

John Jump Trucking, Inc.

Kalispell, Montana – Member Since April 2009



John Jump Trucking, Inc. was founded in 1957 by John and Darlene Jump. The company operated in Flathead Valley, Montana, hauling logs for the timber industry. The company owned and operated seventeen log trucks and a self-loader and worked primarily for the Burlington Northern/Plum Creek logging operations until the logging side of the company was sold around 1984. Shortly after that time, John expanded the company by purchasing two log loaders and started work with area helicopter logging operations.



2410 Peterson Grinder loading Hogfuel into the chip truck from above the haul road.



Jump Trucking log trucks loaded down with large logs.

Kevin Jump initially worked for his dad as a mechanic while in high school. In 1975 he started working for Royal Logging as an equipment operator running Cats. In 1976 Kevin broke his neck in a car accident but after his recovery, he returned to work running cable log loading cranes and loading logs for eight years. Kevin went to work loading and hauling for his dad in 1984. After watching and working with his dad over the years, Kevin decided to branch out on his own by purchasing his own log truck in 1991 and then bought a log loader in 1994. He continued working for himself. Darlene took over full ownership of the company after her husband John

passed away in 1997 and Kevin took over the operations as President.

Over the next few years, Kevin expanded the company further by adding lowboy and flatbed services. During the seasonal normal logging shutdowns, Jump Trucking operations continue to keep busy with dump trucks, belly dumps, side dumps and water trucks. The company diversified in 2006 by adding “in-woods” grinding, whole log chipping and hauling hogfuel and chips.

The spring of 2006 brought changes to his operations when he started another business, that supplies and applies landscape materials. With



One of Jump Trucking's lowboy trucks hauling a Cat loader.



Jump Trucking's modified brush forwarder used to transfer piles from logging units to roadside.

this addition to the company, a new working relationship was formed between John Jump Trucking,

Inc. and Valley Landscape Applications, Inc. where the two work hand-in-hand with the landscape materials and the grinding and chip hauling operations. This relationship provides another strong market for materials produced from John Jump Trucking, Inc.'s grinding operations.

Kevin chose to move forward with the grinding operations after researching and watching the interest in the biomass industry increase. He went to Peterson Corporation in Eugene, Oregon to receive additional training and education for biomass grinders and chippers.

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While there he field-tested some of their new equipment. By diversifying both the operations of John Jump Trucking, Inc. and his personal business, Kevin has expanded opportunities by retrieving and utilizing previously less-marketable forest materials such as unused logging slash and fuel reduction materials by grinding and hauling the finished products to various markets through the Northwest.

Kevin purchased the company from his mother, Darlene, in 2008.

Most of the employees at John Jump Trucking, have been in the logging and/or trucking industry for the majority of their lives. This range of experience provides an awesome dynamic and skill set for the company.

John Jump Trucking specializes in commercial and private fuel reduction, wood recycling, and slash removal



Jump Trucking's modified Cat loader feeding logging slash into a 2410 Peterson Grinder which is processed and loaded into transfer trucks.

services. The company works with groups such as the U.S. Forest Service, Montana DNRC, Northwest RC&D, Fuels for Schools programs, regional mills, state and local agencies, landfills, private landowners, etc., to promote healthy forests, a cleaner environment, reduce global warming, and to create alternative fuels – all of which are major concerns in our world today.



Prentice log loader unloading logs in the log yard.

Using specialized equipment, John Jump Trucking is able to remove hazardous fuels from our forests and rangelands such as logging slash/waste or small-diameter trees, known as woody biomass, and utilize it as a value-added economic and environmentally friendly commodity. Significant volumes of woody biomass are removed annually by private, state and federal land managers in the process of thinning forests to prevent wildfire and removing diseased trees and invasive species

to improve forest and rangeland health. Woody biomass is also the bi-product of natural disasters, such as hurricanes and tornados, as well as urban cleanup activities, including power line clearing and residential brush and tree removal. Utilizing these materials prevents them from being burned or dumped in a landfill. John Jump Trucking, Inc. has been featured in several publications, including the Wall Street Journal, for their efforts in the biomass industry.

Woody biomass is a beneficial source of natural, clean, renewable, sustainable, and readily available energy that is suitable for heat and power generation in public and private facilities. It can also be used to produce small wood products or other useful products such as mulch or erosion control products. Using woody biomass, instead of wasting or burning it, has numerous social, economic, and environmental benefits. It can improve air quality by: reducing slash pile burning; lowering land management costs; improving forest health and resilience; economically assisting to protect communities and watersheds from wildfire; providing low cost, locally sourced heating fuel; reducing fossil fuel consumption; and creating rural jobs.

Since moving into the biomass industry in 2006, John Jump Trucking, Inc. has recycled over 200,000 tons of biomass that has been utilized for energy, mulch, erosion control products, and more!



Jump Trucking's large-capacity brush truck hauling and unloading brush in the collection yard.

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