



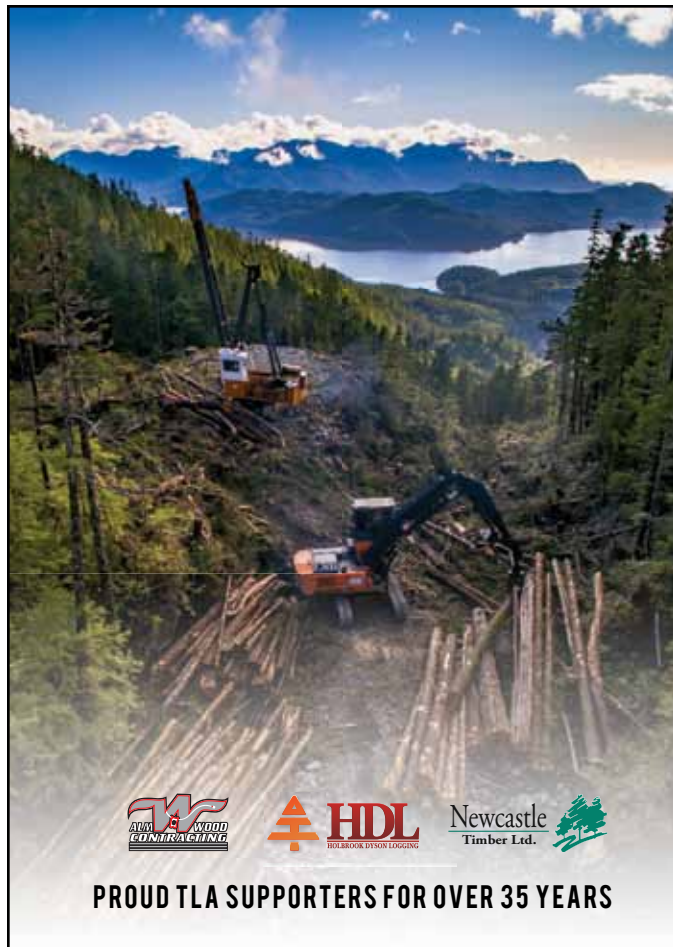
THE ILA IS ON THE ROAD

Once again, this year's forest fires season took a toll on properties, forests and the land base, along with contractors' equipment. One ILA member sustained considerable fire damage to a piece of equipment that was not covered by his own insurance policy. Since he had not selected the optional Limited Indemnity insurance coverage on the Fire Centre Equipment Information Form provided by the province, he was unable to make a claim on the damage. This is an issue that arises every year and contactors are left without insurance coverage; read "Insuring Heavy Equipment While Firefighting" on page 64 for more information.

ILA Scholarships

The ILA board of directors would like to congratulate the following winners of our 2017–2018 scholarship awards:

- Taylor Callow, Lake Country, BC—
\$1,000 Associate Scholarship
- Sheldon Van Sickle, Barriere, BC—
\$2,000 Forestry Scholarship



- Rylan Smaha-Muir, Smithers, BC—
\$1,000 Member Trades Scholarship
- Ali Smaha-Muir, Smithers, BC—
\$1,000 Membership Scholarship

As a reminder, 2018–2019 scholarship applications close on July 31, 2019. For more information on our scholarship applications, visit our website at www.interiorlogging.org.

ILA Conference & Trade Show

A yearly reminder: Mark your calendar for the ILA's 61st Annual Conference & Trade Show to be held in Kamloops May 2–4, 2019. This year's theme is Our Strength...is Your Membership. Coast Kamloops Hotel is the host location, and inside and outside displays will be set up at the TK'emlups te Secwepemc Powwow Grounds off the Yellowhead Highway in Kamloops. Registration packages and further information will be on our website at www.interiorlogging.org and in the mail soon.

We are pleased to confirm that Brandt Tractor of Kamloops is once again the sponsor of our second annual Log Loading contest, taking place at the Powwow Grounds. Prizes will be offered as follows: first place, \$750; second place, \$500; and third place, \$250.

We are pleased to report that the Interior Safety Conference will hold its 4th Annual Conference on May 2 at the Coast Kamloops Hotel in its onsite theatre. We anticipate approximately 225 attendees this year, so be sure to register and book your accommodations early.

ILA Membership

Over the past year, we have visited over 100 ILA members in their communities to hear firsthand the challenges they are facing, and also to share in their successes. From Smithers to Chetwynd and all points south, the ILA has been on the road and will continue to travel and listen to our membership in order to enhance our efforts to effect change for a sustainable forest industry. There are similar issues across the province affecting all members, but there have also been lessons learned. We share these through our travels so that they benefit members from different regions across the province.

If you would like us to visit your community or worksite, we can be reached by phone at 250-503-2199 or through our website at www.interiorlogging.org to make arrangements.▲