

NOMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS
WEST VIRGINIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION "WV OUTSTANDING LOGGER" AWARD

1. All nominations must have two signatures.
2. Those loggers previously selected as "*WV Outstanding Logger*" cannot be nominated the following year.
3. Nominees will be evaluated based on the suggested guidelines on the next page with consideration given to the type of operation, equipment involved, the desired results, available markets, economic limitations of the logger, and limitations by landowner specifications.
4. The minimum requirements for nomination of "*WV Outstanding Logger*" are:
 - A. All timbering operations will have "Notification Forms" on file with the West Virginia Division of Forestry.
 - B. Appropriate safety gear for eye, ear, head, foot, hand, and leg protection will be mandatory for all employees as hazards dictate.
 - C. Logger must be in good standing with the West Virginia Division of Forestry.
5. **The two nominators need only submit one written evaluation per logger nominated.** Nominators may nominate more than one logger.
6. Loggers should be nominated in the Area in which they primarily work, **not** the Area in which they live.
7. **All nominations and written evaluations are due by March 31 to the WVFA office.**
8. The Area Chair and Regional Forester with the West Virginia Division of Forestry will select the Area winners by ground visitations before **May 1**.
9. The State Chairman will receive the Area Winner nomination and evaluation by **May 1**. The State Chairman and the committee will select the "*WV Outstanding Logger*" by ground visitation by July 3.
10. The Area Winners and the State Winner will be recognized by the WVFA at the Annual Meeting in July at Canaan Valley State Park.

Logging Company Name _____ Area of Operation (Principle Counties) _____

Owners Name _____

Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
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We hereby nominate the above logger for the West Virginia Forestry Association "*WV Outstanding Logger*" Award.

Nominating Signature (*Required*) _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Telephone Number _____

Co-Nominating Signature (*Required*) _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Telephone Number _____

Send Nominations by March 31 to:
 West Virginia Forestry Association
 P.O. Box 718 - Ripley, WV 25271

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

1. Practices, promotes, and complies with the "West Virginia Logging Sediment Control Law and Regulations" and the "Guidelines for Controlling Soil Erosion and Pollution on Logging Operations in West Virginia" and has attended LSCA required training.
 - A. Files "Notification Form" on each logging job with the West Virginia Division of Forestry.
 - B. Follows West Virginia guidelines for controlling soil erosion and siltation.
 1. Constructs logging roads and skid trails on grades as low as possible.
 2. Leaves appropriate filter strips between logging roads and skid trails and the stream and drainage ways.
 3. Uses water bars, culverts, broad based dips, and small bridges to divert surface and ground water.
 4. Smooths, regrades, and out-slopes all logging roads, skid trails, and landings after each section of logging job is completed and installs water control structures before moving to the next cutting section.
 5. Reclaims logging roads, landings, and steep skid trails by seeding grass, mulching with straw/hay or otherwise stabilizes the soil, or applies fertilizer and lime to establish a permanent grass cover.
2. Harvests timber according to a pre-designed logging plan.
3. Cuts and deadens all designated trees or stands and utilizes all merchantable wood within trees cut.
4. Protects residual timber stands and individual trees from felling and logging damage during thinning and harvesting operations.
5. Repairs all fences, bridges, roads, ditches, and any other property, if damaged by the logging operation.
6. Practices directional tree felling techniques to prevent tree tops and slash from entering roads, ditches, streams, fields, pastures, and other rights-of-way and removes any that accidentally are misplaced or felled.
7. Promotes safety to his employees by furnishing them with proper safety gear and encouraging its use. Employees should be trained in first aid and CPR. **Sets proper example by wearing safety apparel and belts himself.**
8. Practices truck hauling safety by proper load binding and loading logs below the top of bunk standards.
9. Practices equipment safety by always keeping the manufacturer's safety devices functional and by not transporting personnel on vehicles that were not designed for them by the manufacturer.
10. Understands and complies with the West Virginia laws and regulations pertaining to forestry (forest fire laws, timber trespass, and water pollution).
11. Additional remarks should be made as to logger's practices, work **above and beyond the call of duty**, activities promoting **the forestry community** in civil and community affairs, etc.
12. Nominees do not have to be members of the West Virginia Forestry Association.

NOMINATION FORM and ANY SUPPORTING MATERIALS (SUCH AS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, PICTURES, OTHER AWARDS, ETC.) SHOULD BE INCLUDED