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The Cutting Edge

Master Logger Annual Meeting Oct. 29!

The 2021 Master Logger Annual Meeting and Certificate Ceremony will be held on Friday, Oct. 29, in Bangor, ME and it is time to register for this event!

We have a full schedule of events and speakers this year and look forward to celebrating our new Master Loggers with you at a great new location, the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor!

Master Loggers may register for the meeting online at

maineloggers.com/contractor-member-registration/

Hotel accommodations are available directly across the street from the Cross Insurance Center and in the immediate area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Clark by email at masterlogger@tcnef.org or by phone at (207)-688-8195 -Opt. 2.

Check out the flyer inside for more information!



The Master Logger standard encourages loggers to actively participate and promote the profession on a local, state and national level. On Oct. 5, Maine Master Logger Trees Ltd. opened up their harvest in Fayette, ME to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, Marty Walsh (above at left with Master Logger Don Cole.) Walsh participated in a roundtable discussion with Don and Will Cole of Trees Ltd., and Master Loggers Steve Hanington, Duane Jordan, and Tony Madden. The event was also attended by U.S. Congressman Jared Golden of Maine and the media. Great job everyone representing the standard and our industry!

SFI Standard Revision coming Jan. 2022

The Northeast Master Logger Certification program will finally be recognized by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Standard beginning in Jan. 2022.

As of January 1, 2022, the latest SFI standard revisions mean mills and landowners can recognize any Master Logger certified company as a "Certified Logging Company," which will meet the SFI fiber sourcing and forest management standard.

As a Master Logger company, this has

the potential to simplify and improve your business.

In October of 2019, SFI officially launched the SFI 2022 Standard Revision process. The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands (TCNEF) joined that process and spent much of the spring and summer of 2020 working toward the goal of including Master Logger in the standard. That work paid off earlier this year when the change was approved.

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Hello Northeast Master Logger Companies!



Hello Master Loggers,
I hope you all are having a productive fall. It was great seeing so many of you at the Northeastern Loggers Expo in Bangor several weeks ago. We had many new loggers stop by the booth to hear about Master Logger and what it does for the

profession.

As you may have seen, we have been busy hosting Stream Crossing BMP workshops around the Northeast. These workshops were created with your input. They are interactive, hands-on and people have enjoyed that. The reviews have been excellent.

We have two more workshops planned for

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Previously this kind of recognition had to go through the SFI State Implementation Committee (SIC) for approval. That will no longer be required.

TCNEF is now beginning the process of coordinating with certifying bodies to ensure the new change is understood at all levels and will next proceed with updating mills and large landowners on the coming change.

November 16th and 17th in New York. Please check with Jessica Clark at masterlogger@tcnef.org or call 207-688-8195 - Opt. 2. for details and sign-up. More information is on page 4.

As part of our outreach to the Northeast Region, we recently hosted two Meet & Greets with loggers in New York. Thank you to Nortrax and CJ Logging Equipment for hosting these events. They were a huge success!

Lastly, please join us for the Annual Meeting October 29th!



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As a Certified Master Logger Company, you should let your forester or wood buyer know that your company is Certified. If you are interviewed during an audit, let the auditor know your company is Certified. Stay current with continuous education of key personnel and keep track of any and all workshops and/or trainings that you or your crew have attended.

If you have questions please contact Ted Wright at 207-532-8721 or executivedirector@tcnef.org.

Bill Dirubbo Logging, LLC named New Hampshire Outstanding Logger of 2021

HENNIKER, NH - Bill Dirubbo Logging, LLC of Tamworth, NH has been named New Hampshire's "Outstanding Logger of 2021" by the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA).

Owner Bill Dirubbo was recognized during the association's 2021 NHTOA Awards and Membership Recognition Presentations Aug. 26 at HHP Sawmill. Bill Dirubbo, LLC is a Master Logger certified company, and the award was presented by Ted Wright, Executive Director of the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program and Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands.

"The members of the NHTOA committee charged with assessing Bill Dirubbo's nomination for this year's Outstanding Logger award summed it up best after a



tour of one of Bill's recent timber sales - "We came away impressed with Bill Dirubbo's commitment to high quality work and maintaining his good reputation. Quality over speed is quite evident," Wright said in his remarks. "Bill gets most of his jobs by word of mouth, and the fact that nearly all of his company's work is done within a few miles of his home base in Tamworth, N.H., is a testament to the quality of his work and the reputation he has built."

Bill Dirubbo Logging LLC has been a participant in the Master Logger program since 2009, and in 2017 the company became certified by the Forest Stewardship Council's Chain of Custody program, allowing Dirubbo to buy FSC® stumpage in New Hampshire and Maine. Congratulations Bill!

Master Logger Stream Crossing Workshops Underway

The Northeast Master Logger Certification Program is continuing to hold a series of successful new hands-on Timber Harvest Stream Crossing Workshops in 2021.

These trainings are Free for Master Loggers and their employees, and lunch is being provided.

Trainings held so far in 2021 include:

- **Vermont** (Randolph/Hartford Area) - May 20, 2021
- **Maine** (West Paris) - May 25, 2021
- **Maine** (Sherman) - May 27, 2021
- **New Hampshire** (Gorham) - Oct. 16

Trainings still to come include:

- **New York** (Wanakena) - Nov. 16, 2021
- **New York** (Wilmington) - Nov. 17, 2021

Ted Wright, Executive Director of Northeast Master Logger, said the workshops have been very well received so far and urged New York Master Loggers to attend one of the two upcoming workshops in their state.

“These are hands-on, interactive, logger focused workshops that we think you will enjoy,” Wright said. “The reviews from the past four workshops have been excellent. We have had over 170 attendees and 75% of those have been loggers like yourself.”

Wright added there will be raffles and giveaways at the events, including one skidder bridge and erosion control products.

To register for a class please send your company name and names of participants to: masterlogger@tcnef.org, call 207- 688-8195 or go to <https://www.tcnef.org/stream-crossing-workshops/>

These workshops are generously sponsored by the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities.

The United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (the “Endowment”) is a non-profit corporation that works collaboratively with partners in the public and private sectors to advance systemic, transformative and sustainable change for the health and vitality of the nation’s working forest and forest-reliant communities.



Workshops underway in (from top to bottom) Randolph, VT; West Paris, ME; and Gorham, NH.

Additional workshops are planned Nov. 16-17 in Wanakena and Wilmington New York.

New York Master Logger Meet & Greet Events



Loggers at the Boonville New York Master Logger event, at left. At right, Ted Wright, Exec Director of the Master Logger Program (far left) with loggers and JF Caron at the Clifton Park event. Thank you to our hosts, United Construction and Forestry (formerly Nortrax) and CJ Motor Sports.

Northeast Master Logger Certification held two successful events in New York in August to meet prospective Master Loggers, present the benefits of the program and hear from loggers in the region.



The events were held Aug. 18 in Clifton Park at the United Construction and Forestry (formerly Nortrax) showroom

and Aug. 19 in Boonville at CJ Motor Sports.

Both events included dinner and updates on the hardwood log market from log buyer JF Caron of Mercier Wood Flooring. United Construction and Forestry and CJ Motor Sports also provided updates and hosted the events.

Thank you to our hosts and presenters for these events. It was great to see everyone this summer and to make new connections with professional loggers.



Logger's Expo 2021

It was great to see so many Master Loggers from so many Northeast states Sept. 24-25 at the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, ME.

Thank you to all who stopped by the Master Logger booth and we look forward to seeing you all again at the next Expo May 13-14 2022 in Essex Junction Vermont!