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ANTHONY B. ANDREWS LOGGING: 2014 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING LOGGER

Washington, DC – The **Forest Resources Association** honored Anthony B. Andrews Logging Inc., based in Trenton, North Carolina, as **2014 National Outstanding Logger** at FRA’s May 8 Annual Awards Dinner in Virginia Beach, Virginia. FRA Chairman Tom Norris congratulated Anthony Andrews and his family and presented them with a special plaque, commenting, “On behalf of the FRA Board of



Directors, it gives me great pleasure to give you the FRA National Outstanding Logger Award for 2014.” Andrews also received recognition as winner of FRA’s Southeastern Region Outstanding Logger award.

STIHL Inc. Marketing Communications Manager Jackson D’Armond also congratulated Andrews and presented him with a \$1,000 check and a STIHL MS461 chain saw.

Anthony Andrews thanked FRA and STIHL and stated, “It’s not so much what I have

done but what others have done. I learned a long time ago, it's about what others have done for you.”

Commenting on the special “Plant, Grow, Harvest—America’s Renewable Resource” logo, which displays on his equipment, as well as on mud flaps and public signage, to promote sustainable harvest and the industry he serves, Andrews pointed out, “We were trying to do our best to include the best visual of the logging industry: Plant, Grow, Harvest. People see that we’re not just taking from the forest, but we’re giving back to the forest. Thank you, and may God bless all of you.”

Anthony B. Andrews Logging Inc. operates a respected logging and fuel chipping business in eastern North Carolina. Founded in 1984, the business has grown from a simple cable skidder operation working on small tracts to high-production plantation harvesting, with low-ground-pressure final harvests a specialty. The business has developed innovations to improve merchandising, BMP performance, and closing out a job. Anthony’s attention to safety includes innovative use of signage, techniques for increasing the visibility of the rear of trailers, and the development and use of a comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan. Anthony’s wife, Betty, supervises the company’s far-reaching safety program.

Anthony and Betty are joined by their sons, who are equipment operators and small business owners, themselves. Apart from supervising a crew when the operation splits into two smaller crews, elder son Garrett owns several trucks and log trailers and operates as G Line Trucking, and he partners with young brother Tyler in Andrews Brothers Trucking, contracting mostly for their father’s job.

FRA has honored 25 National Outstanding Loggers since establishing the national

award in 1990. Recent National Outstanding Loggers include David and Kurt Babineau, of West Enfield, Maine (2008), the partners of Redoutey Logging, McDermott, Ohio (2009), Cloquet, Minnesota's Berthiaume Logging (2010), Paul and Mary Mitchell of Paul Mitchell Logging, of Tupper Lake, New York (2011), T.W. Byrd's Sons, Inc. (2012), and Comstock Logging of Hampden, Maine last year. Nominees for this year's award passed through state-level recognition to regional award programs administered through FRA's Regional structure. A jury of 25 national-level leaders in forestry and conservation selected the winner.

The Outstanding Logger program is designed:

- 1) to recognize outstanding logging contractor performance;
- 2) to raise the visibility of competent, professional independent logging contractors in the forestry community;
- 3) to encourage other independent logging contractors to emulate the outstanding performance of the award winners; and
- 4) to improve forester-logger relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned timber harvest.

The **Forest Resources Association Inc.** is a nonprofit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.

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Photo caption: "FRA Chairman Tom Norris (left) and FRA President Deb Hawkinson (right) congratulate 2014 National Outstanding Logger Anthony Andrews and his family (left to right): Candace Andrews, Garrett Andrews, Anthony Andrews, Betty Andrews, Tyler Andrews, and Katie Moody."