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APPALWOOD - The Forestry Certification Program Of The Appalachian Sustainable Forest Center

We have developed a region-wide forest certification program that builds on ASPI's two decades of assessment and auditing experience. Our goal is to identify and certify forests that are being managed sustainably. These are forests that subscribe to (1) the main goal of restoring and maintaining the health and integrity of native ecosystems and of local human communities, and (2) the important but secondary goal of producing and harvesting forest products. In this sense, *APPALWOOD* certification identifies forest landholders who believe that it is both morally and biologically imperative that we protect the Earth. We are offering this certification to non-profit groups and individual woodland owners in the Appalachian states who (1) stop all non-sustainable forest practices, (2) initiate practices needed to heal damaged forests, and (3) initiate practices needed to develop ecologically and socially sound and sustainable forest management plans. Land-holders interested in being certified will be required to subscribe to *ASFC's* Code of Forest Ethics, and to document compliance with our Standards of EcoForestry Practice. Assessments and peer-reviewed reports will be provided in response to certification applications. We offer three levels of certification to suit the available resources and needs of interested landholders. Certification and payment schedules are now being finalized. Interested forest landholders should contact:

APPALWOOD, 50 Lair St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456-9806.

Seventh American Forest Congress

Sixty-one key principles were developed at this four-day Forest Congress held in Washington D.C. and attended by 1400 people from both the industrial and environmental communities. ASPI was the only Kentucky group (represented by Al Fritsch and Joshua Bills) among 144 groups that signed a resolution asking for the repeal of the so-called Timber Salvage rider, Section 2001 of PL. 104-19.

The following principles are examples of those recommended:

☞ Recognize the special importance of existing old-growth forests.



Thom Price, and Holly help Paul Galimore load a CINVA-Ram earth block press, for demonstration use at ASPI (Livingston)