

Stan Cooper
Director of Logistics
Co-Manager Mills River Brewery
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

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EDUCATION:

Stan Cooper graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Sciences.

HISTORY:

Upon graduation, Stan entered a management program at a large agricultural real estate firm in Southern California where he directed businesses in California and Colorado. In 1984, he transitioned into the beer industry where he managed residual grain programs for large breweries. His work involved directing the movement and sale of over 700 tons of grain per day. Over the next ten years he became interested in the craft beer industry and by 1994, he was working with most of the craft brewers in Northern California. In 2005, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. hired Stan to be Director of Logistics.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Stan is responsible for Sierra Nevada's purchasing of over 30,000 tons of Malt per year, shipments of malt to the two breweries and delivery of an average of 210,000 cases of beer per week to distributors around the world. He restructured the breweries' malt delivery system from truck to rail transportation, manages the building and operations of the trans-load facilities to the final destination at the breweries' silos. This project reduced the carbon footprint by 40% from previous over the road methods.

At the other end of the brewing process, the Logistics Department delivers the finest quality beer to over 370 distributors across the United States and to four countries overseas. Stan, along with the logistics department, also oversees Sierra Nevada's fleet of trucks and drivers that deliver beer throughout the state of California. In 2011, Stan spearheaded the site selection process for an expansion brewery for the eastern region of the United States. Five years later, the Mills River, North Carolina brewery is complete. Stan acts as Co-Manager of this facility.

INTERESTS:

Stan has a keen interest in outdoor activities. He enjoys hiking and backpacking with his family in the Northern Sierra Nevada Mountains (now Appalachian Mountains). Stan is also an avid motorcycle rider and can frequently be found enjoying the scenery on mountain roads.