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Thomae Lumber to Change Name to Mead Lumber

The Montana building material supplier will continue the legacy it started in 1982

Omaha, Nebraska, August 13, 2024 – Thomae Lumber, a cornerstone of the Billings and Laurel, Montana, business community since 1982, proudly announces its official name change and rebranding to Mead Lumber, effective August 15, 2024. This change marks a significant step in unifying Mead Lumber’s identity under one brand while maintaining the high standards of service and quality that customers have come to expect.

Started in 1982 in Billings and Laurel, Montana, by Paul Thomae, Sr., Thomae Lumber quickly established itself as a leader in the central Montana area, known for its commitment to customer satisfaction. In 2007, the company was acquired by Mead Lumber, a leading building materials supplier, with 53 locations in nine states.

In 2023, Mead Lumber underwent a comprehensive rebranding effort, aiming to add consistency to all the business units under Mead Lumber. This renaming initiative reflects the company's dedication to delivering a cohesive brand experience.

Despite the name change, customers can rest assured that the core values and high standards of service will remain unchanged. The same team that has served the community for decades will continue to do so with the same level of dedication and expertise.

“Rebranding as Mead Lumber allows us to align more closely with our identity while continuing to provide the exceptional service our customers have come to rely on,” said Dave Anderson, President and CEO of Mead Lumber. “We are excited to embark on this new chapter in Billings and Laurel, and look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with our community.”

To celebrate this milestone, Mead Lumber will hold a series of renaming events scheduled for August 15, 2024. The festivities will commence at 10:00 AM at the Laurel, Montana, location, with a ribbon cutting, presentation of a plaque recognizing the history of Thomae Lumber, and refreshments. There will then be a similar ceremony at 3:00 PM at the Billings, Montana location.

About Mead Lumber

Mead Lumber is a 100% Employee Owned company that has become one of the leaders in the building materials industry, ranking in the top 12 nationally for companies serving Professional Builders. Mead Lumber now has 53 locations in Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming, including six truss and wall panel manufacturing plants and a countertop manufacturing facility. Mead Lumber specializes in providing a complete line of materials to builders and homeowners including lumber, building materials, trusses & wall panels, millwork, kitchen cabinets and countertops, siding, decking, windows, doors and hardware.

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