



2016 Summer Mill Tour

Linkletter Operations

164 Harmony Road, Athens

Linkletter is a story of diversification. They started as a land clearing company doing field edges, houselots and that sort of thing and at the same time formed a trucking company- Linkletter Trucking. From there they branched out to incorporate large and small harvests and have become a Master Logger Certified company. They were selling their chips to the biomass and pellet industry, but as those markets tightened up and they had to get rid of chips, they began a new company, Maine Wood Pellets, and built a pellet mill in Athens. Still having an excess of chips, a biomass power plant was built in Athens and received certification for Maine New Markets tax credits from directors of the Finance Authority of Maine. The facility is run by Athens Energy LLC, a sister company of Maine Woods Pellets Co. "The new energy facility will supply electricity and heat to the wood pellet facility, and burn very low quality biomass that wouldn't be used by the pellet facilities," said Kris Eimicke, Athens Energy and Maine Woods Pellet Company's representing attorney. "The two companies create tremendous efficiencies."
(Source - <http://biomassmagazine.com> 6/23/14)

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July 15, 2016

Linkletter - Maine Woods
Pellet Co. & Athens Energy

Kennebec Lumber - Solon

Approved continuing education credits

Maine LPF
SAF

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4.0 Category 1
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New England Society of American Foresters

REGISTRATION FORM

Forms and payment must be **received**
on or before **July 11, 2016**

Please check one below:

SAF Member: \$40 _____

Non-member: \$60 _____

Student: \$20 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Fee includes registration, snacks and lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

If we need to reach you on tour day.

Email: _____

Mail the registration form, with your check made payable
to **Maine Division, SAF**, to:

Laura Audibert
11 Leopold St.
Fort Kent, ME 04743
207-834-6773
la4568@roadrunner.com

or

Register online (credit card only) at
our website: mesaf.org

Go to 2016 Field Tours and follow the appropriate
links.

**Registration is valid only when payment is
received.**

If you **do not** want your contact information listed on
the meeting attendance list to be distributed in
registration packets, please check the box below.

I **do not** want my contact information distributed.

I will meet in Orono to carpool.

I will meet the group in Athens.

Kennebec Lumber

105 South Main Street, Solon

- 90% of logs come from certified loggers and certified land.
- We purchase approximately 40 million board feet of logs annually.
- Logs are purchased strictly from the Northeast region of the country with the highest quality hardwoods.
- All harvesting is conducted with 100% mechanical logging and the latest harvesting technology operations.
- Purchases all species and grades to meet and satisfy the needs of loggers and landowners.

Goals

- To provide markets with the highest quality lumber available.
- Purchase logs from regions that produce the highest quality.
- Produce the tightest grain and brightest white lumber available.
- Purchase from loggers that are Forest Stewardship Council® certified and purchased from certified sustainable forests.
- Provide our employees with a safe and stable working environment.
- Continue to optimize and update mill for better production, recovery and efficiency

(Source - <http://www.kennebeclumber.com/>)

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AGENDA

- 7:00 AM To Carpool: Gather at UMaine Nutting Hall parking lot
- 7:30 AM Travel to Athens
- 8:45 AM Registration, Refreshments, Introductions
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Linkletter Tour
- 11:45 AM Travel to Solon
- 12:00 PM LUNCH (provided)
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Kennebec Lumber Tour
- 3:15 PM Wrap-up, Evaluations
- 3:30 PM Adjourn, Travel to Orono

The tour is limited to the first 25 paid participants, so please register early!

*** Participants will need: safety vest, hardhat, steel toe boots, hearing & eye protection.***

*If you have any food allergies or other dietary restrictions, please contact
Laura Audibert

UMaine Parking permits will be available for confirmed attendees.