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2014 MI SFI IC Training Program Syllabi

Core training program

The core training is the only required training of the MI SFI CE program in order to become a Qualified Logging Professional. The program is offered four to five times per year in various locations throughout the state. The training consists of an introduction to SFI with other segments covering forest ecology, silviculture, BMP's for sustainable soil and water integrity, MIOSHA requirements pertaining to logging and a field half day demonstrating the concepts of the previous training modules. The course carries 16 hours of credit. Any of the four- hour segments can be used for annual continuing education credits in subsequent years.

Protecting Sensitive and Sensitive Sites

This course will make the logging operator aware of various T & E species, sensitive sites, and forests of high conservation value and why they are important. It will give the loggers information on where to obtain data and information on these areas and species.

Forest health – invasive species

This course will make loggers aware of current forest health issues. It includes discussion of native and invasive species and their impacts on forest health and composition. It makes recommended logging techniques in order to lessen impacts from the various threats and impacts.

Business management

This course deals with various types of contracts used in the forest industry. Some examples include forest management plans, harvest plans, timber cutting contracts, sub-contractor agreements, the relationship between a contractor vs. and employee, record keeping and operation analysis.

MAT – SIF safety training

This is an individualized instruction program. It deals with both manual and mechanical logging. It's main objective is to improve logger safety. It covers MIOSHA logging requirements. Proper techniques are demonstrated which results in improved production and quality. This program also results in an increase in utilization and profitability.

GLTPA spring meeting

This is a day long program that occurs annually in MI and WI in alternating years. The focus of the meeting is to make loggers aware of public issues, new rules and regulations and emerging issues such as new technology and threats to forest health and logging activity. The actual content varies from year to year.

MAT-SIF spring conference

This is an annual logger/sawmill association meeting. The business affairs of the association are addressed. Breakout training sessions are included in the program. These sessions are available for MI SFI CE credit. Sessions vary from year to year and deal in general topics listed under the performance measure 16.2 of the SFI Standard.

Misc. Training opportunities

These are training programs hosted by various mills, corporate landowners, trade associations and logging companies. They cover a wide variety of issues pertaining to the host organization. Content for credit approval is based on the MI SFI Education Committees review of the agenda.

Truck safety

The truck safety course is designed to deal with log trucking issues. It is usually offered annually in 2-3 different locations. It makes truckers aware of recent regulatory changes. It touches on the importance of adhering to hazardous spill requirements. Safety aspects dealing with MIOSHA are also covered. Transportation efficiency topics are presented along with emerging technologies.

Current technology maintenance and safety

This four hour course is designed to assist the Forest Products Company Operators to better understand the importance of good maintenance. It will enhance their knowledge of today's Hydraulics, Lubrication, Proper tightening of fasteners and how this all relates to their overall safety. Other benefits will include less down time, less environmental damage from oil spills and lower costs resulting from spill clean-up, repairs and wasted fuels and oils.

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