

F.H. Stoltze Celebrates 100 Years of Service!

Columbia Falls, MT—TPM Member for over 60 years



The F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. marked its centennial Tuesday, August 21, 2012 with a groundbreaking dedication ceremony for a new co-generation plant that is expected to be operational in October 2013. The foundations for the co-generating plant were on display for the 90 people who attended the event at the F.H. Stoltze sawmill outside of Columbia Falls. The project and its 2.5-megawatt plant will be capable of powering about 2,500 homes, which is just about 1 percent of the Flathead Electric Cooperative's total load. Flathead Electric Co-op agreed to purchase up to 2.5 megawatts of power from Stoltze at 9 cents per kilowatt hour, a move that will allow the Co-op to receive Renewable Energy Credits. The plant will burn about four tons of green fuel per hour and will be recognized by two 82-foot-tall fuel storage silos, a 40,000-pound boiler and finally a turbine generator and pollution control system which brings the entire project to fruition.



Montana State Forester, Bob Herrington and Chuck Roady shake hands at the ground breaking ceremony at Stoltze Land and Lumber Company for the Co-Generation Plant.



Overview of the ground breaking celebration of the Co-Generation Plant at F.H. Stoltze. The Co-Generation plant is expected to produce about 1% of the Flathead Electric Cooperative's total load.

F.H. Stoltze treats our employees with compassion, and as humans and not a number . . . that's why people stay and work hard and safe day after day for this company." F.H. Stoltze is proud to be recognized for many years of service, project achievements and recognition from the wood industry. Government agencies and timber industry representatives agree that F.H. Stoltze is truly an industry leader and is driving forward as an advocate in the timber industry.

The celebration was not only to kick off a new project that aligns the goals of F.H. Stoltze with those of continuing energy needs, but also celebrating 100 years of operation. Chuck Roady, VP and General Manager, remarked, "This is a great achievement for our company and for our employees! We feel that we are past the days of competition and having an arm's length relationship with our fellow mills. We are proud to see representatives from other timber mills here to help us celebrate this achievement. We would rather partner with them because our industry needs partnerships to develop so we can sustain this kind of success in the Timber Industry." Russ Miller another long term employee stated, "The reason that we have had this long lasting success is the investment in our employees, and in the industry. We have had years where profits weren't high but we stayed the course and kept consistently moving forward in an industry that hasn't shown much growth.

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F.H. STOLTZE LAND & LUMBER CO.

2010-2011

Company timberlands certified under Tree Farm (PEFC) & Log Procurement program certified under Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

2004

New small log mill completed.

June 2001

Stoltze Aspen Mills closed & equipment auctioned.

April 1996

Stoltze Aspen Mill in Sigurd, Utah purchased.

1992

Stoltze Dillon Mill auction.

October 1989

Grace Stoltze passes away.

1983

Stoltze-Conner Mill in Darby burns: rebuilt immediately and in operation by end of the year.

1972

Stoltze Dillon Sawmill purchased.

March 22, 1956

Sawmill destroyed by fire. Reconstruction begins immediately and new mill in production by mid 1957.

1947

Shay Locomotive and logging railroad ceases to be used.

August 30, 1947

Planning mill and lumber loading facilities burn.

August 16, 1929

Half Moon Fire starts.
Burns 100,000 acres in 4 days.

August 1, 1924

Planer production starts. First load of lumber shipped on Great Northern Car #205174

May 1, 1923

Production of Half Moon Sawmill starts.
Capacity of 100 mbf/8 hour shift.

August 31, 1912

F.H. Stoltze Land Company is formed.

2012

Begin construction of new biomass co-generation facility and celebrate 100 years of incorporation in Montana.

2007

New office building completed.

2002

Curve Sawing Gang installed.

2000

Major sawmill modernization begins at Half Moon.

June 1993

Stoltze-Conner Mill, Darby sold.

January 1991

John R. Stoltze passes away.

1988

Great Northwest Log Haul to Darby.

1978

Stoltze-Conner Lumber at Darby purchased.

1966

Stoltze Company Lands enter the American Tree Farm System.

1949

"Flathead Timber Products" made up of F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Co., Plum Creek Lumber Co., Kalispell Lumber Co., AR Johnson and Manions, purchased clearing contract for Hungry Horse Reservoir.

1947

Mountain States Power brings electricity to Half Moon townsite.

July 29, 1933

Name change to F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Co.

May 21, 1928

F.H. Stoltze passes away.

Fall 1923

Shay locomotive and seven miles of track purchased from Books-Scanlon Lumber Co. Eureka.

Winter 1918-1919

Sawmill equipment and building moved to Half Moon site from State Lumber Mill.



100 YEARS AND STILL GROWING

