

## WCLA Master Logger Program

The Master Logger Program (MLP) is a voluntary education program that accredits individuals and the company they represent. The MLP was designed to further educate loggers and other harvest related businesses about sustainable forestry, safety, forest practices, business management and forest management. Through continuing education, loggers and others are committing to advancing professionalism for themselves and the industry. The MLP program is targeted to reach business owners, foremen, supervisors and small private tree farm owners.

### What is a MLP?

A master logging professional is a logger who has completed the Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) training curriculum.

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## Who is SFI®?

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable forest management. Currently, over 300 million acres of responsibly managed forests are certified to the SFI Forest Management Standard, with millions more acres positively impacted by the SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard.

The SFI Standard has 13 principles to enhance forest health, protect biological diversity, and clean water to name just a few. The WCLA Master Logger Program (MLP) meets the SFI Qualified Logger Professional (QLP) program requirements.

Why certify? Many consumers are asking for their products to be produced from sustainable sources.

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## There are two levels of MLP

### Master Logger

An individual working for a company who has completed the full curriculum of the WCLA Master Logger Program (MLP). A MLP must complete 8 hours of continuing education in each subsequent year.

### On-Site Supervisor

An individual who is directly supervised by a company's Master Logger and has completed the WCLA segment on Forest Practices and first aid training. This shortened course emphasizes the practical application of the Forest Practice Rules and Best Management Practices on the ground. An On-Site Supervisor must complete 4 hours of continuing education each year.



## Benefits of MLP Status

There are many benefits to becoming a MLP:

- The WCLA MLP training includes topics on logging business management, silviculture, ecology, WA State Forest Practices and Best Management Practices (BMPs), safety and worker's compensation.
- The WA SIC is a supporter of the WCLA Master Logger Program and SFI Program Participants give preference to MLPs. Most large timberlands owners are SFI Program Participants.
- The MLP status gives you a certificate of professionalism when dealing with private landowners.
- Through the WASIC, there is a memorandum of understanding between states in the Pacific Northwest. This means a MLP in WA can work temporarily in OR, ID, MT, Central Rockies and CA as a MLP logger.

## Washington State SFI Implementation Committee (WASIC)

Most states have implementation committees working under the guidelines of SFI. Committees are made up of SFI Program Participants and other interested stakeholders.

The mission of the Washington State SFI Implementation Committee (WASIC) is to promote and foster an understanding of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and to promote sustainable forestry practices on all forestlands in the state.

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