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April 2016 Price Guide Revisions

Price guide changes will take effect Friday April 8, 2016, for Lumber. Contact Random Lengths for more information.

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Following is an article about the upcoming Price Guide changes that appeared in Random Lengths March 4, 2016.

Price guide will no longer track White Pine RWRL

Sales of Idaho White Pine in random width/random length loads were in vogue until the 1980s, but sales in recent years have been, just as in other species, much more specified.

With the next round of price guide changes taking effect with the April 8 issue, Random Lengths will no longer report Idaho White Pine RWRL prices for Sterling, Standard, and Utility grades on Page 7. No other changes to the price guides are planned.

Idaho White Pine in general has been less heavily traded, with only a handful of mills still cutting the species. A heavy share of sales historically shipped to the Northeast, where Eastern White Pine has captured market share. Buying or selling random width loads is foreign to many traders today.

“That’s how we always used to do everything in the ’80s to get rid of our tallies,” one source noted. “We didn’t have huge runs, and when you have a smaller run you don’t want to be stuck. We would run it and say, ‘Here’s the tally.’ The distributor would be the bulk breaker and take the credit risk.”


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