

MLA 2018 CONVENTION PROGRAM

KwaTaqNuk Resort ... Polson, MT

Friday, May 18

10am Joint Meeting: MLA Executive Committee & MSI Finance Committee

12noon **Logger Appreciation Luncheon**

Getting Involved & Telling Our Story

Mr. Nick Smith, Healthy Forest, Healthy Communities

Special Sponsor: Titan Machinery

2:00 **2018 Annual Membership Meeting**

6pm **Welcoming Reception**

Refreshments ... Special Sponsor: Western States Equipment

Hors d'oeuvres ... hosted by Conference Hosts

Log a Load for Kids Auction... benefiting Shodair Children's Hospital

Saturday, May 19

7am **Breakfast Buffet ...** hosted by *CityServiceValcon*

8am **Conference Educational Program**

- ***Status of Montana's Forest Products Industry***
Mr. Todd Morgan, UM, Bureau of Business & Economic Research
- ***Keynote Address***
U.S. Senator Steve Daines.
- ***The Montana Woodbasket: Good Neighbor Authority brings optimism***
Mr. Tom Schultz, VP, Governmental Affairs, Idaho Forest Group
- ***Hiring and Retaining the Next Generation of Forest Workers***
Mr. Jim Geisinger, Executive Vice President, Associated Oregon Loggers
- ***Musings of a LegisLogger***
State Senator Chas Vincent, Vincent Logging

12:30 **President's Luncheon**

Litigation: Consequences for this profession we call logging

Ms. Sara Ghafouri, Attorney, American Forest Resource Council

Special Sponsor: Associated Insurance Services

2pm Committee meetings/Free afternoon

6pm **Tall Timber Awards Banquet** ... Special Sponsor: *RDO Equipment*

Awards Ceremony: Northwestern Montana Hoo Hoo Club;

Roast: Keith Olson, MLA's former executive director, M.C., Rich T

Sunday, May 20

9am Fun Shoot @ Big Sky Sporting Clays