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## Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

# NEWS

### Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials Goes Online

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC) is pleased to announce a new way to complete one of our core training requirements. Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (PTHE) is now available as an online training module. For more than a decade, PTHE has been one of three training courses required for becoming an SFI Qualified Logging Professional (QLP) in Pennsylvania. Now, the same content is available in a flexible, self paced format that better fits the realities of busy work schedules and unpredictable weather.

For many loggers, the challenge has been the logistics of fitting training into their demanding schedules. In person PTHE courses, long the standard of the PA SIC's logger training program, require setting aside all or part of a day, often (although unintentionally) during prime logging conditions when crews are trying to stay ahead of deadlines or take advantage of good weather. When a course is not offered nearby, participants may have to drive an hour or more to reach the training location, adding travel time and cost on top of registration fees. The PA SIC is well aware of these challenges and by moving PTHE into an online format, we aim to preserve the quality of the course while lowering some of these barriers to participation and make it easier for people to engage with SFI training.



The online PTHE course is structured into two modules that mirror the core components of the in person training: Logging Safety and Environmental Logging. These modules together still fulfill the full PTHE core training requirement for achieving SFI QLP status in Pennsylvania. The content has been adapted specifically for online delivery so that participants can pause, review, and complete sections at their own pace. Whether you are a seasoned logger refreshing your knowledge, a new entrant to the industry, a consulting or industrial forester, a landowner engaged in your own harvesting, or even a conservation professional with regulatory responsibilities, the online PTHE course provides a convenient way to understand the expectations for safe and environmentally responsible timber harvesting in the Commonwealth.

For those that might not be familiar, the logging safety module, focuses on what has always been at the heart of our logger training: ensuring that everyone goes home safe at the end of the day. It emphasizes the importance of workplace safety on logging operations and walks through common hazards encountered in the woods and on landings, explaining how to recognize, avoid, and manage those risks. This combination of practical field guidance and regulatory context helps reinforce a culture of safety for operators, owners, and employees alike.

The second module, Environmental Logging, pivots to the responsibility that every timber harvester has to protect Pennsylvania's water, soil, and the broader forest environment. It reviews state regulations derived from Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law that apply to timber harvesting and explains why erosion and sediment control is such a critical part of sustainable forestry. Participants learn how careful planning and the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) help safeguard both surface and groundwater resources. It teaches participants how to read and write Erosion and Sediment Control Plans required under Pennsylvania regulations and ties those plans directly to field choices about road layout, skid trail placement, landings, and stabilization. It also emphasizes proper stream crossings, covering temporary and

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## Sustainable Forestry Initiative®

At the Sustainable Forestry Initiative ([www.forests.org](http://www.forests.org)), we believe that sustainable forests are critical to our collective future. SFI is a sustainability leader through our work in standards, conservation, community, and education.

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

The Pennsylvania SIC is an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization whose 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](http://www.sfiopa.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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permanent options, correct installation, and permitting so that well designed crossings reduce sedimentation, protect aquatic habitat, and maintain long term access. In addition, the course explains how to prevent spills of fuel, oil, and other hazardous materials and lays out clear procedures for containing, cleaning up, and reporting accidental spills. Finally, it addresses the aesthetics of logging operations, demonstrating how good slash management, road closure, and residual stand appearance can shape public perception and landowner satisfaction and help sustain support for responsible timber harvesting.

As previously mentioned, one of the most immediate benefits of the online PTHE format is increased flexibility. Instead of having to wait for the next spring or fall in person training schedule, participants can now access the course year-round, when it makes the most sense for them. This could mean completing modules during a stretch of bad weather, completing lessons in the evenings or on weekends, or breaking the training into manageable segments that fit around work and family responsibilities. The online PTHE is available statewide (and beyond), so distance to a training site is no longer a limiting factor. The course is equally accessible to everyone with a device (computer, tablet, or smart phone) and an internet connection. By offering PTHE online, we are giving our training participants another tool to meet SFI's training expectations for safety and environmental performance without forcing them to choose between training and a good day in the woods.

In addition to the travel cost savings, participants save \$50 off the registration fee by completing the course online rather than taking it in-person.

While the course was developed with Pennsylvania's professional loggers in mind, the online format also opens new opportunities for educating others who work with or around timber harvesting. Private landowners who are planning or overseeing their own harvests can use the PTHE training to better understand what to expect from operators and how to evaluate whether a job is being done safely and responsibly. Consulting and industrial foresters, as well as state agency foresters may find the modules valuable for reinforcing BMPs, safety expectations, and regulatory requirements that they already communicate to the logging crews executing their timber sale contracts. Conservation personnel, such as County Conservation District technicians who frequently have regulatory oversight of timber harvesting operations, can use the training to familiarize themselves with timber harvesting operations and see the material from the logger's perspective to strengthen their ability to advise, review plans, and inspect sites.

Accessing the online PTHE course is straightforward. Participants connect to the training platform through the dedicated link at [pennsylvaniasfi-teamsafe.talentlms.com](http://pennsylvaniasfi-teamsafe.talentlms.com), where they create a personal account, select the PTHE modules from the course catalog, register, and begin training at their own pace. Each participant must use their own name and email address to ensure that records and course certificates match their individual PA SIC training history. The modules can be started immediately and are available for up to 120 days, giving ample time to work through the material at a comfortable pace. Upon completion of each module, course certificates are available for participants to download and can be saved or printed for personal records and employer documentation. Both modules must be completed to receive full credit for PTHE.

Conversion of our PTHE training to an online format was made possible through a grant from the National Timber Harvesting and Transportation Safety (THATS) Foundation. We also gratefully acknowledge funding support from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's State Conservation Commission, whose contribution helped bring this flexible training option to fruition.

If you are looking to become an SFI Qualified Logging Professional, need continuing education training and haven't completed PTHE in the last 5 years, or simply want a clearer understanding of what safe and sustainable timber harvesting looks like in Pennsylvania, we encourage you to explore this online course. It delivers the same essential content in a format designed to fit the way you work today, helping to ensure that Penn's Woods remain productive, healthy, and well managed for generations to come.

For more information: [sfiopa.org/loggers/virtual-logger-training/](http://sfiopa.org/loggers/virtual-logger-training/)

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## Cutting the Risk: Chainsaw Injuries and 30 Years of PA SFI Training

Chainsaw injuries remain a sobering reminder that the tools at the heart of our industry are also among the most dangerous when used without adequate training, planning, and protection. A new peer reviewed study in the journal *Safety*, authored by researchers at Penn State and the University of Florida, analyzed chainsaw-related injuries among occupational and nonoccupational chainsaw users in the United States from 2018 to 2022 and offers important context for why SFI's longstanding commitment to logger training, embodied in both the Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standards, continues to matter.

The study estimates that nearly 128,000 nonoccupational chainsaw users (e.g., residential, farming, and other occasional users) were treated in U.S. emergency departments for chainsaw-related injuries over the five-year period, an average of about 70 people every day. Most of these injuries involved severe cuts and wounds to the hands, arms, legs, and feet, and about 15 percent of patients were hospitalized or transferred for more advanced care, underscoring the seriousness of these incidents.

In occupational settings, the researchers identified 202 nonfatal and 57 fatal chainsaw-involved injuries, with the majority of fatalities caused not by the saw itself but by falling trees and limbs during felling and limbing operations. It is important to note here that this occupational data was not exclusive to forestry/timber harvesting and included other industry sectors. Most occupational victims in the study worked in landscaping and tree care, with additional cases in agriculture and forestry, construction, and other chainsaw using trades.

For more than 30 years, the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC) has delivered training that addresses exactly these issues, from chainsaw maintenance and cutting techniques to hazard recognition, escape routes, and communication on active jobsites. Chainsaw safety is a core element of the PA SIC's Professional Timber Harvester Training Program, which supports the SFI requirement that Qualified Logging Professionals receive training on logging safety and OSHA regulations.

The authors of the Safety article point to

lack of training, improper use, and poor safety practices such as lower rates of personal protective equipment (PPE) use, among the nonoccupational users as recurrent contributing factors, and they note that proper training, PPE use, and keeping bystanders out of the fall zone are among the most effective strategies for preventing serious harm.

When we compare these national patterns among nonoccupational users to what the data show among occupational chainsaw users, a hopeful picture emerges. While the study confirms that occupational injuries and fatalities still occur, especially in tree care and forestry occupations, the relative burden of chainsaw injuries clearly falls on untrained or occasionally trained chainsaw users. That contrast is consistent with the idea that structured, recurring training, such as the type the SFI standards require and the PA SIC delivers, reduces risk by reinforcing safe techniques, hazard recognition, and the consistent use of PPE.

From an SFI perspective, the study is a reminder that our work is not finished. SFI-certified organizations are required to participate in or support SFI Implementation Committees to establish criteria and delivery mechanisms for logger training, ensuring that logging safety and OSHA awareness are integral parts of the curriculum. In Pennsylvania, that requirement has translated into a long-term investment in training infrastructure and courses that teach chainsaw safety, tree felling, environmental protection, and regulatory compliance, offered repeatedly over time so that loggers can refresh their skills and maintain their SFI QLP status.

At the same time, the large number of nonoccupational injuries documented in the paper suggests a broader public education opportunity. Many of the same principles taught in the PA SIC's training program could greatly reduce the burden of chainsaw injuries among homeowners, farmers, and other occasional users. With 30 years of experience, a proven curriculum, and established infrastructure, the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee is well positioned to continue improving safety outcomes for professional loggers while also making space for the wider community of chainsaw users who may stand to benefit from the guidance our courses have conveyed over time.



The Sustainable Forestry Initiative is a service of SFI, Inc.

### 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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements)

Register for classes:

[www.sfiopa.org/register](http://www.sfiopa.org/register)

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# NEWS

### Focus Topic: Wildlife, Water, and Spring Operations

Spring brings saturated soils, active wildlife, and rapidly changing weather conditions, making it a critical time to apply Best Management Practices (BMPs) and integrate habitat considerations into logging operations. Our training content, including courses on wildlife, vegetation management, and environmental logging, repeatedly emphasizes planning and on the ground techniques that protect water quality and biodiversity while maintaining operational efficiency.

Practical steps reinforced in recent trainings and guidance materials include:

- Careful attention to haul road and skid trail location, installation, and closure, with an emphasis on drainage, stream crossing

protections, and minimizing rutting in wet periods.

- Observation of active nests, den trees, vernal pools, and other sensitive features (which all become more active in the spring) and adapting felling and skidding patterns to avoid unnecessary disturbance.
- Early detection and control of invasive plants in and around active harvest sites, which is often most effective as vegetation greens up in spring.

By combining sound planning with field awareness, Pennsylvania's logging professionals can continue to demonstrate that harvesting and habitat protection are not competing objectives but complementary parts of sustainable forestry.

## 2026 Spring Training Schedule

➤ To register, please visit: [www.sfiopa.org/register](http://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
03/20/26	Fri 8:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	03/13/2026
04/01/26	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)	\$ 150.00	03/25/2026
04/08/26	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chester County)	\$ 150.00	04/01/2026
04/20/26	Mon 7:30 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Reedsville (Mifflin County)	\$ 150.00	04/13/2026
04/27/26	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 150.00	04/20/2026
05/11/26	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/04/2026
05/18/26	Mon 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/11/2026

- ♦ Any employed resident of Pennsylvania is eligible to apply for up to 50% reimbursement of their training registration fees through the AgConnect program. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3TinTrM>
- ♦ 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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements)

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost +	Register By
03/16/26	Mon 12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Harrisburg (Dauphin County County)	\$ 50.00	03/09/2026
03/20/26	Fri 1:00 PM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hrs)	Emporium (Cameron County)	\$ 50.00	03/13/2026
03/31/26	Tues 12:30 PM	57th Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hrs)	Johnsonburg (Elk County County)	\$ 20.00	03/24/2026
04/02/26	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)	\$ 150.00	03/26/2026
04/09/26	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chester County)	\$ 150.00	04/02/2026
04/29/26	Wed 8:00 AM	Non-Commercial Forestry Projects for Timber Harvesters (4 Hours)	State College (Centre County)	\$ 50.00	04/22/2026
05/12/26	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/05/2026
05/13/26	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/06/2026
05/14/26	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/07/2026

- ♦ Any employed resident of Pennsylvania is eligible to apply for up to 50% reimbursement of their training registration fees through the AgConnect program. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3TinTrM>
- ♦ 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.

- Additional Continuing Education Courses are likely to be added to the schedule for this spring. Please check the website ([www.sfiopa.org/register](http://www.sfiopa.org/register)) or call Mark at 814-230-2866 for updates.

### 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 6.7 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.

### ➤ PROFESSIONAL TIMBER HARVESTING ESSENTIALS IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

To learn more and participate in approved online logger training courses go to: <https://sfiopa.org/loggers/virtual-logger-training/>

## 2026 Spring Course Registration Form

- THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION. For current training offerings please visit: [www.sfiopa.org/register](http://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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements) or contact the PA SIC office ([mark@sfiopa.org](mailto: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):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Forester <input type="checkbox"/> Logger-owner <input type="checkbox"/> Logger-employee <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner <input type="checkbox"/> Office personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Truck driver <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841			Total Amount Enclosed:	
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. **CAN NOW BE COMPLETED ONLINE**
- **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.

- **57th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - TO RECEIVE CE CREDIT PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND BOTH THE SFI UPDATE CLASS AND THE ANNUAL SAFETY MEETING THAT FOLLOWS. THIS WILL BE MORE THAN A 4-HOUR TIME COMMITMENT. Come be a part of the oldest logging safety meeting in the United States. Free dinner and door prizes. This year's training is focused on common at-risk practices (CARP).
- **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. Storm Damage provides tips on how to safely handle the dangerous pressures and tensions associated with blown-down and storm damage timber (Prerequisite Levels 1 and 2). Game of Logging training is conducted in the field.
- **Non-Commercial Forestry Projects for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)** - While they may not be directly profitable for the landowner, non-commercial forestry work is crucial for achieving sustainable forest management and enhancing future timber values. Public land agencies such as the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) have funding for non-commercial forestry practices both included in their operational budgets as well as part of project-specific grants. This course aims to provide commercial loggers with the information needed to consider adding non-commercial forestry work to their service offerings.
- **Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)** - a comprehensive four hour course on common 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.
- **Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hours)** - Wildfires in Pennsylvania represent a threat to safety, forest resources, logging capital, and human infrastructure. While logging operations are not frequently a major source of wildfire in our state, fires do occur on timber harvesting job sites and have the potential to expand into larger fire incidents. Participants attending this class will learn wildland fire prevention with proper machine maintenance and job site BMPs to prevent loss from fire. We will discuss weather and other signs to watch out for during increased fire danger months. What to do if a wildfire does occur on your job site, who should you report it to, what to report, fire containment and control measures with hand tools and heavy equipment on site, and how to work with first responders.

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