



*"Cultivating Skill, Knowledge and  
Pride in the Maine Woods"*

*Outside Training Packet*

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### Requirements to maintain certification:

1. Complete and mail to: CLP, P.O. Box 577, Jackman, Maine, 04945
  - a. Re-certification Questionnaire
  - b. Database Update Information Sheet
  - c. Tuition payment of \$150.00
2. Call: 207-668-2851 to request field inspection on an active logging site.

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## CLP Mission – Professional Growth

It is the mission of the CLP program to provide the best possible training and education to people working in the Maine logging industry. The program is equally committed to recognizing the skill and professionalism of those who meet and exceed the CLP standard. The successful CLP candidate will be prepared to work safely, productively, and in a manner that protects, enhances and sustains the forest. Our program will evolve to reflect changes in the forest products industry and will provide a means for continued professional growth.

## CLP History

The CLP program offers professional training and certification for Maine loggers. The program was founded in 1991 as a combined effort of loggers, landowners, environmental specialists and safety consultants to establish a standard for professionalism in the Maine woods. An immediate goal of the program was to combat the high rate of logging accidents and the resulting Worker's Compensation costs for logging contractors.

Today, under the sponsorship of the Maine TREE Foundation, the program takes pride in the fact that the accident rate for loggers is less than what it was when the program began. As a result, mechanical certified loggers have earned a Workers Compensation rate less than that on non-CLPs. Equally as important, our participants have helped CLP meet its overall objective of cultivating skill, knowledge and pride in the Maine woods.

## Required Course Work:

To be certified, candidates must attend a CLP sponsored four day (32 hours total) workshop (outlined below) and then pass a work-site evaluation. The workshop included three days of classroom instruction in first-aid/CPR, forest management and silviculture, safe and efficient wood harvesting, and business. The final day is devoted to on-site instruction and hands-on tree felling using the nationally recognized Game of Logging system or mechanical harvesting safety. Times devoted to each topic may vary depending on the needs of the class.

### Day 1 (8 hours)

Introduction to CLP & SFI – 1.5 hrs.  
Professional Code of Ethics - .5 hrs.  
Introduction to Safe and Efficient Harvesting – 3 hrs.  
*Logging Safety rules, OSHA regulations –*  
Transportation Safety - .5 hrs.  
Introduction to the Business of Logging –  
*Worker's Compensation - .5hrs.*  
*Independent contractor status - .5 hrs.*  
*Understanding insurance - .5 hrs.*  
*Marketing and utilization - .5 hrs.*  
*Tracking operating costs - .5 hrs.*

### Day 2 (8 hours)

First Aid and CPR – 8 hrs.  
*Evacuation plan*  
*CPR and rescue breathing – 3 hrs.*  
*First aid for loggers – 4.5 hrs.*  
*Blood borne pathogen program - .25 hrs.*  
*First aid kit inventory - .25 hrs.*

### Day 3 (8 hours)

Forest Management and Silviculture – 2.5 hrs.  
*Forest Ecology and Management Systems*  
*Harvesting Laws*  
Conserving Fish and Wildlife – 1.5 hrs.  
Water Quality and Logging – 1.5 hrs.  
*Best Management Practices*  
*Water Quality Laws*  
Controlled Yarding – 2.0 hrs.  
*Safe skidding and mechanical harvesting*  
*Cutting area layout exercise*  
Hazardous Material Training - .5 hrs.

### Day 4 (8 hours)

Directional Felling – 7 hrs.  
*Level I Game of Logging*  
Certification Interview Form – 1 hrs.  
*or*  
Mechanical Harvesting Equipment Safety – 7 hrs  
Certification interview form – 1 hr.

## Certification

To be certified, CLP candidates must pass an inspection at their work site. Evaluators interview each participant, observe their work practices, and then determine whether the logger adheres to the principles presented in class. The evaluators recommend either certification or non-certification to the CLP Board of Directors, which makes the final decision. If the initial interview does not result in certification, candidates are allowed as many follow-up interviews as necessary to meet CLP standards.

CLP candidates are offered certification in five separate categories:

- Conventional – skidder and chainsaw operators
- Mechanical – harvesting equipment operators
- Contractor/Supervisor – employers and people who supervise loggers
- Associate – people who have an interest in logging but who do not actively log or supervise loggers. This group includes foresters, truckers, and others who have a connection with the logging industry.
- Apprentice – graduates of high school and post secondary wood harvesting programs who qualify for the apprentice program can earn certification once they have six months paid experience and pass the field interview.

## Re-Certification

A one day re-certification course and field inspection is required within a year of the initial instruction and certification, and every other year thereafter for all categories except supervisor/contractor. Because of their added responsibility for the performance and safety of others, supervisor/contractor CLPs are encouraged to complete an additional day of job-site supervisor training within their first year. All CLPs are subject to periodic inspections and are kept abreast of program updates through newsletter, mailings, and an annual banquet.

## Re-Certification Classes

Currently, CLP offers re-certification classes in Game of Logging Levels I – IV and Filing and Reduced Downtime for conventional loggers, Reducing Residual Stand Damage, Haz Mat and Jobsite Safety for mechanical loggers, Jobsite Evaluation and GPS & Layout classes for supervisor/contractors. CLP also approves outside workshops for re-certification in topics such as Best Management Practices, business management, estimating timber stand volume, and aesthetics. Candidates for re-certification may submit a request to the Board for approval of outside training classes they have attended or wish to attend. Conventional CLP candidates must complete Game of Logging levels I – III before any other training will count toward their re-certification.

## Cost

The fee for the initial course and certification is \$550 per person, and \$150.00 for re-certification.

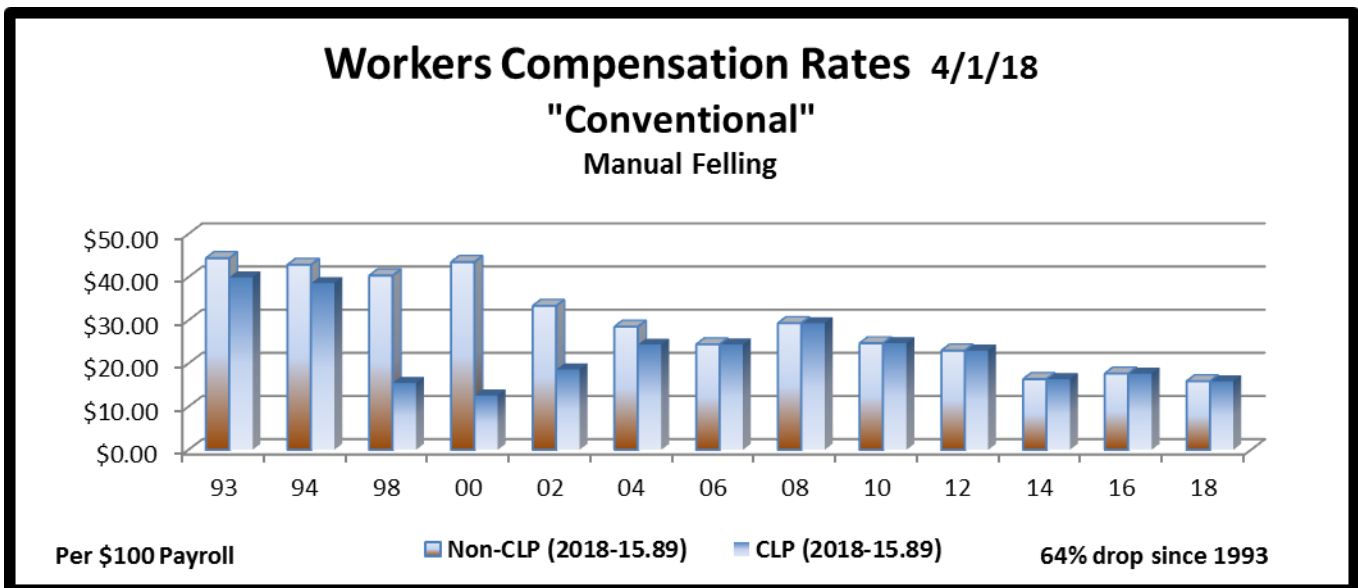
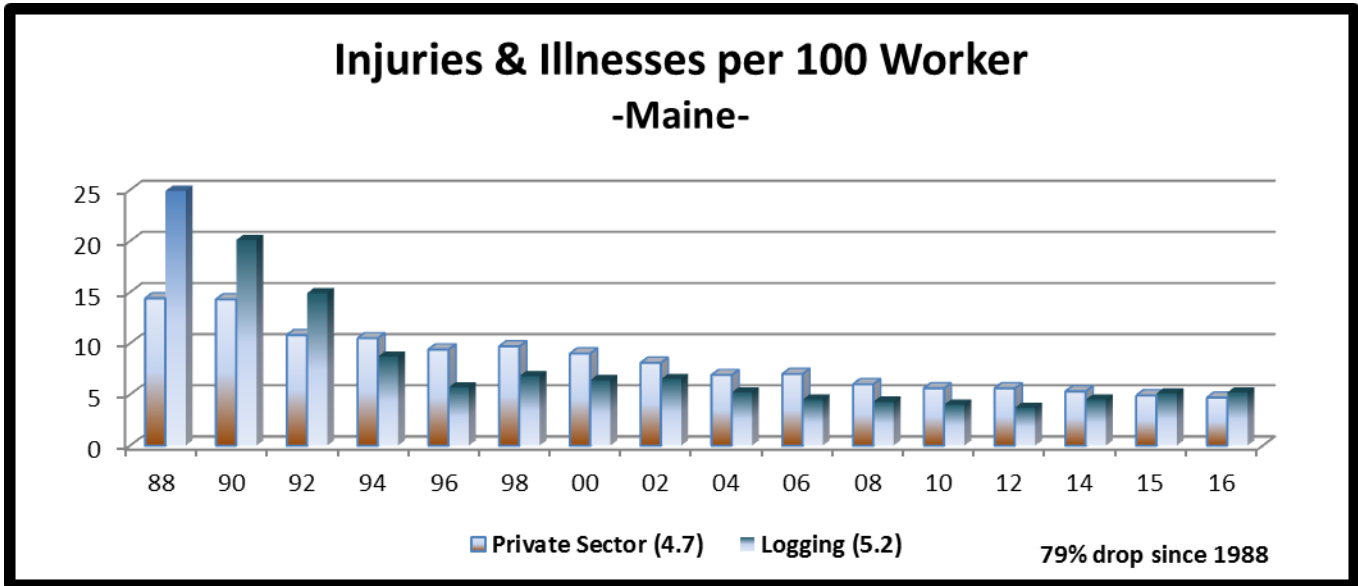
## Training Summary:

Participants	Active CLPs	Completed Training in 2017		* Total trained since 1991	Projected 2018 Training Numbers	
		Certification	Re-certification		Cert	Recert
Logging Contractors	176	9	71	677	5	50
Logging Employees						
Mechanical	1046	93	362	2546	60	330
Conventional	224	23	88	2816	10	100
Others (Associates)	76	1	31	534	5	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>6573</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>500</b>

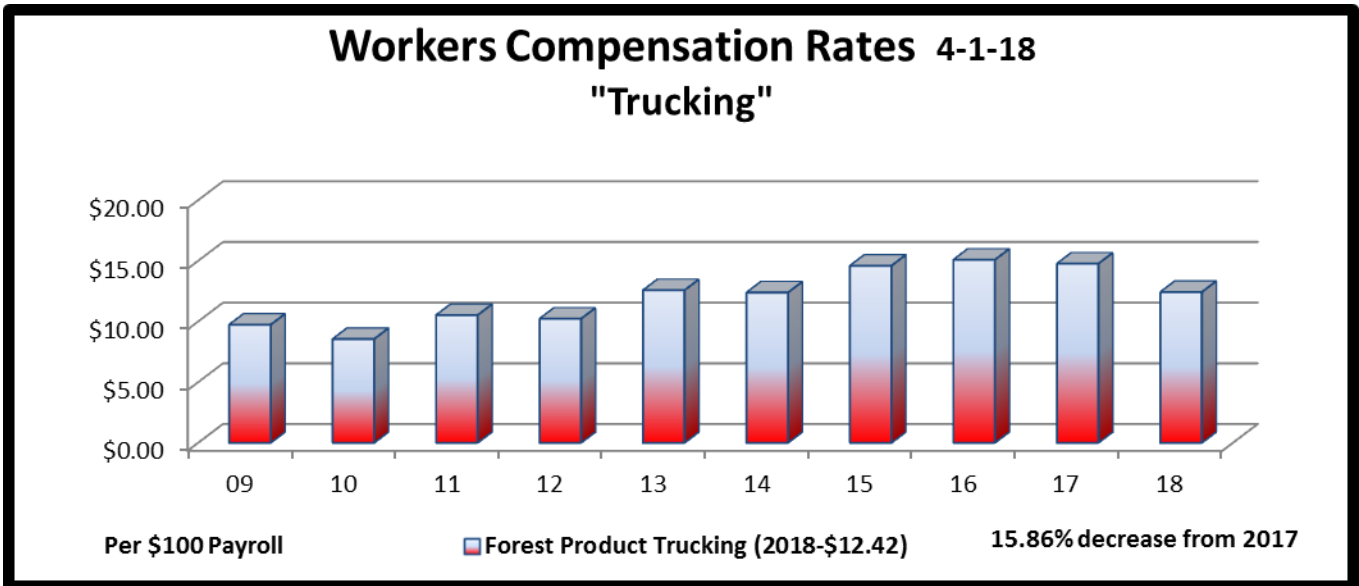
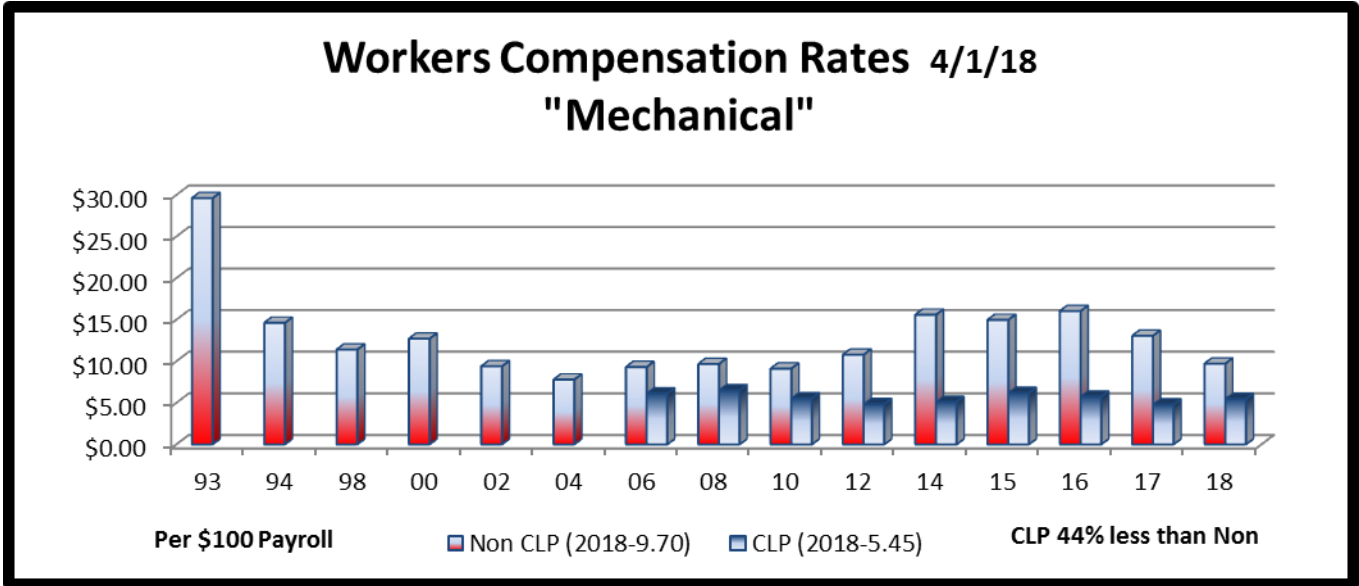
*\*The total number trained does not represent the number of people currently certified.*

## Numbers Don't Lie

Figures from the Maine Department of Labor show a decline in the number of logging injuries and illnesses since the CLP program began in 1991. While several factors may have influenced this decline, the CLP program's emphasis on safety, and its requirement that CLPs maintain a high level of skill have played an undeniable role.



*Statistics provided by the Maine Department of Labor*



# *Insurance Compensation Codes*

- *2721: CLP Conventional*
  - *2702: Non-CLP Conventional*
  - *2722: CLP Mechanical*
  - *2709: Non-CLP Mechanical*
  - *2701: Trucking*
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## *Contact Information*

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- *www.clploggers.com*
- *www.maine.gov*
- *www.osha.gov*
- *www.safetyworksmaine.com*
- *www.maineologgereducation.org*
- *Poison Control 1-800-222-1222*
- *Life Flight 1-888-421-4228*  
*1-207-262-2525*  
*Long/Lat*







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# Certification/Re-certification Form

Use this form to conduct inspections for both certification and re-certification.

## CLP / Jobsite Information

Name: _____	Phone #: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____	Harv. Location: _____	Rem Date: _____
Town: _____	Equipment: _____	Expir Date: _____
Zip Code: _____	Employer: _____	Yrs of Exp: _____
Email: _____	# of Employees: _____	Age: _____

<b>CLP:</b>	<b>Status:</b>	<b>Certification:</b>	<b>Please attend the following workshop:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conventional	<input type="checkbox"/> Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> Conventional	<input type="checkbox"/> Super / Cont.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/> CLP Approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor/Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold		
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate				

## Conformance

<b>Equipment:</b>	<b>Jobsite:</b>	<b>Best Management:</b>	<b>Employer Responsibilities:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> PPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Silvicultural System	<input type="checkbox"/> Haul Roads / Skid Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Formal hiring practices
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Crossings	<input type="checkbox"/> Written safety program
<input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw	<input type="checkbox"/> Operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Landings	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide training
<input type="checkbox"/> Machine	<input type="checkbox"/> Felling	<input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection Program

"E" Excellent, "S" Satisfactory, "I" Improvement needed, "N" Not applicable

Comments:

Hold items:

Interviewer's Name:

## Equipment

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

- Helmet  Eye  Hearing  Hi-Vis apparel  Gloves  Leg  Foot

### **First Aid**

- All 1st kits meet OSHA standards  Biohazard kit  Blood stopper (if kit not immediately available)  
 Evacuation plan  Outside communications  Current first aid card

### **Chainsaw Make / Model:**

- Chain brake  Throttle lock  Handles & Guards  Bar condition  Chain tension  
 Chain catcher  Spark arrester  Rim sprocket condition  Proper starting technique  Proper tuning

### **Chain Filing Technique**

- Depth gauge  Working corner  Side plate  Top plate  
 Chisel angle  Depth tool gauge use  File guide use  Filing consistency

### **Machine Make / Model:**

- Radio communications  Steps/Handholds  Horn  Operator protection  Tire chain tension  
 Operator's manual  Seatbelt  Back-up alarm  Exhaust system  Gasoline transport  
 Two exits  Service brake  Fluid leaks  Fire extinguisher (5lbs)  Saw transport  
 Three point contact  Secondary brake  Cleanliness  Fire suppression  Cable, Knot, Choker

## Jobsite

### **Silvicultural System Used:**

- Single tree selection  Group selection  Shelterwood  Seed tree  Clearcut

### **Hazards**

- Hung Trees  Set back trees  Deadwood  Two tree length rule  Overlapping work zones  LO / TO

### **Operation**

- Harvest Notification  Slash laws observed  Property lines respected  Hazardous mat.: (handling, label, storage, MSDS)  
 Three point contact  Hydraulics grounded  Maximized product utilization  Products meet specs

### **Felling**

- Notch  Bypass  Backcut  Hinge  Fiber pull  Bore cut  Wedges  Felling lever  
 Directional felling  Note: Supervisor / Contractor must score three stumps and give felling information on three trees.

## Best Management Practices

### **Haul Roads / Skid Trails**

- Minimal rutting and soil disturbance  Water bars / turnouts  Culverts - adequate #, maintained, bottomless

### **Water Crossings**

- Appropriate size  Effective SMZ width  Minimal ground disturbances in SMZ  Tops and debris out of water/stream

### **Landing Sites**

- Located out of SMZ  Soil movement contained in landing  Evidence of fluid leaks & spills  Spill Kits available  
 Trash & containers managed (no Litter)

### **Harvest Areas**

- Minimal rutting & soil disturbance  Minimal residual stand damage (SMZ - Shoreland Management Zone)

## Employer Responsibilities

### **Do you have formal hiring practices:**

- Application  Reference checks  New employee orientation

### **Does your company have a written safety program:**

If not how do you ensure that employees have been informed of company policies:

- Work rules  Disciplinary policy  Safety incentive program  
 What are your company policies when working around; crew members not in a cab; equipment in overlapping work zones; & standing deadwood

### **Do you provide training for your employees:**

- For new employees or when employees start a new job within the company  
 CLP  Haz-Mat  First Aid  Proper use of PPE  Other industry  Do you conduct safety meetings  
 Hearing conservation  Lockout / Tagout  Retraining when they commit an unsafe act  Are they documented?

### **Do you have an inspection program that addresses:**

- Jobsite Safety  PPE  First Aid  Chainsaws / filing technique  Separation of Operation  
 Equipment compliance  Service vehicle  Garage  Are they documented? Revised: 1-4-14



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## Re-certification Questionnaire

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

- T F** 1. CLP was started by loggers in 1991 to help lower accident rates, improve harvesting regulations & BMP compliance, and promote efficiency.
- T F** 2. CLPs must attend training or continuing education workshops every two years and request their field interview after each training session.
- T F** 3. SFI provides the public with a toll free number to report bad logging practices.
- T F** 4. SFI certification links loggers, foresters, landowners, mills, & public with training.
- T F** 5. Taking short breaks or performing other tasks will not help relieve ergonomic symptoms.
- T F** 6. An equipment operator in a comfortable environment will be more productive.
- T F** 7. Balancing the three components of the success triangle in order of Safety, Quality, and Production / Efficiency, results in a profitable operation.
- T F** 8. Life Flight may be your best option to transport a patient based on severity of injury and transport time.
- T F** 9. When making a call to EMS, provide patient information and precise jobsite directions from your updated evacuation plan.
- T F** 10. When performing CPR you should give at least 50 compressions per minute.
- T F** 11. Fixed costs are incurred whether you work or not, while variable costs are associated with day to day operations (ex. break downs and fuel use).
- T F** 12. If you only have one employee, workers' compensation is required.
- T F** 13. Foresters, good maps, and harvest plans are sources of information available to help you plan a harvest.
- T F** 14. When planning a harvest along water under the State Wide Standards (SWS), there are three options for shade and tree retention: 1) remove 40%, 2) leave 60 sq. ft. of basal area, 3) outcome based harvest plan.
- T F** 15. Planning ahead for rainy days is not a BMP that can help reduce erosion on logging sites.
- T F** 16. The BMP Rule-of-Thumb for handling rain and run off includes: 1. Minimize exposed soil  
2. Slow the water down 3. Disperse the water.

- T F** 17. The forest management prescription and logging practices may change the types of wildlife in that area.
- T F** 18. Riparian Zones provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and helps filter sediment before it reaches the waterway.
- T F** 19. Head, eye, hearing, & leg protection, along with chainsaw resistant footwear are required when using a chainsaw.
- T F** 20. A helmet, Hi-Vis vest, & steel toe boots are not required for supervisors and contractors on active logging sites.
- T F** 21. Equipment operators may sometimes work within two-tree lengths when they determine it is necessary, they have a clear plan, and the equipment is in full compliance.
- T F** 22. Hydraulic components must be grounded or cradled and the parking brake is applied when the operator leaves the cab.
- T F** 23. Under the State Wide Standards (SWS), small streams flowing between the 300 acre and 25 sq. mile mark require a 75 foot buffer.
- T F** 24. Flagging a planned trail system can reduce yarding costs and water quality issues.
- T F** 25. Parking on level ground away from activities, hydraulics grounded, and equipment de-energized are all that is needed for lockout / tagout.
- T F** 26. Cleaning, inspecting, and repairing your equipment are the basics in fire prevention, reducing slips and falls, and preventing hazardous material spills.
- T F** 27. It is important to regularly communicate the name of road and closest mile marker when traveling on logging roads.
- T F** 28. Seatbelts prevent injuries and your chance of surviving the crash increases if you remain in the vehicle.
- T F** 29. The chain catcher, throttle lock, and chain brake are three required safety features on the saw.
- T F** 30. With depth gauges (rakers) set properly, a bore cut can be started with the kickback zone.
- T F** 31. Trees most generally fall to the ground and are easier to extract when using directional felling.
- T F** 32. Hazards, lean, escape route, hinge, and cutting plan are the five points of information a logger should consider before felling a tree.

# “Database Update Information Sheet”



*"Cultivating Skill, Knowledge and Pride in the Maine Woods"*

Name:

Address:

Town:

Zip Code:

Phone - Home:

- Cell:

Email:

Age:

Employer:

Work site location:

Type of Logger:

Conventional  Mechanical  Supervisor / Contractor  Associate