

# FLORIDA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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the Tallahassee air and we are not talking about weather. Last year, the former Governor vetoed SB 7103. On March 23rd, the House and Senate passed a veto override of this important legislation. This bill makes the Ag Lands Practices Act the "enforcement" of any county ordinance which further regulates Ag or forestry practices and Management Practices (BMPs), excluding ordinances, exempts agriculture and forestry government storm water fees or assessments if allowed, exempts non-residential farm buildings permits or fees, and creates the Agricultural Land Act - requiring those who develop land adjacent to sign an acknowledgment form and submit to

and been filed this year and was working its way by Sen. Alan Hays and Rep. Steve Crisafulli.

### tions to Class of 2011!



From left to right are: Kyle Wehner, Rayonier; Katelyn [Name], Division of Forestry; Karen Newberry, Suwannee [Name] Dow. Plum Creek; Jamie Hall, Resource

## Florida's Gray Logging, LLC, best in the region

Gray Logging, LLC of Madison, Florida is the Forest Resources Association (FRA) Southeastern Region's 2011 Outstanding Logger. Owner Jerry Gray received a wooden crosscut saw plaque from FRA Southeastern Region Chairman Randy Starling, a STIHL MS 460 chain saw and a \$250 check from STIHL Southeast's Doug Hollis during FRA's Regional Awards ceremony in Panama City Beach, Florida. Gray was nominated for regional recognition as Florida's Logger of the Year for 2010.

At the state level, Gray was recognized for the company's exceptional regulatory compliance programs and a track record of sound harvesting practices that include environmental, utilization, wood security and aesthetic considerations. "He represents what all Florida loggers aspire to be - professional with impeccable character and integrity," says Jeff Doran, Executive Vice President, Florida Forestry Association. "Many of these same characteristics that he showed the Florida selection team - from the Association and the Southeastern Wood Producers Association- landed Jerry and his company this regional honor. We couldn't be prouder of the recognition this brings on our great community of professional loggers," Doran concluded.

## Forest growers and users converge on Capitol Hill

