

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Oversight hearing on *“Logs in the Road: Eliminating Federal Red Tape and Excessive Litigation to Create Healthy Forests, Jobs and Abundant Water and Power Supplies”*

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: J.R. Ford
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
 - A. Pagosa Cattle Company, Inc : *a land resource management company*
 - B. The Mixed-Conifer Working Group : *focusing on the health of the forests in the Pagosa Ranger District in Southwest Colorado*
3. Business Address:
P.O. Box 4490; Pagosa Springs, CO 81157
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pagosaland@pagosa.net
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970-264-5000

Name/Organization: J.R. Ford / Pagosa Cattle Company, Inc & The Mixed-Conifer Working Group

Title/Date of Hearing: "Logs in the Road: Eliminating Federal Red Tape and Excessive Litigation to Create Health Forests, Jobs and Abundant Water and Power Supplies"/May 14, 2012

- a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. None
- b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. None
- c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Pagosa Cattle Company, Inc: I have owned for over 21 years providing ranch management dealing with forest fuel reductions, river restoration, land restoration management, forest restoration, forest health and rangeland management. It is from these experiences where the notion of a better way to remove biomass from the forest as well as a use for the biomass started. It is in our business plan to build a 5Mwe gasification power plant run on woody biomass. Included in my written testimony is a PowerPoint presentation (exhibit A) that displays the progress of our business plan.

The Mixed-Conifer Working Group: this volunteer group is comprised approximately of 25% environmentalists, 25% conservationists & local citizens; 25% industry professionals and 25% State and Federal employees. The mission statement for the working group as taken from their website <http://ocs.fortlewis.edu/mixedconifer> is: *The Upper San Juan Mixed Conifer Workgroup is committed to collaborative approaches to improving the health and long-term resilience of mixed-conifer forests and the communities located near them in southwest Colorado. The Workgroup will focus on strengthening understanding, sharing knowledge and lessons learned, developing management approaches, initiating high priority projects, and monitoring results using an adaptive framework.* Here are only a few of the participants; Colo. Div of Parks and Wildlife, Mountain Studies Institute, San Juan Citizens Alliance, Renewable Forest Energy, Colorado State Forest Service, Pagosa Ranger District (USFS) and the Archuleta Office of Emergency Mgmt.

- d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

2010 – 2011, Contract - AG-82X9-S-09-0275 (Turkey Springs Biofuels Demonstration), sourced by the USDA, contract totals \$68,475.00 USD.

2011 - 2012, Contract - AG-82X9-C-10-9013 (Chris Mountain Stewardship), sourced by the USDA, contract totals \$166,149.91 USD.

- e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed. None

- f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Working on the bid process and negotiations for the Pagosa Long Term Stewardship contract – has helped design a better stewardship contract model. This stewardship contract could be a great resource for any rural town in the intermountain west, one that if we were awarded the contract would bring jobs, rebuild industry and help build a sustainable community with healthy forests.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying. None

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

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i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s). None

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization. None

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)). None