



WISCONSIN MASTER LOGGER CERTIFICATION

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2015 GREEN TIER REPORT

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PROGRAM STATUS

Total Current Wisconsin Master Loggers	52
Number of Master Loggers no longer in the program.....	3
Total Number of New Applicants	1
Master Loggers that hold Chain of Custody group certificate membership.....	16
Master Loggers recertified in 2015.....	16

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Work to pursue potential benefits for Master Loggers through the DNR continued in 2015. At this point there is nothing substantive on the horizon.
- Paul DeLong and Quinn Williams, Chief State Forester and DNR Legal Counsel, spoke at the annual Master Logger meeting in Green Bay in April, 2015.
- The Master Logger grant was eliminated from the state budget in July, 2015. This will severely limit the program in the future. Annual dues and SFI grant funding are currently the only funding sources for the Master Logger Program.
- One of the things that the DNR grant kept functioning was the Master Logger FSC® Chain of Custody (COC) Program. With the grant being eliminated, the three major pulp mills that had received Master Logger COC wood were approached about funding the COC program. Expera Specialty Solutions agreed to pay the Master Logger Program \$0.30/ton for every Master Logger COC ton of wood delivered to one of their mills. To date this system has worked very well.
- Improved working relationship with DNR foresters.
- Secura Insurance offers a 20% discount to Master Loggers on liability insurance coverage.
- Washburn County offers payment incentives for Master Loggers by offering Master Loggers 30-day payment terms without proof of bond.
- Marketing tool for private landowners. Gives them assurance of harvesting done to an accepted and recognized standard.
- Program has functioned as an arbitrator on complaints.
- WIMLC website for marketing, information, and outreach (wimlc.com).
- The Master Logger Program has been invited to participate in several meetings/committees.
 - Cooperating Forester Meeting
 - Governor’s Council on Forestry and its various subcommittees
 - Wisconsin SFI State Implementation Committee
 - Wisconsin Stewardship Committee
 - Private Lands Management Team
 - Silviculture Guidance Team
 - DMAP Advisory Committee
 - Steam and Wetland Crossing Working Group
 - Oak Harvesting Guidelines Review Committee
 - Wood Turtle Incidental Take Committee

PROGRAM CHANGES/UPDATES

Complaints:

No complaints were received during the reporting period.