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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

Logger Training During COVID-19

For most of my life I have been puzzled as to why the expression “*May you live in interesting times*” is considered to be a curse. Who wouldn’t want to live in interesting times? The opposite of “interesting” is boring, usual, familiar, dull, unstimulating, and ordinary. Interesting times seemed like the ideal. To me, the expression only appeared to be a benediction of sorts.



That all changed in March of this year, when I found myself constantly staring at news headlines with my head cocked to the side while saying “Well...that’s...interesting.” Living in these interesting times for many months now has given me a new appreciation for the expression’s ominous connotation, and the only thing I can say is “*May you live in painfully ordinary times.*”

Understandably, the whole world had to change nearly overnight to combat the global threat of COVID-19. As we know, gatherings of almost any kind had to be restricted, and our logger training program was no exception. The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee’s spring training block was set to start in only five days when we had to make the difficult decision to cancel all planned training activities.

With restrictions loosening somewhat, and understanding that training is important for loggers to stay safe, comply with environmental regulations, and meet SFI certification standards, we have worked hard over the last several months to research and devise the best ways to make training accessible to as many of our training participants that we can this fall. However, preventing the potential transmission of COVID-19 among our participants during logger training is a top priority and it is going to require that we all do things a little differently than usual.

For starters, we are offering several core and continuing education training opportunities completely online this fall. Both state and federal health officials have consistently recommended that meetings and other gatherings be conducted remotely whenever possible, so for now we are encouraging all training participants to pursue online training as their **first** option.

Our ability to offer in-person training will be very limited, and depending on mandated restrictions this fall, potentially even impossible. We are asking that only those who truly have no means of completing online training participate in our in-person training opportunities. One notable exception to this request is for first aid & CPR training programs, which still need to have a hands-on component, per OSHA Standards (refer to [29 CFR§1910.266\(i\)\(7\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-29/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-1910/section-1910.266(i)(7))).

Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials is being offered four times online, each in a two-part series, with each 4-hour session being conducted on two consecutive days. To provide added flexibility, we are offering morning (8:00 am - noon) and evening (5:00 pm to 9:00 pm) sessions. Additionally, the online classes are less than half the cost of the in-person trainings. The training will be provided as live sessions with the instructor, so participants will be required to have a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with a functioning camera, speakers, and microphone. Per our training program policy, those that have not completed Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials in the last five years can take it for continuing education credit (2 years)

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Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program

SFI (www.sfioprogram.org), is a solutions-oriented sustainability organization that collaborates on forest-based conservation and community initiatives that demonstrate and enhance our shared quality of life while providing supply chain assurances through standards, data, and authentic stories.

At the heart of the SFI Program are SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). The Pennsylvania SIC is one of 34 spread across North America that responds to local needs and issues through the SFI Program at the local level. This grassroots network is unique to the SFI Program.

The Pennsylvania SIC's purpose is to promote wise forest stewardship, enabling Pennsylvania communities to thrive through a successful forest products industry. We work hard to support business operations by training and developing the logger workforce, educating the public about the value of working forests, promoting SFI forest certification, and assisting with regulatory issues. Our alliance of deeply committed professionals from across the forestry community builds partnerships with many other conservation organizations who depend on the forest industry to advance their own missions. These relationships allow us to serve with great impact.

Learn more at www.sfiopa.org

SFI® Program Participants Supporting the PA SIC

These companies operate in Pennsylvania and are certified to be in conformance with the SFI Standard. They also provide direct involvement and financial support to the Pennsylvania SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC).

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Additionally, we are offering seven 4-hour (1 year of credit) online continuing education training sessions this fall. Again, these trainings will be provided as live sessions with the instructor, so participants will be required to have a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with a functioning camera, speakers, and microphone.

A significant benefit of our online trainings is that they can be completed right from home with no travel required. Participants can register for these classes using the enclosed registration form, or by visiting our website: www.sfiopa.org/register.

In addition to these live training sessions, the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee has approved several other online options for training participants to obtain continuing education credits. For full details on the following options please visit our website at: <https://sfiopa.org/pages/online-logger-training/>

- **SELF-PACED LOGGER TRAINING COURSES:** Self-paced online courses give training participants the flexibility to complete training when it is most convenient for them. The user is in control of what they learn, when they learn it, and where they learn it. Several self-directed training courses for loggers have been approved for continuing education (CE) credit in the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program. The courses are all free to complete, but the cost to submit credits to the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee can range from \$20 to \$84 for one (1) year of CE credit. These online continuing education programs require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with functioning speakers. Self-paced logger training courses can be accessed here: <https://sfiopa.org/pages/online-logger-training/>, or by clicking the "Online Logger Training" option on the Loggers menu of our website (www.sfiopa.org).
- **WEBINARS:** The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee recognizes and approves webinars that address topics identified by the SFI Standards and Rules for continuing education (CE). Individuals must participate in live webinars to receive CE credit. CE credit will not be approved for reviewing recorded webinars. Training program participants can submit upcoming webinars to the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee for a credit pre-approval review. A listing of pre-approved webinars, and other training, is available here: <http://sfiopa.blogspot.com/>. Note that this page does not contain a complete list and only includes the webinars that the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee has reviewed and approved for CE credit. Also be aware that most webinars are only one (1) hour long. Training participants must complete three (3) additional hours of CE credit to add one (1) year to their training expiration date (i.e. 4 hours = 1 year) per our training program policy.

As was mentioned, we will be offering a limited number of in-person training opportunities across Pennsylvania this fall. These mainly include the core training classes, and upper levels of Game of Logging for continuing education. First Aid & CPR training is being offered in Venango and Elk Counties and the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) has generously subsidized 50% of the registration fees for these classes. Again, in-person training is only being offered for those that have no means of participating in online logger training options. Spaces will be limited and filled on a first come-first-served basis. All in-person training participants will be required to sign a COVID-19 liability release waiver and follow all necessary COVID-19 precautions. Depending on the hosting location's COVID-19 protocols, this may require wearing a face covering even when maintaining a social distance of 6 feet or more. In-person training offerings are especially subject to change at any time without advanced notification. Participants can register for in-person training classes using the enclosed registration form, or by visiting our website: www.sfiopa.org/register.

Lastly, I just want to say that these are challenging and unpredictable times. We appreciate all of your patience, flexibility, and understanding.

Chuck Coup
Program Manager

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Time to Act: Support the Logger Relief Package (HR 7690 and S.4233)

The American Loggers Council (ALC) and state logging associations are supporting bipartisan legislation in the U.S. Congress that provides economic relief to timber harvesters and timber haulers impacted by COVID-19. In May of this year, the ALC proposed the "Logger Relief Package." Wood products manufacturers have reduced their consumption as a result of reduced or lost markets during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ripple effect has been a reduction in the amount of wood fiber being sourced from the forest by the small, family-owned logging and log trucking businesses.

Assuming the country's economy reopens this summer, analysts predict it could take two years for log markets to recover. This amount of time will be a significant challenge for loggers and log truckers to survive and remain whole to continue their operations. Loggers and log truckers could go out of business and the entire value supply chain could be significantly disrupted as a result. With high operating costs, diminished markets and low returns on investments, logging capacity throughout the United States could be deeply reduced and new investments into the logging sector will be limited.

In order to sustain the supply chain, the Logger Relief Package would provide a grant program for those contractors that harvested or delivered wood to various mills across the country in 2019.

Contractors would be able to apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist them with their ability to continue business operations for the next twelve months while their markets attempt to recover, much like the assistance already given to other producers of agricultural commodities.

Funds could be used for business operating expenses such as equipment loan payments, maintenance costs, consumables such as fuel and oil expenses, required insurance payments and other fixed and variable costs not already

covered in existing federal payment programs such as the Payroll Protection Program and other Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

Please urge your federal representatives to approve these measures (HR 7690 and S.4233) without delay!

ALIFT Needs Your Help

Assisting Loggers Immediately Fund Trust (ALIFT) was forced to cancel their annual golf tournament fundraiser scheduled earlier this summer due to COVID-19. This was ALIFT's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from past golf tournaments have enabled ALIFT to help the families of injured loggers by providing immediate funding that gives them "a lift" until insurance money becomes available.

ALIFT is asking for contributions of any amount to support their fund so that they can continue to be there when help is needed. The organization has helped many families over the past 4 years and they don't want to let this year's canceled fundraiser interfere with their ongoing mission.

ALIFT understands that these are challenging economic times and that it is difficult to consider contributing money to another cause, but unfortunately, logging accidents and injuries continue to occur, and families still need help.

To learn more about ALIFT visit <https://www.facebook.com/ALIFT-373765966334195/> and to make a contribution, please contact Jim Soltis at (570) 836-5825 or alifthelp@gmail.com. All contributions are tax deductible.





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PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

The Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is geared towards commercial timber harvesters; however, it is open to any individual interested in participating. Courses are offered in the spring (mid-March through mid-May) and the fall (mid-September through mid-November) at locations across Pennsylvania each year.

Learn more:

www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Register for classes:

www.sfiopa.org/register

Find SFI Qualified Logging Professionals or review your training records:

www.sfiopa.org/search



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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

2020 Walk In Penn's Woods Event Extended to All of October

With the 2020 Walk in Penn's Woods just months away the Walk in Penn's Woods Partnership wants to share their new approach to this year's event.

Because there is still a great deal of uncertainty around where Pennsylvania will be in terms of the status of the pandemic and the best ways to keep everyone safe, the event is being expanded into something with more individual options. We want to keep all our friends and partners safe, while still enabling the public to learn more about and appreciate Penn's Woods, and are working towards creative ways to do so.

The entire month of October will be a Walk in Penn's Woods! Pennsylvanians are invited to create their own woodland adventure and enjoy the woods while being socially distant, but naturally near. They can visit the Find a

Woodland Adventure page on the Walk in Penn's Woods website (<https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/>) for a growing collection of opportunities to enjoy Penn's Woods throughout the month. The site showcases a few StoryMaps, information for trails to hike in a variety of counties across the state, virtual tours of unique Penn's Woods forests, and links to State Parks and partners that are continuing to offer formal woodland adventures.

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee is proud to partner with and sponsor this annual event that encourages the public to connect with Pennsylvania's working forests and learn how our forests are working for them. We encourage others to consider supporting this worthwhile event by making a contribution to the annual fundraising campaign. The campaign ends Friday September 4th. To contribute to the Walk in Penn's Woods 2020 campaign visit:

<http://c-fund.us/s0l>



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative®

Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2020 Fall Training Schedule

ONLINE TRAINING

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the CDC and other health officials are recommending that meetings and other gatherings be conducted remotely whenever possible. As a result, The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee is offering the following discounted online training opportunities this fall. We encourage all training participants to pursue online training as their **first** option.

- These online core and continuing education classes require a high speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with a functioning camera, speakers, and microphone.
- To register for any the following online courses, please visit: www.sfiotpa.org/register

CORE

- Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years
- Both Part 1 and Part 2 must be completed to receive credit for Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials. Participants can only register for consecutive day classes.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
09/16/20	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	09/09/2020
09/17/20	Thurs 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
10/15/20	Thurs 5:00 PM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	10/08/2020
10/16/20	Fri 5:00 PM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
10/28/20	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	10/21/2020
10/29/20	Thurs 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
11/05/20	Thurs 5:00 PM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	10/29/2020
11/06/20	Fri 5:00 PM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

- One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Program Policy for complete details on training requirements: www.sfiotpa.org/requirements

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
09/22/20	Tues 8:00 AM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	09/15/2020
09/25/20	Fri 8:00 AM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	09/18/2020
10/01/20	Thurs 8:00 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)	Online	\$ 20.00	09/24/2020
10/05/20	Mon 12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	09/28/2020
10/06/20	Tues 12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	09/29/2020
10/19/20	Mon 8:00 AM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	10/12/2020
11/11/20	Wed 12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	11/04/2020

SELF-PACED ONLINE LOGGER TRAINING COURSES

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- These online continuing education classes require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with functioning speakers.
- To learn more and participate in approved self-paced online logger training courses go to: <https://sfiotpa.org/page/online-training/>

IN-PERSON TRAINING

In-person training is reserved for those that do not have the means to participate in online training courses. In-person training options are limited in the number of participants per class and frequency of offerings so please do not register if you are able to complete online training. IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ALL NECESSARY COVID19 PRECAUTIONS.

- To register for in-person courses, please visit: www.sfiotpa.org/register, or submit the registration form on the back of this page.

CORE

- Basic First Aid & Adult CPR does NOT qualify for continuing education credit
- Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging - Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
09/09/20	Wed 9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (6 hours)	Eminton (Venango County)	\$ 50.00 +	09/02/2020
09/15/20	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Hopwood (Fayette County)	\$ 95.00	09/08/2020
09/17/20	Thurs 9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (6 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00 +	09/10/2020
09/18/20	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	09/11/2020
09/18/20	Fri 9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (6 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00 +	09/11/2020
09/23/20	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 85.00	09/16/2020
09/24/20	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	09/17/2020
09/29/20	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Shirleysburg (Huntingdon County)	\$ 85.00	09/22/2020
10/08/20	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laporte (Sullivan County)	\$ 95.00	10/01/2020
10/13/20	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Elizabethville (Dauphin County)	\$ 95.00	10/06/2020
11/10/20	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Tunkhannock (Wyoming County)	\$ 85.00	11/03/2020
11/18/20	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Three Springs (Huntingdon County)	\$ 95.00	11/11/2020
11/19/20	Thurs 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Pine Grove (Schuylkill County)	\$ 85.00	11/12/2020

- ✦ Employees insured through Eastern Alliance Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your reg. form.
- ✦ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.
- ✦ Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) has generously subsidized 50% of the registration fee for this Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiopa.org/requirements.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
09/28/20 Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	09/21/2020
10/21/20 Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Waynesboro (Franklin County)	\$ 95.00	10/14/2020
10/27/20 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	State College (Centre County)	\$ 95.00	10/20/2020
11/13/20 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Brickerville (Lancaster County)	\$ 95.00	11/06/2020
* Employees insured through Eastern Alliance Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your reg. form. * Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at 570-265-7753.					

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

Additional training opportunities are available through numerous organizations across Pennsylvania and adjoining states. Training courses taken from other sources may qualify for PA SFI core or continuing education credit, provided the subject of the course is relevant to the SFI program, and if some legitimate form of documentation is provided to the PA SIC office for proof of content and attendance. Outside credits are subject to all Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program Policy requirements. To submit Non-PA SFI training credits please fill out a copy of the Non-PA SFI Course Credit Form (available on our website under "Forms" section or by contacting the PA SIC office) and send it to the PA SIC office with all necessary paperwork and a check for \$20 made payable to the "PA SFI Implementation Committee" for administrative costs. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements.

The PA SIC maintains a listing of all pre-approved Non-PA SFI CE training courses that we have been made aware of. It can be found on our website: <http://sfiopa.blogspot.com>

2020 Fall Course Registration Form

- **THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION.** For current training offerings, please visit: www.sfiopa.org
- Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferrable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Your space in a course will not be reserved until the registration fee is paid. Please do not delay in making payment or your space could be given to another participant.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- **IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS MUST AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL NECESSARY COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**
- For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC office (mark@sfiopa.org / 814-230-2866)

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:				
Home or Cell Phone: () -				
Email:				
Occupation (circle one):	Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841		Total Amount Enclosed:	
• Forester • Logger-owner • Logger-employee • Landowner • Office personnel • Truck driver • Other _____				

Class location and additional information will be sent to you when we receive your registration and payment

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed (in any order) within 2 years. Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** - Covers general safety considerations, chainsaw safety, logging equipment safety (harvesters, loaders, skidders, etc.), trucking safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards that apply to timber harvesting and related activities. Also covers pertinent aspects of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams laws and other water resource protection regulations, Best Management Practices (BMPs), hazardous material control, and logging aesthetics.
- **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. Participants need safety equipment (hard hat, chaps, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots), water, lunch, and should be prepared to spend the day outside (rain or shine). Participants are not required to provide their own chainsaw.
- **First Aid & CPR (4 hours)** - Because timber harvesting is a hazardous occupation, OSHA regulations require that everyone who works in the woods maintain current First Aid & CPR training from a provider who can issue a certificate or a card as documentation of hands on training (i.e. no online certifications will be accepted). Individuals do not need to complete this training through the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program; however, they must provide proof of First Aid & CPR certification to receive their initial training card (we cannot accept the MSHA 5000-23 form as satisfaction of this requirement). Course duration varies by instructor. **DOES NOT COUNT FOR CE CREDIT.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of CE training completed. CE credits can only extend your card date a maximum of three (3) years from the current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. **They MUST be taken in order. 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 handling difficult trees. Topics covered include limbing, wedging techniques and hinge placement. This training is conducted in the field.
- **Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)** - This course examines wild birds and mammals found in Pennsylvania with a specific emphasis on the habitat needs of white-tailed deer, black bears and wild turkeys. Included will be segments on identifying wildlife foods, tracks, other sign and calls. The legacy of Pennsylvania's premier wildlife artist, the late Ned Smith, will also be covered.
- **PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)** - A comprehensive course on Pennsylvania wildlife that are at risk for a variety of reasons. Causes for population declines and restoration efforts for several species will be highlighted. Information on the status of state and federal threatened endangered species and potential impacts on timber harvesting will be included.
- **Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)** - This workshop discusses Pennsylvania's environmental regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest.

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