

GEORGIA MASTER TIMBER HARVESTER WORKSHOP

AGENDA

Presented by:

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Day 1-Agenda

8:00 Welcome, Anti-Trust Statement, Introductions

ENVIRONMENTAL MODULE

Objective: To allow loggers to become conversant on forestry topics and issues, and to gain a greater appreciation of how their actions affect forest sustainability and vice versa.

8:15 **Principles of Sustainable Forestry and the SFI® Program**

Define the importance of sustainable forestry, its history over time, and emerging concerns for the environment globally

9:15 **Forest Stewardship: Conservation and Regeneration**

Understand sustainable forest management in light of landowner needs and wishes

10:15 BREAK

10:30 **Harvest Planning**

Understand the importance of planning in successful timber harvest activities

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 **Wildlife and Endangered Species**

Gain an understanding of the timber harvester's responsibilities toward wildlife, their habitats, and their dependence on sustainable forests

2:00 **Invasive Species**

Raise awareness of current forest health issues and how these impact sustainable forestry.

3:00 BREAK

3:15 **Georgia's Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Forestry**

Understand the forestry BMPs and their implementation in timber harvesting, for the protection of water and soil resources

5:00 ADJOURN

Note to Participants: Lunches and refreshment breaks are provided

Day 2-Agenda

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MODULE

Objective: *To provide loggers with the knowledge and business skills necessary to ensure economic sustainability.*

8:00 **Employment Laws and Regulations**

Review of federal and state laws & regulations that may affect logging businesses

8:30 **Managing a Logging Business**

Understand management roles and responsibilities, and the importance of communication in successful businesses

9:15 **Public Policy and Outreach**

Understand the effect of political & public policy, and active engagement, on forest management and timber harvesting

10:00 BREAK

10:15 **Emerging Technologies**

Current status of emerging technologies and markets such as bioenergy

11:00 **Forest Products Trucking Rules & Regulations**

Understand the importance of Commercial Motor Vehicle laws, and their impacts for the forest products industry

12:00 LUNCH

SAFETY MODULE

Objective: *To understand the legal requirements, and economic & social benefits of a safe and healthy workplace.*

1:00 **OSHA Logging Standard**

Understand and comply with OSHA laws to protect worker safety

2:00 **Hazardous Chemical Spill Prevention & Control** *-(FRA Video)*

2:15 BREAK

2:30 **Loss Control**

Enhance the productivity and profitability of your logging business

3:30 **Master Timber Harvester Program Requirements**

Review Master Timber Harvester program renewal requirements and procedure

3:45 **Course Evaluation and Awards**

4:00 ADJOURN

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