

# Stump to Product Tour

Thursday  
September 15, 2011



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**White River RC&D  
Forestry Committee**

**Box Lunch Included in Registration**

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Carroll Ritter, Chair  
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## WHITE RIVER RC&D

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**Registration  
\$10 per Person**

## STUMP TO PRODUCT TOUR - REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tele: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Name(s) for Registration  
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**Sandwich Choice(s) for Box Lunch**

Roast Beef

Ham

Turkey

Veggie

## WORLEY LUMBER COMPANY

The Worley Lumber Company started out as a family owned lumber business worked by a father and son and dealing with railroad ties. When Elwood Mulls' father retired, he moved his mill to Pekin and shortly after added a debarker and chipper.

The name of the mill was changed to Worley Lumber Company in 1994 when Elwood retired and sold it to Wallace Worley of Jeffersonville. Shortly after purchasing the mill, Worley added a vertical edger, end trimmer and top saw. The main product of the mill became grade lumber.

Worley sold his mill to long time friend Rick Lanham in 2007. The plan was for Worley to stick around for a while as a consultant, but one month after selling the mill, Mr. Worley passed away.

Two years later another tragedy struck the business when lightning hit, igniting a fire that quickly burned the mill to the ground. In February 2010 a new mill was up and running.

Today the company employs thirteen people who manufacture between three and four million feet of lumber a year. Nothing goes to waste as bark is processed for mulch, sawdust is used by local farmers and the chips are sold to a paper company. The center portion of the trees that is unusable for grade lumber is sold to a pallet company.

Rick says, "I feel very blessed to be a part of this industry. I have a dedicated and loyal crew working here that really does care about the end product. My sawyer or lumber grader won't hesitate to stop production if something doesn't look just right. It is my goal to produce quality grade lumber and grow this business while maintaining respect and protection for this valuable natural resource."

## Itinerary

Thursday, September 15, 2011

**8:30AM**

Welcome and Overview of the Day  
Meet in parking lot adjacent to Blue River Diner  
125 E St Rd 60, Pekin Indiana

**8:45 to 9:30 AM**

"In the Woods" - Eric Lozier Property  
With Mike Gregg of Gregg Forest Service

**9:45 to 11:00 AM**

"At the Mill" - Worley Lumber Co., Pekin  
Rick Lanham, Speaker and Guide

**11:15 to 12:00 AM**

Benham Sawmill tour

**12:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

Box Lunch at Koetter and Smith  
(Included in Registration)

**12:30 to 2:00 PM**

Tour of Koetter and Smith  
Matt Smith and Jay Engle  
Speakers and Guides

**2:00 PM**

Questions/Adjourn

## ERIC & JILL LOZIER WOODLANDS

There are three separate tracts of woodland on this property. Owned and managed by Eric and Jill Lozier, it is one of only a handful of recognized "Indiana Demonstration Forest" properties.

With the original purchase in 2004, their objective was to improve wildlife habitat/diversity, timber production and hunting, and to provide forest recreation and land investment. They have since added 13 acres of trees, completed 19 acres of Timber Stand Improvements (TSI) and added a 6/8 acre pond to the original purchase.

An 84 acre woodland area was added to the property in 2006 that has also benefited from TSI.

The Loziers' have also added two acres of wildlife food plots to their woodland property which lies about ¼ mile from the South Fork of Blue River, near Pekin.

## KOETTER and SMITH Wood Waste Solutions

Founded in 1975, Koetter & Smith is a privately owned biomass producer, recycling mostly wood into renewable products. The firm employs 65 workers and produces mulches, compost, animal bedding, bulk boiler fuels and fuel pellets for residential use.

Providing an outlet for a variety of companies, the firm routinely receives truckloads of tree debris and processes it through massive grinders. It is then screened into a variety of specialty products.

The firm also produces customized compost and soil blends for anything from livestock and grain farms to mushroom and greenhouse producers.

In addition, the company's grinding machines allow it to offer 'de-identification' services to companies and government agencies, by altering and/or destroying items to ensure they are no longer usable.

Their fleet of 20 trucks and 187 trailers cover approximately 1.6 million miles a year, moving 250,000 tons of material.

Sixty percent of the materials (mostly hardwood), is from Indiana, the remaining forty percent comes from Kentucky.

