

## **BIOGRAPHY OF BRUCE A. VINCENT**

In 1984, after completing college, Bruce moved his family back to Libby, Montana and joined Vincent Logging as business manager. Vincent Logging, a small family owned business, was started by Bruce's father and mother in 1968. Bruce is a third generation logger.

In 1988, Bruce helped form Communities For A Great Northwest, a non-profit education and information group dedicated to the intelligent use of our natural resources. The group had members throughout the Northwest. The Great Northwest Log Haul, which helped focus national attention on resource supply problems in the Northwest, was the first of many of the group's activities.

In 1992 Bruce founded and serves as President of the public relations and community outreach firm ENVIRONOMICS, INC. He also serves on the Board of the Evergreen Foundation; serves on the board of the Sanders County Community Development Council; serves as an appointee to the Upper Columbia Conservation Commission; and is President of the Board of the Libby Area Chamber of Commerce.

He speaks throughout the United States and the world to groups including resource, recreation, banking and business associations, legislative bodies, university campuses, and anyone else who would like to hear about our rural cultures efforts to provide products for society while protecting the environment we live in and love.

Bruce often provides testimony on resource issues before Congress. He has been reported on by magazines as diverse as Time, Audubon, Outside, Wheat Life, Range, and Tree Farmer and other print media such as The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, and Washington Post. Bruce has appeared on news magazines such as "60 Minutes" and participated in radio shows, documentary videos and news broadcasts throughout the nation and in several countries including Canada, Iceland, Scotland, Australia. Bruce has appeared on the cover of Evergreen Magazine and was a highlighted "hero" in William Perry Pendley's book *It Takes A Hero*.

During Bruce's career he has been awarded the national Timber Industry Activist of the year, the Montana Timberman of the Year, the Sylvan Award for service to the national timber industry, the Public Service Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, the Women in Agriculture "Keeper of the Tenth" award, received the Agri-Women's Veritas Award, received the inaugural Presidential Preserve America Award from President and First Lady Bush and is in the Libby Logger High School Hall of Fame.

His recently completed book, "Against The Odds", highlights his life's journey and identifies a path forward for rural America.

Bruce holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Bruce has been married to his wife Patti Jo for 46 years and has four children, two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, and 15 grandchildren.

Bruce's family settled in Montana in 1904. His current activities represent a family commitment to responsible environmentalism.