



WISCONSIN MASTER LOGGER CERTIFICATION

REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2012 – JANUARY 2014 GREEN TIER REPORT

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PROGRAM STATUS

Total Current Wisconsin Master Loggers	55
Number of Master Loggers no longer in the program.....	5
Total Number of New Applicants	6
New applicants certified	5
New applicants that withdrew.....	1
Not actively logging.....	1
Master Loggers that hold Chain of Custody group certificate membership.....	16
Master Loggers recertified in 2013/14.....	54

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Wisconsin DNR Green Tier Charter membership negotiations are ongoing with the WDNR for defining potential benefits for Master Loggers.
- Improved working relationship with DNR foresters.
- Secura Insurance is offering a 20% discount to Master Loggers on insurance coverage, excluding worker compensation insurance
- Washburn and Burnett County forest bond and payment incentive
- Marketing tool for private landowners. Gives them assurance of harvesting done to an accepted and recognized standard
- Some mills give preference to Master Loggers for contracts
- Program has functioned as an arbitrator on complaints
- WIMLC website for marketing, information, and outreach (wimlc.com)
- Newsletter (and outreach as necessary) covering industry issues and opportunities
- The Master Logger Program has been invited to participate in several meetings/committees.
 - Northeast Wisconsin Leadership Summit (2013/2014)

PROGRAM CHANGES/UPDATES

Policy Change:

The recertification policy changed from a random audit process to an annual recertification audit for all Master Loggers. Recertification on an annual basis improves program efficacy and credibility through increased outreach and connection to Master Loggers. Annual recertification gives program auditors an opportunity to provide regular feedback to each Master Logger, and personally address questions or concerns Master Loggers might have. It also helps facilitate communication between Master Loggers and program staff so that regional issues can be identified and addressed. In addition, annual recertification provides a more predictable program expense budget. Another change to the recertification policy is that recertifications will only be done on active sales, unless a full audit is spurred due to issues found during the audit of the active sale.)

Changes in program forms were made.

For the interview forms, the following changes were made:

- Delineating part time from full time employees when the Master Logger has employees.
- Asking if the Master Logger has had any worker's compensation claims in the past year.

For the audit forms, the following changes were made:

- Separated private ownership into MFL and non-MFL ownership options.
- Addition of "functional" to the vacuum pump and fire suppression system descriptions.
- The description of findings now comes before the site inspection.
- The Not Observed category of standards was changed to Not Viewed.

Complaints:

Three complaints were received during the reporting period. Complaints were reviewed and acted on by the Certification Board. Action of the Board resulted in one Master Logger leaving the program, and two complaints were resolved after investigation/interview process.

Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody:

During the reporting period, three additional Master Loggers have become members of the Chain of Custody Group Certificate.