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MARKET PULSE | Lumber $577 | WTI $102 (-4%) | Diesel $5.35 | S&P 7,259 | 10yr 4.44%

■ TOP STORIES

CBP Finds Coastal Forest Products Evaded Softwood Duties via New Zealand

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on May 4 finalized its determination that Coastal Specialty Forest Products, Inc. (dba Coastal Forest Products), a wholesale distributor serving retail lumberyards across New England, eastern New York, Long Island, northern New Jersey, and the Carolinas, evaded antidumping and countervailing duty orders on Canadian softwood lumber. The investigation, filed by the U.S. Lumber Coalition under the Enforce and Protect Act (EAPA), used ship manifest data to show Coastal was transshipping Canadian-origin lumber through New Zealand while claiming the product had undergone substantial transformation. CBP rejected that argument. The company now faces liability for unpaid duties and must post cash deposits on future entries of covered merchandise.

Commerce Finalizes Sunset Review: Chinese Wood Mouldings & Millwork AD Order Continues

The U.S. Department of Commerce published final results of the expedited first sunset review of the antidumping duty order on wood mouldings and millwork products from China in the May 5 Federal Register. Commerce determined that revoking the order would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping. The Coalition of American Millwork Producers — including Bright Wood Corporation, Cascade Wood Products, and Best Moulding Corporation — was the domestic interested party. The antidumping and countervailing duty orders, originally issued in February 2021, remain in effect. A parallel injury determination by the International Trade Commission is still pending under the five-year review timeline set by the April 21 Federal Register scheduling notice.

British Columbia Quietly Reduces Penalty for Exporting Unprocessed Logs

British Columbia's (BC's) Forests Ministry in February 2026 lowered the "fee in lieu of manufacturing" — the penalty companies pay when exporting unprocessed logs rather than milling them domestically — according to an April 30 report. The reduction makes it more profitable to ship raw logs out of province at a time when the domestic processing sector is contracting sharply. Since 2022, more than 15,000 forest-sector jobs have been lost in BC, and the BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) has tracked 21 permanent or indefinite mill closures since 2023. The policy shift drew criticism from industry observers who argue it undermines the remaining domestic milling workforce while the province simultaneously seeks federal support for displaced workers.

■ WHAT YOU MISSED YESTERDAY

Tuesday, May 5 — business, markets, and the broader economy.

- S&P 500 rose 0.81% to 7,259.22, a fresh record close; Nasdaq gained 1.03% to 25,326.13, also a record; Dow added 356 points (+0.73%) to 49,298.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell nearly 4% to $102.27 per barrel after the U.S. confirmed the Iran ceasefire remains in place despite attacks on the UAE.
- The 10-year Treasury yield held at approximately 4.44%, up roughly 5 basis points from the prior session on persistent inflation concerns.
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) lumber futures settled at $577 per thousand board feet (MBF), up 0.54% on the day but still well below the late-January peak of $618.50.
- Boise Cascade reported first-quarter net income of $17.8 million ($0.50 per share) on revenue of $1.5 billion, beating consensus but down 53% year over year on softer demand and higher input costs. Q2 guidance: total Adjusted EBITDA of $83–115 million.

■ INDUSTRY & COMPANY NEWS

- **Louisiana-Pacific Q1 reports before the bell today.** Consensus calls for earnings per share (EPS) of $0.15 on revenue of $569.9 million, representing an 88% decline in EPS and a 21% drop in revenue from a year ago. The Oriented Strand Board (OSB) segment is expected to post earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) loss of $25–30 million, and Siding net sales are forecast down 11–13% year over year. Call at 11 a.m. Eastern Time (ET).
- **Rayonier Q1 releases after the close today.** Wall Street expects $0.06 per share, a 400% increase from the prior year, reflecting the January 2026 merger with PotlatchDeltic. Management has cited an estimated $40 million in run-rate synergies and is focused on optimizing each acre across the combined timberland portfolio. Conference call Thursday at 10 a.m. ET.
- **Mercer International Q1 rescheduled to May 7 after the close**, with the conference call on May 8 at 10 a.m. ET. The release was originally set for April 30.
- **Georgia wildfire update:** The Highway 82 fire in Brantley County has reached 85% containment at 22,471 acres. The Pineland Road fire in Clinch County stands at 50% containment across 32,575 acres with 263 personnel assigned. Full control of Pineland Road is targeted for late May.

- **Madison's Lumber Prices Index held at $524 per MBF for the week ending May 1** — the fifth consecutive print in the $522–$524 corridor. The index is 0.3% above one month ago and 11.4% above the year-ago level.
- **Miller Wood Trade May 2026 regional reports landed this week** with a consistent theme across all four regions: cautious purchasing and project-driven ordering. The West Coast described conditions as "uneven," with White Oak moving on flooring demand while Red Alder and Walnut remain inconsistent. The Southeast reported "springtime struggles" driven by fuel costs and labor. The Lake States held stable, with a notable surge in Hickory demand. The Northeast delivered the weakest read, citing elevated transportation surcharges and mediocre order flow.

■ BY THE NUMBERS

INDICATOR	VALUE	TREND
CME Lumber (May)	$577/MBF	+0.5% DoD, volatile week
Madison's Index (wk May 1)	$524/mfbm	Flat WoW, 5th print $522-524
WTI Crude (May 5)	$102.27/bbl	-4% DoD, ceasefire held
EIA US Diesel (wk Apr 27)	$5.35/gal	Flat WoW
10yr Treasury (May 5)	4.44%	+5bp DoD
Freddie 30yr FRM (Apr 30)	6.30%	+7bp WoW, -46bp YoY
CAD/USD (May 5)	~0.73	Flat

■ THE BOTTOM LINE

Three things for your Wednesday: First, trade enforcement is widening — CBP's Coastal Forest Products evasion finding adds a second major enforcement action in two weeks (after the Boise Cascade Lacey Act guilty plea), and the mouldings and millwork sunset review means Chinese antidumping and countervailing duty orders stay in place for another five years. Second, BC's quiet reduction of log-export penalties compounds the province's mill-closure picture: 21 permanent closures since 2023, 15,000 jobs gone, and now lower fees for shipping unprocessed logs offshore instead of milling them domestically. Third, Louisiana-Pacific and Rayonier print today into a market where CME futures are volatile around $577, Madison's has gone flat for five consecutive weeks at $524, and Boise Cascade's Q1 margin compression confirmed that soft end-market demand is running through every building-product segment.
