

WASHINGTON STATE SFI IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

EXCEPTIONAL LOGGING CONTRACTOR



NOMINATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Washington State Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Implementation Committee (SIC) is accepting nominations for ***Exceptional Logging Contractor*** recognition.

The mission of the Washington State SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) is to recognize outstanding logging contractor performance. It is our goal to increase the visibility of competent Qualified Logging Professionals while encouraging peers to emulate the outstanding performance of the “Exceptional Logging Contractor”. The WA-SIC is dedicated to fostering the relationship between the forester, logger and landowner by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned harvest.

Minimum Requirement for Nomination

1. Nominee must be a qualified logging professional from a program recognized by the WA SIC.
2. Nominee must operate within Washington State in the year nominated.
3. Nominee must be in good standing with state regulating agencies.
4. Nominee must be nominated or co-sponsored by a WA SIC member.
5. Nomination Form **must be typed** and submitted with a signature (form is a fillable PDF).
Please be specific in detailing nominee’s qualifications. Return all three pages of form for consideration.
Note: Nomination can be e-mailed as long as it includes verifiable signatures.

Nominations must be submitted and received prior to December 31st in the year of the nomination. Nominations will be presented to WA SIC Members for review prior to the first full meeting of the calendar year with selection to be made at the first meeting of the year (usually February). Recognition of the successful nominee(s) will occur by the second WA SIC meeting (usually June). The successful nominee(s) will receive a plaque in addition to being recognized on the WA SIC web page, along with a news release detailing the recognition.

Submit nominations for consideration by December 31st to:

Rick Hanson, WA SIC Sub-committee Chair
Exceptional Logging Contractor Nomination
1274 S. Boise Rd.
Kettle Falls, WA 99114
509-738-3254
RickHanson@BC.com

Electronic application forms are available on the Washington SIC website: www.wasfi.org

The core priorities for the Washington SIC are to:

- Establish criteria and identify delivery mechanisms for contractor (e.g. logger) and forester training
- Establish protocols for addressing inconsistent practices
- Focus landowner outreach efforts on education and technical assistance
- Focus public outreach efforts on increasing SFI program recognition and support among local opinion leaders and forestry professionals • Protect the integrity of the SFI program
- Support the efforts of state and federal agencies to report harvest and regeneration statistics.



WASHINGTON STATE SFI® Implementation Committee

EXCEPTIONAL LOGGING CONTRACTOR NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Contact Name:

Business Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION (WA SIC MEMBER)

Contact Name:

Signature

Business Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Contact Name:

Signature

Business Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Email:

AWARD OBJECTIVES

- Recognize outstanding logging contractor performance.
- Increase the visibility of competent Qualified Logging Professional contractors.
- Encourage peers to emulate the outstanding performance of award winners
- Improve forester-logger-landowner relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned timber harvest.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

- Candidate must be a qualified logging professional from a program recognized by the WASIC.
- Candidate must operate within Washington State in the year nominated.
- Candidate must be in good standing with state regulating agencies.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Please return nominations by December 31st to:

Rick Hanson, WA SIC Sub-Committee Chair
Exceptional Logging Contractor
Nomination
1274 S. Boise Rd.
Colville, WA 99141

Contact:
Office: 509-738-3254
Email: RickHanson@BC.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Is the nominee a Qualified Logging Professional? (certification date, proof...)

OPERATIONS:

of Employees:

% of Trained Employees:

What training or qualifications do the employees have?
(education, certification, safety training, managerial skills training, etc.)

Describe nominee's major harvesting and transportation equipment mix.
Be sure to include appearance of the equipment.

Describe the relationship and include any comments from landowners who had timber harvested by the nominee:

In 100 words or less, why does this nominee deserve the *Exceptional Logging Contractor* award?

AREAS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION:

Your nomination should include information about how the nominee excels in the following five areas which address *Safety, Timber Harvesting Operations, Business Management, Community Involvement, and Other Information*. These issues should be answered in narrative form. The checklist below with statements and questions under each of the following areas is provided for your *consideration* when making your nomination. **You are not expected to address all of questions in the narrative and they are by no means all-inclusive. Please limit the narratives to one half page (12pt single spaced) for each subject area.**

SECTION 1 - SAFETY		
Yes	No	Does the nominee and his/her employees:
		a. Have a good safety record for the previous 5 years. PLEASE PROVIDE MORE DETAIL IN THE NARRATIVE.
		b. Have established harvesting and transportation safety standards/regulations/practices? (IS IT A WRITTEN POLICY?) Yes No
		c. Enforce these standards/regulations/practices?
		d. Personally adhere to these standards/regulations/practices?
		e. Use personal protective equipment while on the job?
		f. Provide safety training for employees?
		g. Have any safety features or modifications on harvesting/transportation equipment?
		h. Prepared for: Fire Prevention and Response & Spill Prevention and Response
		i. Provide safety incentives to employees (i.e. bonus for number of hours of safe work, etc.)? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
SECTION 2 - TIMBER HARVESTING OPERATIONS		
Yes	No	Does the nominee and his/her employees:
		a. Follow the Sustainable Forestry Initiative including any other forest certification scheme guidelines? Percentage of accredited trained personnel (QLP) employed?%
		b. Follow a written harvesting plan on all tracts? Submit Emergency Plan for each harvest setting (i.e. contacts, ingress, egress, helipad locations...)? Please attach an example if available.
		c. Demonstrate understanding of harvest permit requirements and adhere to all Forest Practice Rules and permit requirements for timber harvesting?
		d. Plan, construct, and retire landings and road systems in accordance with Washington DNR Forest Practice Rules - IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		e. Provide BMP training for operators?
		f. Contact WA DNR FP Forester when questions and issues arise on site? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		g. Maximize the utilization of the trees?
		h. Take into account aesthetics when timber harvesting?
		i. Clean up landings daily and at job completion (i.e. trash, empty buckets, reshape roads, clean ditches, clear culverts etc.)?
		j. Demonstrate awareness of endangered species?
		k. Protect soils during harvest?
		l. Self regulate operations in inclement weather? (i.e. to reduce sediment delivery; to reduce fire hazard; etc.)
SECTION 3 - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT		
Yes	No	Does the nominee and his/her employees:
		a. Carry the following insurance for himself or herself:
		Workers Compensation? Health Insurance? Life Insurance? General Liability? Disability Insurance (L&I)?
		b. Carry the following insurance for employees:
		Workers Compensation? Health Insurance? Disability Insurance (L&I)? Life Insurance
		c. Demonstrate sound business practices?
		d. Use written contracts when purchasing or cutting and hauling timber?
		e. Have a scheduled maintenance program for equipment? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		f. Have a good payroll and bookkeeping system? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		g. Incorporate or have awareness of emerging technologies
SECTION 4 - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT		
Yes	No	Does the nominee and his/her employees:
		a. Have any affiliation within business and/or civic community groups? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		b. Actively participate in any national, state or local association that promotes timber harvesting? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
		c. Present logging/harvesting information in the community where he/she operates? IF YES, DESCRIBE IN THE NARRATIVE.
SECTION 5 - OTHER INFORMATION		
Yes	No	Does the nominee and his/her employees:
		a. Have any previous awards?
		b. Have any family involvement in the business?
		c. Have a procedure for handling referrals for forest management assistance?
		e. Participate in charitable fundraising activities?
		f. Hold any leadership positions within the community or association memberships?

NARRATIVE

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