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Quarterly Newsletter from *Source Verified Good Wood®* | Summer 2026

The Quarter Round



Upcoming Event

Mark Your Calendar!

Santa Fe Homebuilders Association Haciendas A Parade of Homes

Weekend 1: Aug. 7 th -9 th 11am-5pm
Weekend 2: Aug. 15 th -16 th 11am-5pm
<https://www.sfahba.com/>

This self-guided tour of new and newly remodeled homes celebrates the best in design and construction, including sustainable, "green" technologies, allowing visitors to explore the unique use of materials, techniques and philosophies that define "Santa Fe style," from traditional to contemporary.

2-3-2 Partnership Meeting and 10-year celebration

9/8 and 9/9 including a field trip the afternoon of the 9th .

Location: A private ranch outside of Pagosa Springs, CO.
Contact: lily@forestguild.org for more information

Stay Connected with GoodWood!

GoodWood® is now on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). Follow us to learn how verified sourcing supports healthy forests, local economies, and sustainable wood industries.

Donate Here!

GoodWood is a non-profit social venture, supported by grants, donations, and member contributions. Please consider supporting our work with a tax-deductible donation here.

Source Verified Good Wood® - An opportunity to put your name on what you believe.

Source Verified Good Wood offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to align their name with their beliefs. Through source forest verification and tracking chain-of-custody, the GoodWood® program empowers its members to endorse something they truly stand for. We are a collaborative community of open-minded leaders committed to forest stewardship, community well-being, and local economies. GoodWood membership is open to anyone who shares this commitment! Our source-verified branding initiative is accessible and affordable, and we are also the only program that verifies wood from National Forest System lands.

Our **members** gain visibility for their products and their commitment to supporting forests and communities. Our **consumers** demonstrate support for healthier forests and mindful choices with each purchase. Together, we are a committed community finding harmony between forests and commerce. To become a member or find out more about *Source Verified Good Wood* and *GoodWood* products, please visit our website: www.goodwoodverified.com.

GoodWood is eligible to accept donations to support our mission of *Creating healthier, more resilient forests through verification of sustainably harvested and managed products*. To join us in putting your name on what you believe in, make a donation today!

A note from Rachel



Even in the peak of summer, this newsletter is full of updates and developments that I hope keep you informed and connected. Each year, Good Wood members make the choice to continue to participate, support the mission and vision of SVGW, and put their name on what they believe! Thank you to our renewing members: Mt. Taylor Manufacturing, Olguin's Inc. Sawmill & Firewood, Spotted Owl Timber, Inc., and Timberline Trading LLC.

We share recent activities and news, including an update on the NM Timber Grading program development, a recap on a recent forest restoration and wood products field tour with the 2-3-2 Partnership, and updates on Pfeiffer's New York tradeshow. We also highlight LEED v5 which has Launched and offers more credit for wood and we celebrate our first inaugural member Mt. Taylor Manufacturing. This edition also celebrates exciting milestones and the renewals of our GoodWood members.

Thank you to [Dovetail Partners](#), for assistance with this newsletter! And thank you to the U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations grant program.

Recent Activities & News

Rachel Wood attends a Forest Restoration and Wood Products Field Tour organized by the 2-3-2 Partnership

Rachel Wood recently joined industry, community and forestry leaders for a field tour of the Walatowa Timber Industries (WTI), a GoodWood member, in Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico. The tour was organized by the 2-3-2 Partnership and focused on the critical connection between forest restoration, local wood products manufacturing, and rural economic development. Participants heard from Jemez Pueblo leaders, forestry professionals, and mill operators about the importance of active forest management, wildfire risk reduction, and the role local mills play creating markets for material generated through restoration projects.

Learn more at: <https://232partnership.org/>

Photo Credit: Cody Dems



expert timber grader. Our next steps are to review the handbook internally then send it to a couple of other experts followed by sending it to mills who have expressed interest in the program, and others. Please contact Rachel Wood if you are interested in reviewing the draft.

Fire-Forged Innovations

#forestproud, a communications and outreach program of the Society of American Foresters, released a new video from the Wood Innovation Series called "Fire Forged Innovations".

The video follows the journey of biochar, a product made from low-value wood and forest residuals, and examines its potential to support forest health, improve soils, and create economic value from materials that might otherwise go unused. Featuring insights from the American Biochar Institute, Earth Foundries, Pacific Biochar, and West BioFuels, the video demonstrates innovation, collaboration, and market development communities and working landscapes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S16DIBjP8KM>

Update on NM Timber Grading program development

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division, has announced a public hearing on a proposed rule establishing the state's new Timber Grading Certification Program, authorized under the New Mexico Timber Grading Act. The program would create a statewide system for certifying sawmill owners and employees to grade and label structural timber produced in New Mexico, helping to expand the use of locally sourced wood products in residential and commercial construction.

The proposed rule outlines program requirements including certificate issuance, training, instructor qualifications, and processes for suspension or revocation. The public hearing will be held **August 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Santa Fe**, with options for both in-person and virtual participation. Written comments may be submitted through August 13, 2026. **If you plan on joining the public hearing and providing comments, please join at 9:00 a.m.**

Use this link to join virtually and to learn more:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/public-meetings-hearings/>

In addition to progress on the proposed rulemaking, I am pleased to announce we have a new draft of the New Mexico Timber Grading Handbook as of the end of June. This handbook builds on our first draft and was prepared by an

Pfeiffer Studio - trade show event in New York

GoodWood member Pfeiffer Studio recently returned to the International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) in New York, marking the studio's first furniture showcase at the event since 2018.

Known for its handcrafted furniture, sculptural woodwork, and distinctive artistic details, the Santa Fe-based studio designed and built its own custom exhibition booth to ensure each piece was presented exactly as intended. The display featured a curated collection of work, including a bistro table, the Paradisi Hand-Carved Log Table, and other hand-carved work along with art painted details.

For those who were unable to attend ICFF, the collection shown in New York is now on display at Pfeiffer Studio's Santa Fe showroom and is also available online.

Learn more about Pfeiffer Studio:

<https://pfeifferstudio.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoofby2XvegQ58iRnDgnFKalngYggfRoqQdomkpp6R7UalFtjLVB>

LEED v5 is Launched and Offers More Credit for Wood

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has launched LEED v5 as their “latest version of the world’s leading green building standard—offering clear steps to achieve near-zero carbon, prioritize people, and build for resilience.”



The standard includes an emphasis on decarbonization, quality of life within the built environment, and ecological conservation and restoration. Each of these areas offer opportunities for the use of wood in LEED certified buildings. Wood products can contribute to achieving up to 22 points in LEED v5 for Building Design and Construction (BD+C) projects and up to 30 points in LEED v5 for Interior Design and Construction (ID+C). This has doubled from prior versions of LEED.

The possible approaches to increase demand for ponderosa pine includes long-term planning in landscapes that are already prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), combining funding from various sources,

developing co-located wood processing facilities, turning leftover material into higher-valuable products, offering tax breaks and investment incentives to support infrastructure, building cooperative workforce training programs, and increasing marketing efforts for ponderosa pine. A field tour of the Restoration Forest Products Mill showcased what small-diameter utilization can look like.

USGBC has released a multi-attribute framework for material evaluation for the LEED v5’s Building Product Selection & Procurement (BPSP) credit. The scoring illustrates how wood and certified wood products are valued for credit calculation. Source Verified GoodWood aligns with the criteria for “Legal Sourcing with Disclosure” which qualifies for “1” in the attribute scoring.

Currently, only the FSC, PEFC, and SFI certification programs are recognized as “USGBC-approved programs” that qualify for up to “5” in the attribute scoring.

Suppliers of GoodWood wishing to qualify for additional credits in LEED v5 can continue to advocate for GoodWood to gain recognition as an approved program based upon the ability to provide product documentation via a chain-of-custody system.

There will still be a transition period to the new standard as USGBC has extended the use of LEED v4 and v4.1 for project registrations through June 30, 2027.

Mt. Taylor Manufacturing – First Inaugural GoodWood Member

As the first inaugural member of the Source Verified Good Wood program, Mt. Taylor has been setting an example for sustainable wood utilization and responsible forestry in New Mexico for decades. Founded in 1964, with production beginning in 1965, the company has grown from a traditional millwork operation into a leader in forest restoration and wood product innovation. Today the family-run business is led by Matt Allen and formerly by Matt and his brother Hardy Allen.

Over the years, Mt. Taylor Manufacturing recognized the growing need to support forest health and wildfire mitigation efforts throughout New Mexico. The company shifted its focus toward utilizing material generated through forest restoration projects, creating value from wood that might otherwise be left in the forest or become hazardous fuel. Wood utilized by the mill comes from the Zuni Mountains Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), connecting the company's products directly to efforts that improve forest resilience, reduce wildfire risk, and support healthier watersheds.

The company maximizes the use of forest restoration byproducts by producing a wide range of products including pellets, lumber, compost, mulch, animal bedding, playground chips, and smoker pellets. In addition to working with restoration-sourced timber, Mt. Taylor Manufacturing also processes clean wood waste that might otherwise end up in landfills.

This commitment to innovation and responsible resource management demonstrates how local manufacturers can play a critical role in both economic development and environmental stewardship. By creating markets for low-

value wood and wood waste materials, Mt. Taylor Manufacturing helps ensure that forest restoration projects remain economically viable while keeping valuable resources in productive use.

As a longstanding family business and the very first GoodWood member, Mt. Taylor Manufacturing represents the values at the heart of the program: responsible sourcing, sustainable forestry, and support for local communities.



To learn more about Mt. Taylor Manufacturing visit their website: <https://www.mttaylormanufacturing.com/>

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