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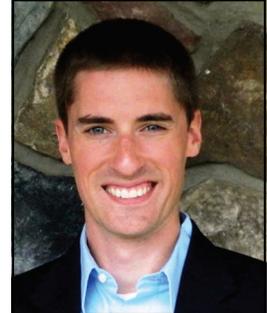
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The Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® State Implementation Committee

Introducing....

I want to start this summer's newsletter off by introducing myself as the new Program Manager for the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative®. It is tremendously exciting, and at the same time incredibly humbling, to be offered the position and I really look forward to doing lots of great things with the loggers, foresters, landowners, and forest products companies across the state.



Originally from the little river town of Milton, Pennsylvania, I am a 2002 graduate of Penn State with a Forest Science degree, and have a M.S. degree in Forest Operations from the University of Maine. For the last 2 years I worked in Texas as a Water Resources Forester with the Texas Forest Service. My primary responsibility was to partner with the landowners, land managers, foresters, and forest products mills across the East Texas Piney Woods to promote the protection of water resources through Best Management Practices. This was often accomplished through SFI® sponsored workshops, so I worked closely with the state's Implementation Committee and Logger Training Task Force. I look forward to bringing some of this experience with me in managing the PA SFI® program.

Of course, every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. My appointment marks the end of Nate Fice's time as Program Manager, and he will certainly be missed. He has moved on to a position in the Bureau of Forestry at the Loyalsock State Forest. I have had the pleasure to get to know Nate some over the last few weeks. His contributions to the program over his short 2-year tenure are nothing short of tremendous. His leadership and innovation during challenging financial times has helped to streamline program operations while still maintaining the integrity and high level of service that everyone has come to expect from the PA SFI® program. I am incredibly thankful to be handed a program in such great shape, given the many challenges it has been through over the last few years. Nate has graciously shown me the ropes and continues to answer my frequent questions.

As we move forward in this transition it is my hope that there will only be a minimum number of immediate changes of which you need to be aware. The most important is the relocation of the PA SFI® office from Nate's house in Sayre to a more centralized location in Bellefonte, PA. Please note the new contact information in this newsletter. I would also encourage you to keep an eye on our website (www.sfiopa.org) as we continue to upgrade its content and develop it as a convenient one-stop shop for information and materials related to the PA SFI®.

Lastly, I want to say that we continue to be thankful for the countless contributions of all those who sponsor, support, and participate in the PA SFI® program. Your commitment to sustainable forest management makes what we do possible. As we continue to move ahead I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts on how we can continue to progress the PA SFI® program.

Chuck Coup
Program Manager

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Reminder - Logger Training Requirements

The Block 2 Training Schedule and Course Registration form are included as an insert in this newsletter. They can also be downloaded on our website, www.sfiopa.org. The training schedule is subject to change so please visit the website to view the most updated information. Pre-registration and payment is required for all courses.

As we head into the upcoming Training Block, I want to briefly remind you of changes to the Core Training requirements that took effect at the beginning of this year (Effective 01/01/2012):

- Core training now consists of **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials** (8 hours), **Game of Logging – Level 1** (8 hours), and proof of current **First Aid & Adult CPR certification** that meets OSHA logging standards.
- If you started your PA SFI® training within the last 2-years by completing either Environmental Logging, or Logging Safety, you will only be required to attend the Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials class within the 2-year period and provide proof of First Aid/CPR certification to receive your training card. You will not have to take GOL - Level 1.
- If you have taken GOL - Level 1 any time in the past and can provide proof of attendance (GOL certificate), you will have satisfied that Core requirement.
- First Aid/CPR can be taken locally through the Red Cross, EMS, or another organization. "On-line" certification courses do not meet OSHA Logging standards.
- If you have or have had a valid PA SFI® Training Card in the last 5 years, **you can attend the Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials class for CE credit**, and if you have not taken GOL - Level 1 within the last 5 years, **you can also attend one of the GOL - Level 1 classes listed on the training schedule for CE credit.**
- First Aid/CPR recertification does **not** qualify for CE credit.
- Continuing Education Credit is limited to 3 years from the current calendar year regardless of the number of training hours attended.
- Continuing Education Credit is not available for the same program taken within the last 5 years.

The list of "Current Cardholders" and individuals whose cards expired in the last 5 years can be found on the website under "Logger Training." A complete copy of the training program policy can also be found on the website, or by contacting the PA SFI® office.

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Upcoming PA 2012 Timber Product Output Survey

The DCNR Bureau of Forestry will conduct a Timber Product Output (TPO) Survey of PA sawmills beginning January 2013. Survey information will be used to create a more useful picture of timber harvested and products produced during 2012 by Pennsylvania's forest products industry.

This mill survey helps answer the question of what happens to trees harvested from Commonwealth forests and sent to the sawmill. We have a good understanding of the condition of our State's standing forests; however, there is a lack of understanding of the demand for wood products on forest supply and how this demand is likely to change over time.

The TPO Survey helps forest managers and the forest industry evaluate trends in forest product removals, availability of forest resources, and harvest intensity. It will also provide information to landowners and consulting foresters about potential market opportunities for timber. Timber markets declined several years ago in response to the broader economic recession; however, the extent of this decline is not well understood.

The Bureau gathered this information in the past, but suspended the surveys around twenty years ago. The current goal is to once again gather this information once every 2 years. The Bureau's service foresters are preparing to begin visiting mills in their respective service counties beginning January 2013.

For questions regarding the upcoming 2012 TPO Survey, please contact :

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Logging Safety

This summer, there have been many unfortunate reminders of how dangerous the logging profession can be. Tragic reports of a 46-year-old logger killed in Blair County, a 60-year-old in Venango County, and another logger killed in Huntington County serve as sobering reminders of the high level of danger faced by loggers and underscore the importance of safety in the logging profession.

To help ensure the safety of yourself and your logging crew, remember to follow the safety procedures in the OSHA regulations that apply to logging operations; conduct safety inspections, trainings, and reviews with your crew; inspect and maintain your equipment to keep it in good working order; utilize all safety and personal protective equipment; ensure that everyone's First Aid and CPR certifications are up to date; be alert for hazards; **and make safety the NUMBER ONE priority of all your operations.**

PA Team Earns Fourth Place at National 4-H Forestry Invitational

Pennsylvania placed 4th among 15 state teams that competed in the 33rd annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational from Sunday, July 22, through Thursday, July 26. Teams from Tennessee, Alabama and New York placed first, second and third respectively. The PA SFI® SIC sponsored the Pennsylvania team.

The invitational was held at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center near Weston, West Virginia. The event was sponsored by Farm Credit System, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, The Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc., Alpha Natural Resources, West Virginia University Extension Service, and the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals.



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Pennsylvania Forest Products Association 4th Annual Forest Products Executive Development Workshop

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Toftrees Resort , Conference Center and Golf Club,
One Country Club Lane, State College, PA

This event is open to anyone in the forest products industry – from loggers to secondary processors and from owner-operators to key management and sales personnel. Participants will be provided access to a list of high quality presenters that would be hard to find elsewhere.

- A national economic outlook briefing from staff of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank and a forest product sector outlook from the Forest Research Group
- A general session on strategic sales development by a nationally recognized sales consultant

- Breakout sessions to improve skills in sales, business planning and employee motivation and retention
- Following this summer’s Olympic fever, a presentation by motivational and leadership speaker John Register. Register is a Desert Storm veteran and former world class track and field star who lost his leg in a freak injury at a track meet. He overcame his adversity to medal in the Paralympic Games.

Full details on the agenda and speakers and the registration form can be obtained by contacting the PA Forest Products Association (717) 901-0420. Cost is \$175. Pre-registration is required and pre-payment requested.

This workshop can qualify as 8 hours of PA SFI® CE credit. Individuals seeking CE credit must submit a completed course registration form (available at the event), and a \$20 administrative fee (Check made payable to “PA SFI® SIC”) to the PA SFI® office address. For more details, contact the PA SFI® office.



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2012 Fall Training Schedule (As of 09/05/2012)

To avoid course cancellations, pre-registration and payment for all classes is required by the registration deadline.

CORE TRAINING :

Individuals must complete **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials, Game of Logging - Level 1**, and provide proof of current **First Aid/CPR** certification within a 2-year period to receive a PA SFI® Training Card. See the complete PA SFI® Training Program Policy at www.sfiopa.org.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ²	Register By
09/25/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Clarion	\$85	Sept. 18 th
09/26/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Youngsville	\$90 ¹	Sept. 19 th
10/09/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Smethport	\$85	Oct. 2 nd
10/16/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$90 ¹	Oct. 9 th
10/17/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$90 ¹	Oct. 10 th
10/22/12 Mon	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Williamsport	\$90 ¹	Oct. 15 th
10/23/12 Tues	9:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid & Adult CPR (4 hours)	Williamsport	\$90	Oct. 16 th
10/30/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$90 ¹	Oct. 23 rd
10/31/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Williamsport	\$85	Oct. 24 th
11/07/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$90 ¹	Oct. 30 th
11/08/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$85	Oct. 31 st
11/09/12 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Basic First Aid & Adult CPR (4 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$65	Nov. 2 nd
All Year	Basic First Aid & Adult CPR can be taken locally through the Red Cross. Visit www.redcross.org or call your local office for class listings and to register.				

¹ Individuals insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the \$90 registration fee for GOL classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.

² Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing the course. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING :

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training. See the complete PA SFI® Training Program Policy at www.sfiopa.org.

- If you have or have had a valid PA SFI® Training Card in the last 5 years, you can attend a **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials** class for CE Credit (see Core training schedule above).
- If you have **not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 within the last 5 years**, you can attend a **Game of Logging – Level 1** class for CE Credit (see Core training schedule above).

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ²	Register By
10/02/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Hardwood Log Bucking (8 hours)	Shirleysburg	\$75	Sept. 25 th
10/09/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Storm Damage Cleanup (8 hours)*	Emporium	\$90 ¹	Oct. 2 nd
10/11/12 Thurs	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Storm Damage Cleanup (8 hours)*	Williamsport	\$90 ¹	Oct. 4 th
10/23/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Williamsport	\$90 ¹	Oct. 16 th
10/24/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)**	Williamsport	\$90 ¹	Oct. 17 th
10/25/12 Thurs	12:00 p.m.	Outdoor Survival Skill for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$50	Oct. 18 th
10/30/12 Tues	11:30 a.m.	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Harrisburg	\$50	Oct. 23 rd
11/01/12 Thurs	8:30 a.m.	Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Hazelton	\$50	Oct. 25 th
11/01/12 Thurs	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Hazelton	\$50	
11/07/12 Wed	8:30 a.m.	Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Howard	\$50	Oct. 31 st
11/07/12 Wed	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Howard	\$50	
11/09/12 Thurs	1:00 p.m.	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Warriors Mark	\$50	Nov. 1 st
11/13/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Truck Safety, Regulations & Road Bonding (8 hours)	Williamsport	\$75	Nov. 6 th
11/13/12 Tues	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Emporium	\$90 ¹	Nov. 6 th
11/14/12 Wed	8:00 a.m.	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)**	Emporium	\$90 ¹	Nov. 7 th
11/16/12 Fri	8:00 a.m.	Truck Safety, Regulations & Road Bonding (8 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$75	Nov. 9 th

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* Students wishing to take Storm Damage Cleanup must have already completed GOL-1 and GOL-2

** Students wishing to take GOL-3 must have completed GOL-2 at least 1 month prior to the course date

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING :

The following events are organized by outside groups, and qualify for CE credit. Participants wanting CE credit must submit proof of course attendance and a check for \$20 made payable to PA SFI® SIC for administrative costs. Contact the course sponsor to register.

Course Date	Time	Course Name	Location	Cost ²	Register By
09/18-20/12		2012 FRA Joint Meeting – FRA App. Region & App. Forest Products Security Group (8 hours); St. Marys; http://www.forestresources.org/pdf/FRA-AR2012fmgReg.pdf ***			
09/25/12 Tues		4 th Annual Forest Products Executive Development Workshop (8 hours); State College; \$175; Contact PFFA at 717-901-0420 to register.			
All Year		Visit http://paforeststewards.cas.psu.edu/associations.html and click on Calendar for various training opportunities or call your local PSU Ext. Office.			
All Year		Game of Logging Training - Contact Kevin Snyder Logging, Pleasantville, PA (814) 589-5231 for GOL training opportunities.			
All Year		Visit http://nrrex.cas.psu.edu/PAForestWeb/ - PA Forest Web Seminars - Live Broadcasts only - Contact the PA SFI office for more details. 888-734-9366			

² Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing the course. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.

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2012 Fall Course Registration Form

- Registration fees are **non-refundable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- For a full description of the PA SFI® Training Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org or contact the PA SFI® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)				
Home Mailing Address:				
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2012 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed within 2 years. The core level courses are intended to provide a basic level of knowledge from which to expand an individual's professional development through continuing education.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** – Part one focuses on recognizing and negating hazards that timber harvesting operations encounter daily. It includes modules covering equipment safety, truck safety and an overview of OSHA regulations applicable to logging. Part 2 focuses on the Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plan required by Chapter 102, understanding Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Laws, permits a logger may need when working near streams and wetlands, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and the importance of harvesting aesthetics, job layout, and planning.
- **Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)** - focuses on introducing the participant to the "open face" felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength.
- **First Aid/CPR (4 hours)** - The focus of this program is on First Aid and Adult CPR training that meets OSHA Logging requirements and American Red Cross (or equivalent) certification. Training can also be taken locally through the Red Cross, EMS, Hospital, etc.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One(1) year of CE credit is given for each four(4) hours of training. CE credit awarded (Training Card Expiration Date) is limited to three(3) years from current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period. Continuing Education courses are intended to give training in specific subject areas and provide for an individual's professional development.

- **Hardwood Log Bucking Improvement (8 hours)** – This program is designed to integrate field, classroom and computer simulation techniques to teach better log bucking decisions. The goal is to increase the value and quality of hardwood logs by improving the log bucking skills of timber harvesters and yard workers.
- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. **Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling. **Level 3** focuses on directional felling trees with heavy side-lean and back-lean through the use of wedges and safe/productive limbing and bucking. Levels must be completed consecutively. Individuals completing Level 2 must wait at least 1 month before taking Level 3. **Storm Damage Cleanup** (GOL Levels 1 & 2 required as a prerequisite for this class.) provides saw users a number of "tools for the tool box" to be pulled out when they best fit. Techniques covered in this class include; Limb-Loc, Top-Loc, Tongue & Groove, Axle Cut, Axle-Loc, Notch Bucking & Directional Notch Bucking and more.
- **Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)** – This course covers various aspects of dealing with outdoor survival situations. A major emphasis is placed on being prepared for unexpected emergencies and preventing hypothermia. Items to have with you, compass and map skills, and shelter/fire building techniques are among the many aspects discussed in detail. Hands on experience is provided to all participants in compass/map and fire building exercises.
- **Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)** – Developed through a cooperative program with the Wildlife Management Institute, this course discusses the importance of creating early successional forest conditions for the benefit of multiple wildlife species. Participants will learn and be given tools to identify and create habitat systems for the American Woodcock, Golden Winged Warbler, and other young forest dependent wildlife species important to forest landowners.
- **Truck Safety, Regulations & Road Bonding (8 hours)** – This course is designed for truck drivers and business owners to emphasize the importance of demonstrating safety, courtesy, and professionalism in trucking activities. Topics covered include log truck accidents, safety, vehicle inspections, special hazards, and new changes to road posting and bonding requirements in Pennsylvania.

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