

## **Statement of Marc Brinkmeyer, Owner of Riley Creek Lumber Company on the Acquisition of JD Lumber Company**

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Laclede, ID - Marc Brinkmeyer, owner of Riley Creek Lumber Company announced today that Riley Creek will acquire the JD Lumber sawmill plant, property, equipment and certain timber contracts.

“JD Lumber has a long, successful history in Priest River, providing jobs and wood products for people for 27 years,” he said. “We have nothing but respect and admiration for the JD Lumber leadership and employees.”

“The current climate in which we do business is extremely tough,” said Brinkmeyer. The current state of the housing market, expected reduced demand for lumber in the next 12 – 24 months and high fuel prices are all key contributing factors in the difficult climate forest products businesses are facing.

These factors combined have forced the remaining sawmill facilities to operate even more efficiently and productively. Acquiring the JD Lumber sawmill and its assets represents an opportunity to improve productivity levels at the company’s Laclede and Moyie Springs sawmills by re-establishing second shifts at both facilities. “We will evaluate the opportunities with respect to the JD mill purchase in the spring,” Brinkmeyer said.