

Certified Logging Professional

Landowner Observations (L O)

Line Item Explanations



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We thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey. Our intentions are to get the landowners' perspectives on logging throughout the State. The confidential information you provide CLP will help direct the curriculum development committee towards topics of concern for improvement. Woodlot owners play a crucial role in the success of the forest industry. Your opinions are greatly valued and will help tremendously in finding new logger training topics that will hopefully help maintain a healthy, more robust forest, which will continuously provide for the people of Maine.

Providing your or logger's name is optional. We are simply looking for areas that need improvement in the forest industry.

The first five questions are pretty straight forward. The three highlighted sections, however, (Safety, Quality, and Production / Efficiency) can be more subjective. What one sees as acceptable might not be for another. The key is to answer honestly. We will compile the information and develop curriculum addressing the issues.

Following is a list of explanations for each observation. Hopefully this will help clarify some of the terminology used in the logging industry. Not all line items need to be completed. Although, brief comments for the items you checked are helpful to address future training.

Your continued two-way conversations with workers in the logging sector are crucial to the success of the industry. Forwarding this L O to CLP is just another way to relay information to help assure the industry's continued improvement.

SAFETY

- PPE appropriate: Employee is wearing the required PPE for the task at hand for protection from associated hazards; helmet, safety glasses, ear plugs or muffs, high-vis vest, gloves, chaps (if chainsaw is used), steel toe boots
- Equipment in good condition Tools and equipment used by personnel is in compliance under the manufacturer's recommendations, all safety features in place, operator protection, brakes, window & doors, seatbelt, steps & hand holds, no oil leaks on machine, etc.
- Correct procedure used: Operator follows directions as defined in Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on file. Employees follow the procedures they provided for extraction of the trees.
- Bystanders kept at a safe distance: Depending on the task, are precautions taken to reduce risk of injury, ex. Outside personnel, visitors, etc., are kept at a safe distance (two tree lengths) from moving equipment, road signs or cones are used if equipment is located along roadway (ex. loaders, delimeter, etc.)
- Appropriate speed followed: No personnel running on the job site. Equipment operators appear to be using reasonable speed around other equipment and/or outside personnel, in the forest, at the landing, on the road (with equipment and/or vehicles).
- Fluid spills (if any) handled properly: All hazardous products are used, stored, and disposed according to manufacturer's recommendations; no oil leaks

QUALITY

- Local/State/Fed regulation followed: Regulations from various agencies are followed, ex. OSHA, MFS, DEP, LUPC, IF&W, etc. (harvesting, water quality, riparian zones, etc.)
- House Keeping: As you drive on site, you see no trash (everything is picked up); service trailer, machines, and vehicles are clean to prevent safety, environmental, & fire hazards; equipment parked in line and separated; etc.
- Water bodies protected: Best Management Practices (BMP's) are used on worksite. (ex. measures for controlling water on roads, landings, trails, riparian zones, water crossings, etc.)
- Roads well maintained: Roads are maintained when needed, free of logging debris (branches, wood ends, logs, trees, etc.),
- Condition of lot during harvest: Roads, yards, main & spur trails are set up in ways that help reduce tree damage (top, bole, stem), and ground damage (minimal rutting). Operators are careful at trying to cause unnecessary damage with equipment.
- Condition of lot after harvest: No leaning trees or damaged trees on site. Slash distributed away from roads, used for BMPs, or biomass. Trail rutting repaired. Yards and ditches are clear for aesthetics and BMP's.

PRODUCTION / EFFICIENCY

- Work well organized / flows: A systematic approach to work at hand that will allow following tasks to flow and meet the final objective. (Ex. Delimber places tops used for mud reduction in trails so grapple can easily grab. Tops are not just dropped in a pile.)
- Supervision appropriate: Supervisors are regularly on site to check on safety, quality, and progress of the harvest.
- Communications between all parties: Participating parties (ex. landowner, forester, contractor, supervisor, logger, and/or trucker) are constantly communicating, following chain of command, to assure the objectives are met in most feasible manner possible.
- Harvest completed on time: Unless there were unforeseen weather or market conditions, harvest was completed within the time frame provided by the contractor. All products were delivered. Job site closed out with BMPs in place, and all equipment is off site.
- Satisfied with payment process: Payment of all marketed products made in full.
- Reaction of public: General public's perception on the harvest. What did they like or dislike about the harvest operation, site, etc.



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SAMPLE



Date: 2/24/2014

Optional - Landowner Name(s): _____

Harvest Location (Town): T10 R10

Answer to the best of your knowledge, leave unanswered if uncertain.

- Type of harvest system used: Cable Skidder; Feller buncher; Processor; Chipper
- Forester assisted in harvest: Yes No
- Do you have a written contract: Yes No
- Landowners' objectives were met: Yes No
- Would you recommend this logger: Yes No

Observations	Satisfied	Not Sure	Unsatisfied	Comments
SAFETY				
Personal Protective Equipment used	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	employees always had their helmets
Equipment in good condition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	machines well maintained
Correct procedure used	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester cared for the job, he knows more about logging
Bystanders kept at safe distance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	went on job twice, was told to observe at a distance
Appropriate speed followed	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	I thought machines moved fast but they might be OK
Fluid spills (if any) handled properly	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester cared for the job
QUALITY				
Local/State/Fed regulation followed	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester cared for the job
Good Housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	they left branches in road at night
Water bodies protected	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester said water was clear during the time of harvest
Roads well maintained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	roads were maintained but branches left night caused issues
Condition of lot during harvest	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester cared for the job, OK when I went over
Condition of lot after harvest	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	walked the lot and everything looked OK
PRODUCTION / EFFICIENCY				
Work well organized / flows	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester seemed to think they are organized
Supervision appropriate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	contractor operated delimeter to oversee woods and trucking
Communications between all parties	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	forester cared for the job
Harvest completed on time	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	everything was done two weeks early
Satisfied with payment process	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	received final check in two weeks after harvest was done
Reaction of public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	neighbors complained about branches in road and AM noise

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