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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

Program Update

Implementation Committee Welcomes New Director of Outreach and Development

We are excited to announce that Doty McDowell has been named the new Director of Outreach and Development for the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee. In this capacity, Doty will be instrumental in strengthening our existing partnerships, forging new collaborations, and expanding our outreach initiatives.

Doty spent most of his professional career working for the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) where he held titles as a Surveyor Technician, Wildlife Conservation Officer, Land Management Group Supervisor and the Information and Education Supervisor for the Northcentral Region. After retirement from the PGC he was the Habitat Manager and Field Director for the Keystone Elk Country Alliance.

Having worked for 36 years in conservation, Doty is ready for the next challenge. "I'm both excited and humbled by this opportunity. I believe that my entire career path has prepared me for this new undertaking. I look forward to hitting the road and meeting our contributors, while also delivering a consistent message that promotes responsible forestry practices and environmental stewardship through the principles of the SFI standards."



Implementation Committee Enters New Cooperative Agreement with the Pennsylvania Game Commission

On July 25th the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC) and the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) entered into a three-year cooperative agreement that provides support and recognition to the Implementation Committee's efforts that bolster the PGC's mission and programming.

The PGC partnership recognizes the valuable education and outreach the PA SIC provides professional loggers that are integral to completing forest habitat management work on State Game Lands. The Commission also recognizes the PA SIC's sustainable forestry outreach to Pennsylvania citizens that utilize PGC forest lands or who own private forestlands that host critical wildlife habitat.

Through the agreement, the PGC will make PGC facilities and State Game Land areas suitable for training or organization meetings available to PA SFI and will provide funding support to conduct training and outreach.



(left to right): Chuck Coup, Program Manager, Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee; Bryan Burhans, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission; Paul Weiss, Forestry Division Chief, Pennsylvania Game Commission

Bryan Burhans, Executive Director of the PGC stated "Forestry is our primary tool for enhancing wildlife habitat on Pennsylvania's State Game Lands. Logging is a dangerous career, and the work that Pennsylvania's SFI Implementation Committee does within their Qualified Logging Professional training is important, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission wants to do our part in ensuring the safety of not only loggers on State Game Lands, but across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

"In many aspects, the objectives of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee are indistinguishable, and our efforts absolutely complement one another," said Doty McDowell, Outreach and Development Director for the PA SIC. "We have been very fortunate to have the PGC represented on our Implementation Committee for several years now, and we welcome the concrete recognition, support, and collaboration this new agreement provides."

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.sfiopfpa.org

SFI®-Certified Organizations 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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Domtar Corporation
Forest Investment Associates
Georgia-Pacific, LLC
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Jamestown, LP
Manulife Investment Management
Nuveen Natural Capital
Pixelle Specialty Solutions
The Lyme Timber Company, LP
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New Best Management Practices for Timber Harvest Operations

By Matt Gabler, Pennsylvania Forest Products Association
Chuck Coup, Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee

An important publication received its final approval at the end of July and was added to the official document library of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Pennsylvania's *Best Management Practices for Timber Harvest Operations* (3850-BK-DEP5577), dated July 2023 represents the culmination of a dedicated effort among partners to ensure that relevant, easy-to-use information is made available to timber harvesters across the Commonwealth. This publication takes the place of the former *Timber Harvest Operations Field Guide for Waterways, Wetlands and Erosion Control* (3930-BK-DEP4016), which DEP declared to be obsolete and took out of circulation in 2017 as a result of earlier updates to Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 regulations related to earth disturbance and waterway management.

With DEP announcing they had no plans to update the publication, industry members and partners immediately stepped forward to spearhead efforts towards developing a revised document. A working group was formed, but their first task was to revise and reinstate the widely used Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Template for Timber Harvest Operations (3800-FM-BCW0539), which DEP also discontinued in 2017. That undertaking was successfully completed in fall 2018.

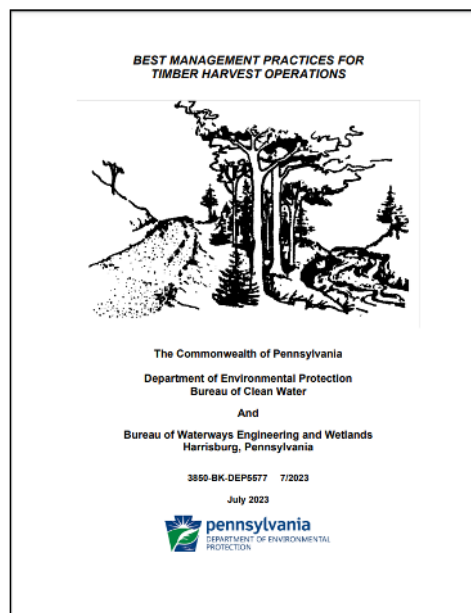
Efforts to revise the field guide began in 2019 when Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee Program Manager Chuck Coup led a working group of individuals to draft and submit the proposed updated document, combining knowledge of timber harvesting best management practices with a review of the revised DEP regulations. The working group engaged with DEP for nearly four years to seek final approval and publication.

The final document neatly organizes relevant state and federal regulations, planning considerations that include soil, water, and site layout recommendations, and Best Management Practice (BMP) implementation and maintenance guidelines. The publication also includes embedded QR codes that quickly connect users to additional resources and guidance via a smart phone or tablet.

Timber harvesting is a vital industry in Pennsylvania, contributing to both economic growth and forest management. However, ensuring that these operations are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner is of paramount importance. The new manual is a valuable resource for landowners, loggers, and other stakeholders involved in timber harvesting activities. It provides a common source for interpreting environmental regulations as they apply specifically to timber harvesting operations. It serves as a helpful reference not only for foresters and timber harvesters, but also for Conservation District personnel and other regulatory staff to find an agreed-upon interpretation of methods in the field rather than attempting to interpret regulatory language from its source.

The PA SIC encourages all stakeholders involved in timber harvesting to familiarize themselves with the manual's recommendations and integrate them into their operations. The publication (Document# 3850-BK-DEP5577, dated July 2023) is accessible from the main page of DEP's eLibrary (www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/) by going to "Publications" and "CLEAN WATER." You can also access it by going to the publications section of the Pennsylvania SFI website, www.sfiopfpa.org.

Special thanks to all who helped move this project toward the finish line, especially Hardwoods Development Council Executive Director Jon Geyer, PDA Secretary Russell Redding, and DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn, who all offered their support for the completion of this project.



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Implementation Committee Engages in New and Innovative Partnership with STAAR Companies

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC) is thrilled to announce a new and exciting corporate partnerships with the folks at STAAR Companies, a family of independent and autonomous companies located in Pennsylvania.

Within the STAAR family of Companies, the PA SIC sees great potential in collaborating with STAAR Productions, which has become the marketing and branding arm for STAAR Companies. While STAAR Productions was only formed earlier this year, it was developed by two creative folks with more than 60 years of experience in the production/branding business and who have a history of partnering with other private companies and non-profits similar to the PA SIC. Prior to this endeavor, Brad Clinton, Executive Director of Branding and Marketing, and Nick Forsyth, Technical Creative Director, were instrumental in the creation and success of the TomBob Outdoor television series, a national TV show that aired weekly in over 102 million homes. They were also involved in other national marketing campaigns that include prominent companies like Mathews Bows, and the Outdoor Channel Network.



Through the blessing of Todd Gordon, CEO at STAAR, Ben Gordon, STAAR Trucking President, Ryan Gordon, VP of Operations, and with the leadership of Brad and Nick, STAAR Productions plan to launch a new TV adventure series called "Off the Clock" which will feature many of the STAAR partnership products and blue-collar personalities. This new show will provide the PA SIC with an opportunity to expand public awareness of SFI, responsible forestry practices, and the good work done by the PA SIC. "We are extremely fortunate to have STAAR Productions on our team. The partnership between STAAR Productions and the PA SIC should provide positive exposure to both parties while educating people from all walks of life to the importance of sustainable forestry and sustainable products." said Doty McDowell, Director of Outreach and Development.

In addition to this budding work with STAAR Productions, the PA SIC is extremely excited to officially endorse a product for the very first time; **Trick Shot®** Sustainable Products, a high-performing penetrating lubricant line produced by STAAR Lubricants, LLC. This highly effective product not only lubricates, prevents rust, unlocks seized parts, fights corrosion, cleans and protects, but it is also non-flammable, non-toxic, 100% biodegradable, and safe for the environment. **Trick Shot®** currently comes in several varieties including original, sportsman, marine, and machinist. An exciting Bar and Chain oil formulation is anticipated to hit the market soon. In fact, **Trick Shot®** Bar and Chain lubricant is currently being tested within the PA SIC community. It is the hope of STAAR, and the PA SIC to make this completely safe and sustainable line of products available to the forest product industry of Pennsylvania. To learn more about **Trick Shot®** Sustainable Products and the entire family of STAAR Companies go to <https://staarcompanies.com/>.



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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

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Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value

Forests are not only beautiful and ecologically rich landscapes, but they also play a crucial role in supporting our planet's biodiversity, mitigating climate change, and providing a wide range of ecosystem services. Among our forests, those with exceptional conservation value stand out for their unique characteristics and contributions. It's important to recognize the significance of maintaining and protecting these special areas.

Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV) are areas that possess rare, threatened, or endangered species, unique ecosystems, or provide critical habitat for wildlife. These forests often have high levels of biodiversity and contain species that are not found in other areas. They can be home to endemic species that are found nowhere else in the world, making them crucial for global biodiversity conservation.

It's important to understand that forest management can help FECV thrive. In fact,

active management is necessary for the survival of some species. However, it is up to landowners, foresters, and loggers to take the necessary steps to identify and conserve these species and communities.

Those involved in forest management have a unique opportunity and responsibility to contribute to the protection of FECV. By understanding their significance and taking proactive steps towards their conservation, you can play a pivotal role in safeguarding these remarkable ecosystems for generations to come.

The PA SIC encourages everyone conducting timber harvesting and vegetation management activities to utilize the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Review Tool to screen for potential impacts to imperiled and critically imperiled species and other rare and significant ecological features in Pennsylvania. For more information visit:

<https://sfiopa.org/pages/biodiversity-fevcs/>



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Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

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2023 Fall Training Schedule

➤ To register, please visit: www.sfiopa.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
09/18/23	Mon 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Franklin (Venango County)	\$ 100.00	09/11/2023
09/26/23	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Galeton (Potter County)	\$ 100.00	09/19/2023
09/27/23	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Waterville (Lycoming County)	\$ 100.00	09/20/2023
10/03/23	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	09/26/2023
10/04/23	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	09/27/2023
10/11/23	Wed 9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	10/04/2023
10/11/23	Wed 12:30 PM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	10/04/2023
10/12/23	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 100.00	10/05/2023
10/18/23	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Howard (Centre County)	\$ 100.00	10/11/2023
10/20/23	Fri 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Dushore (Sullivan County)	\$ 100.00	10/13/2023
10/30/23	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Aristes (Columbia County)	\$ 100.00	10/23/2023
11/08/23	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)	\$ 100.00	11/01/2023
11/15/23	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Harrisburg (Dauphin County)	\$ 100.00	11/08/2023

- 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 the registration fee for Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.

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.sfiopa.org/requirements

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost +	Register By
09/20/23	Wed 1:00 PM	Native Plants of Pennsylvania (4 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 50.00	09/13/2023
09/23/23	Sat 8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Sinnemahoning (Cameron County)	\$ 100.00	09/16/2023
09/24/23	Sun 8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Oil City (Venango County)	\$ 100.00	09/17/2023
10/05/23	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	09/28/2023
10/06/23	Fri 10:00 AM	Intro to Reptiles & Amphibians & Their Habitats Within PA (4 hrs)	Indiana (Indiana County)	\$ 50.00	09/29/2023
10/12/23	Thurs 8:00 AM	E&S Control in Our Forests (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 15.00	10/05/2023
10/31/23	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Aristes (Columbia County)	\$ 100.00	10/24/2023
11/01/23	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Aristes (Columbia County)	\$ 100.00	10/25/2023
11/02/23	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Aristes (Columbia County)	\$ 100.00	10/26/2023
11/02/23	Thurs 12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Howard (Centre County)	\$ 50.00	10/26/2023
11/06/23	Mon 12:00 PM	Wildlife Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Huntingdon (Huntingdon County)	\$ 50.00	10/30/2023
11/09/23	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)	\$ 100.00	11/02/2023
11/17/23	Fri 8:00 AM	The Relationship Between Lumber, Tree, and Log Grades (8 hours)	St Marys (Elk County)	\$ 100.00	11/10/2023

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- 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 (See section 5.7 of PA SFI Training Program Policy). Outside credits are subject to all Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program Policy requirements. To submit a Non-PA SFI training course 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. Note that a separate \$20 fee is required for each course submitted. 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>

SELF-PACED/ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE LOGGER TRAINING COURSES

- Self-paced/Asynchronous 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.
- 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 online logger training courses go to: <https://sfiopa.org/page/online-training/>

2023 Fall Course Registration Form

- **THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION.** For current training offerings please visit: www.sfiopa.org/register
- 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.
- 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: () _____ - _____				
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Class location and additional information will be sent to you when we receive your registration and payment				

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to be recognized as an SFI Qualified Logging Professional. All 3 core training courses must be completed (in any order) within a 2 year period. 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 validation 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.

- **Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)** - Geared to prepare firefighters, EMS personnel, foresters, and loggers in taking action to reduce severity of injury and increase the chance of survival during a logging accident, this program teaches all participants how to handle an "in woods" rescue from the time a person has not arrived home until they are transported to a Level-1 Trauma Center
- **Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)** - This workshop combines indoor and outdoor instruction time to discuss 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.
- **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. Level 4 is a review of previous levels with participants practicing skills at working speed. This training is conducted in the field.
- **Intro to Reptiles and Amphibians & their habitats within PA (4 hours)** - This course will provide a better understanding of the "herp" species that are most frequently encountered during natural resource extraction in our state's forests. Instructors will review habitat requirements in terms of breeding activities, migratory patterns, and overall natural history. Live herp specimens and models will be used to sharpen field identification skills and examine each species' unique adaptations. Participants will be introduced to the northeast region's habitat management guidelines endorsed by PARC (Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation) which can be utilized by private landowners, land managers and industry leaders to minimize threats to local herpetile populations.
- **Native Plants of Pennsylvania (4 hours)** - Native plants have evolved naturally in a region over many years, rather than being introduced from another area. This course provides an introduction to native plants for foresters and logging professionals. It features common native plants in Pennsylvania and surrounding regions and includes in-field instruction.
- **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.
- **The Relationship Between Lumber, Tree, and Log Grades (8 hours)** - This course will introduce basic knowledge about hardwood lumber grades, tree grades, and log grades. It will explain how the different grades are established and will provide an understanding of how the tree, lumber, and log grades relate to one another.

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