFAS). This would incentivize local response to protect the public's drinking water from forever chemicals and support clean-up efforts.

Legislation amending the New York **Energy and Building Codes** to achieve all electric buildings and appliances in new construction by 2027 for less than 7 story buildings and 2028 for larger buildings and replacing existing fossil fuel appliances in existing buildings beginning in 2030.

The Governor is proposing a **Cap & Invest** program and legislation to implement it. DEC will develop regulations by December 31st this year to implement the program that will cap fossil fuel emission from power generation, transportation, industry, heating fuels and waste management facilities then require emitters to purchase "allowances" for their fossil fuel emissions. The cap would be adjusted downward annually to reduce emissions 40% by 2030 and 85% by 2050. Allowances would be credited to energy intensive and trade exposed industries and biogenic emissions are excluded from the emission allowances. Initially the program would generate \$3 billion dollars.

The FY2023 Executive Budget recommends appropriations of **\$6.2 billion** for DEC, reflecting an increase of \$4.3 billion from

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FY2022. The preponderance of the increase is attributable to the postponement of the public referendum vote on the Environmental Bond Act from 2021 to 2022. The Executive Budget recommends a workforce level of 3,108 FTEs for DEC. This increase reflects the agency's growing workload in a number of different programmatic areas including climate change, clean water infrastructure, air monitoring, and the brownfield cleanup program.

### Labor

The Executive Budget Proposal recommends linking **minimum wage** to raises in the cost of living. For upstate, after minimum wage reaches \$15/hour, the proposal would index the minimum wage to inflation, meaning that the pay floor would be subject to annual increases based on the rate of inflation. The hike would amount to a cost-of-living adjustment as economic conditions change. New York would join 13 other states and the District of Columbia that index the minimum wage to inflation. Increases will be capped at 3 percent.

There will be no increase to the minimum wage in a year:

- When the CPI-W for the northeast is negative in the preceding 12 months, or
- The rate of unemployment increases by a half percent or more in the preceding months

The proposal is meeting resistance from ESFPA as well as other trade associations.

ESFPA had also signed onto two trade association letters calling for the Governor to provide some relief to rising unemployment insurance payments due to federal loan payments from loans taken during the pandemic. There is no unemployment proposal in the Executive Budget.

### Transportation

The Executive Budget provides \$6.7 billion for the first year of a record \$32.8 billion, five-year DOT Capital Plan that will facilitate the improvement of highways, bridges, rail, aviation infrastructure, non-MTA transit, and DOT facilities. The proposal continues funding for a number of "signature" capital projects such as the Second Avenue Subway, Penn Station and a handful of upstate airport projects, but leaves funding for roads and bridges at levels well below inflation from last year. ESFPA had signed onto a trade association letter pointing out the shortfalls of "level funding in transportation, but the Governor did not include any of those recommendations.

There is a substantial financial commitment to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) downstate and corresponding tax increases and fees to support it.

This makes for an incredibly busy budget for ESFPA to follow. Executive Director Joh Bartow testified on the Executive Budget at a Joint Legislative Budget hearing on February 14th. You can find ESFPA's testimony on the ESFPA web site.

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## 2023 NEW YORK STATE REGULATORY AGENDA

Each year pursuant to the State Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Environmental Conservation publishes a listing in the State Register and on its web site the regulations it may propose to adopt or amend for the calendar year. The following highlights some of those proposals that may be acted on in 2023.

### Division of Air Resources

**6 NYCRR Part 218 Emission Standards for Motor Vehicles** – Incorporation of the State of California's Heavy-duty Low NOx omnibus regulation. Highlights of this proposal may include lower NOx and PM emission standards as well as new NOx standards on a new low load certification cycle.

**6 NYCRR Part 218 California's Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation** – This regulation under development in California includes medium and heavy-duty truck fleet purchase requirements. The regulation also includes a manufacturer 100% zero emission truck sales requirement beginning in 2040.

### Office of Climate Change

**6 NYCRR Part 490 Projected Sea Level Rise** – Establishes projections of sea level rise for coastal regions of New York.

**6 NYCRR Part 495 Sulfur Hexafluoride Standards** – Will satisfy recommendations from the Climate Scoping Plan regarding electricity transmission and distribution equipment to replace PCBs.

### Division of Environmental Remediation

**6 NYCRR Part 613 Petroleum Bulk Storage Regulations** – Existing regulations will be amended to (1) address future physical climate risks (sea level rise, storm surges, flooding, etc.); (2) incorporate new provisions of the ECL; (3) resolve some discrepancies.

### Division of Fish & Wildlife

**6 NYCRR Part 182 Endangered and Threatened Fish & Wildlife** – Reestablish a process for implementation of Incidental Take Permits as required under the 202 Accelerated Renewable Energy and Community Smart Growth Act and amend the list of endangered, threatened, and special concern species.

### Division of Lands & Forests

**6 NYCRR Part 193 Trees and Plants** – Updating the lists of endangered, threatened, rare and exploitable vulnerable plants to reflect changes in population status since last updated in 2012.

**6 NYCRR Part 575 Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species** – Establish procedures to identify and classify invasive species and to establish a permit system to restrict sale, purchase, possession, propagation, introduction, importation and transport of invasive species in New York.

# FEDERAL CORNER

## INDUSTRY GETS 60 MORE DAYS BEFORE NEW NLEB REGS GO LIVE

On January 25, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) extended the effective date of the final rule reclassifying the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) from threatened to endangered. USFWS had originally pinpointed the compliance date for January 30, 2023, and has pushed it back to March 31, 2023. The extra 60 days is intended to give industry and other stakeholders breathing room so that they can “preview” temporary guidance documents and management tools prior to the rule’s effective date. As previously reported, the feds

formally up classed the NLEB to endangered in final regulations issued in November 2022.

We expect to see proposed guidance on forestry and NLEB by mid-March. We are hearing that something akin to the 4d rule will be in the guidance which has been good for our continued harvest near bat hibernacula and summer roosting sites. Please keep on eye open for information in an Alert or E-news. There will likely be a very short turnaround.

## FY 2023 OMNIBUS PACKAGE INCLUDES “CARBON NEUTRALITY OF BIOMASS” DIRECTIVE

As Congress worked to close the session before the Holidays, the Senate adopted a spending package that instructs federal agencies to recognize the carbon neutral nature of forest-based biomass in any federal energy or environmental policymaking. Last summer, the House passed FY 2023 an interior appropriations measure that included watered down

language acknowledging the “carbon benefits” of biomass energy but stopped short of declaring this type of energy that we deploy in our mills as carbon neutral. Fortunately for the wood products industry, Senate champions, led by Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), have delivered a similar outcome for FY2023.

## FARM BILL

A package of federal legislation known as the Farm Bill — the most impactful piece of legislation related to agriculture — is proposed, debated, and passed by Congress and signed into law by the president. The current Farm Bill was enacted in December 2018 and expires in 2023. As leaders look ahead to the next version of the Farm Bill, here are some important things to know.

The original Farm Bill was enacted during the 1930s as part of the New Deal and had three main goals:

1. Keep food prices fair for farmers and consumers.
2. Ensure an adequate food supply.
3. Protect and sustain the country’s vital natural resources.

At nearly 1,000 pages, the Farm Bill intersects with a multitude of topics, such as agriculture, health care, forestry, poverty, climate change and school foods. However, most citizens are not familiar with the bill and its length and complexity can cause difficulties for policymakers.

Because the Biden administration has made climate change a federal priority, it is likely that the new Farm Bill will focus on such efforts. Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry will have

large roles in the 2023 Farm Bill. Although there is no fixed format for the bill, the 2018 Farm Bill is comprised of twelve titles. ESFPA through participation in the national Forests in the Farm Bill Coalition, is focused on three Titles that will be in the 2023 bill:

**Title II – Conservation.** Encourages environmental stewardship of farmlands and forests and improved management practices through various working lands programs, as well as changes in land use through land retirement and easement programs.

**Title VIII – Forestry.** Supports forestry management programs run by the USDA Forest Service.

**Title IX – Energy.** Encourages the development of farm and community renewable energy systems through grants, loan guarantees and feedstock procurement initiatives. Also facilitates the production, marketing and processing of advanced biofuels and biofuel feedstocks, as well as research, education, and demonstration programs.

2022 had a number of hearings and stakeholder outreach efforts. In 2023 comes the bill drafting and we will keep you all posted as to how things are shaping up.

# ESFPA NEWS

## THE TANGIBLE IMPACTS OF NY LOG-A-LOAD FOR KIDS

The Empire State Forest Products Association would like to thank everyone who donated to New York Log-A-Load for Kids in 2022. Altogether, a total of **\$154,080.31** was raised for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. The Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital of Albany has reached out to us about some of the wonderful work they do, and we wanted to share it with you, our members, so that you can truly see the impact that your donations have on improving the quality and care

that they provide:

**The Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Med is the capital region’s only:**

- **Children’s Hospital.** Each year there are 132,000 visits (over 125,000 outpatient visits and 7,200 inpatient visits) by sick and injured children to the Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s

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Hospital at Albany Med, and most live in this region. It is a 125-bed facility devoted exclusively to the medical needs of infants, children, and adolescents.

- **Referral Center.** Hospitals and doctors' offices send seriously ill and injured children from 25 counties in northeastern New York and western New England to the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med.
- **Highest Level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).** Doctors and nurses in the NICU care for approximately 800 babies each year, including those born prematurely, those with birth defects, breathing problems, and other serious illnesses.
- **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).** The high-level PICU stands ready 24/7/365 to take care of children and teens who are critically injured or critically ill—1,000 a year.
- **Childhood Cancer Program.** Doctors and nurses at The Melodies Center help more than 1,300 kids with cancer and blood illnesses annually. They utilize a team approach to develop individualized treatment plans for each child.

At the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals funds are used wherever they are

needed most:

- Charitable care
- Medical Equipment
- Research
- Program specific support
  - o Child Life Program
  - o Music Therapy Program
  - o Pet Therapy Program

The Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital has been recognized by New York State and/or the federal government for their expertise in the following programs:

- Cystic Fibrosis Center
- Genetic and metabolic disease treatment center
- Congenital hypothyroidism center
- Lead poisoning resource center
- Sickle Cell Disease center
- Hemophilia center

Again, thank you all for your generous donations, and we look forward to another successful year for New York Log-A-Load for Kids in 2023!

## ESFPA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DAN H. MOORE



This month, the Empire State Forest Products Association would like to highlight longtime member and beloved logger, Dan H. Moore of Hamilton County, who passed away on Sunday, December 4th, 2022. Dan, the owner of Dan Moore Logging Inc., was a hardworking man who embodied the very heart and soul of the logging industry, loving the work he did and advocating for safety and sustainability practices.

Dan came from a line of loggers and his zeal for the industry began at age 7 when he started helping his father with his logging business. "That's the time to learn" he stated in an interview with the [Adirondack Experience](#). He firmly believed that logging is hereditary and "once it's in your blood you can't get it out. You have to have done it to appreciate it." However, it wasn't just destiny that led Dan to be a logger. His passion was palpable, and his family states that although the industry is always changing, he was more than willing to change with it. His daughter Kate affirms that his love for the outdoors was so ardent that he never really retired: "He didn't want to slow down. He was at peace in the woods, aside from when he was with his family, the woods were where he was his most comfortable, most authentic self."

Dan's sincerity for his work was also evident in his views on logger safety. He was a huge advocate for safety training, and even kept articles pertaining to logger safety in a personal notebook which he was quick to share with fellow loggers. He was a large proponent of attending New York Logger Training workshops and would seek out whatever training was required to maintain his certification. He was one of the first loggers to be certified through New York Logger Training and was on his seventh certification renewal.

His family asserts that Dan always took his time and did a good job while having respect and appreciation for both the job sites and landowners. Dan proved that sustainability can be an essential part of logging, and always aimed to put the land first. An [Adirondack Life](#) article written in 2007 titled "Log On: Two Lumberjacks Show a Sceptic the Value of Timbering" outlines how the author's day

with Dan Moore completely changed his viewpoint on logging. After speaking to the author, he stated that prior to spending the day with Dan Moore he had no firsthand experience or exposure to the logging industry aside from the tales of deforestation in the Amazon that made him recoil from the idea of logging. However, Dan was so selective, careful, and precise in his methods, explaining his processes so well that the author left with a newfound respect for lumbermen and the work they do, describing Dan as "very down to earth, honest, and straightforward. Like a throwback to the era of the pioneers." Dan is quoted in this article saying "you've gotta do it right so the forest can keep on going. That's number one with us."

Dan was meticulous with his work, taking every job seriously and planning in advance. He knew the woods better than anyone else and appreciated the solace, saying "I like being out there where there's no people. Just the bugs and once in a while a snowstorm or two." After his passing, his family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Empire State Forest Products Association. ESFPA received a total of \$765 and will be utilizing that money to provide more logger safety classes in his honor. In addition, we also received a beautiful card with a message that truly epitomizes Dan Moore and his legacy: "Dan passed from this life way too soon. We were blessed to know his character and love for his family and the land. His pride and joy beside his family was for a job well done. He was a craftsman in the woods and the shop and left the forest in good shape after the job so that the birds still sang and the deer had a place to go- he will be missed!"



Listed below are all the people who graciously donated to ESFPA in Dan's memory:

- Lisa Moore • Kate Kocienski and Jessica Hickman • Ronda Wells
- Camile Boden • W. Fish • SUWRFC - Kim Cooney
- Mark & Elsa Schisler • James Fullerton • Brian & Julie Moore
- David & Ruth Moore • BravoEcho



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