



Stephen B. Moser

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Stephen B. Moser believes that the words “conservation” and “utilization” should be synonymous because of the limitations of America’s natural resources, and he wants forests of healthy, vigorous trees to live long after him.

A native Northwesterner, Moser was born in Seattle in 1908. He attended the University of Washington and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1928.

Moser worked for Lewis-Bean Lumber Brokerage in Seattle in sales and administration until the outbreak of World War II in 1941. He then served three years in the U.S. Navy and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant commander in the naval reserve. In 1946, he and James Bronson, David Bronson, Lester Lewis, Warren Bean, and Martin McDonnell purchased Cascade Lumber Company in Yakima, Washington. Moser became secretary-treasurer and a director and was named a vice president in 1952.

In 1957, Cascade Lumber Company merged with Boise Payette Lumber Company of Boise, Idaho, to form Boise Cascade Corporation. Stephen Moser became a Boise Cascade director and served as vice president of the Western Timber Division based in Yakima. He was named executive vice president for the Timber and Building Materials Group in 1967. In 1972, he became vice chairman and then chairman of the board, a post he held for the next six years. After a brief stint as chairman of the Executive Committee of the board, he retired in 1979.

Boise Cascade benefited greatly from Stephen Moser’s extensive experience in the timber and wood products industry and from his knowledge of industry affairs and his acquaintance with industry principals at the regional and national levels. He was an early and leading proponent of the necessity for combining the national efforts of the lumber, plywood, and paper manufacturers as much as possible to achieve the maximum national impact for what is now called the forest

products industry. His involvement in industry affairs led him from directorships on the boards of the Western Wood Products Association and the American Plywood Association to the presidency and later chairmanship of the National Forest Products Association. He also served a term as chairman of the Economic Council of the industry.

A keen observer of trends, Stephen Moser has been a careful, thoughtful analyst of their implications for the forest products industry. He recognized that responsible logging practices were in the best interests of the industry and the public. He also contributed to the awakening realization of the importance of sustaining timber resources and expanding non-logging uses of the forests.

Moser also found time to be active in community affairs, serving terms on the boards of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce and Yakima YMCA. He helped organize and was the first president of the United Way in Yakima County. He was also president and a director of the Yakima Capitol Theatre, central Washington's major performing arts center. He served on several governors advisory committees and is a past director and vice president of the Association of the Washington Industries.

Stephen Moser has been described as "magnetic" and "a born leader who works hard, enjoys his work, and is very close to his colleagues." His loyalty and affection for his fellow workers and his friends in the forest products industry parallel his devotion to the timberlands and natural resources of the country.

Moser is an enthusiastic hunter and has served as a national trustee and regional vice president of Ducks Unlimited. He enjoys golf and has served as director, treasurer, and president of Yakima Country Club. Steve and his wife Ruth have three daughters, Lynn, Virginia and Julia.