



Idaho Pro-Logger Program Guidelines

2025 Edition

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1.) To become accredited as an “Idaho Pro-Logger” (IPL) the following **basic/core** items must be completed, and **an application form must** be submitted to the Associated Logging Contractors:

A. The owner/operator and key employees, (as defined by the owner/operator) of a logging firm must take three days of instruction in Best Management Practices (BMPs) including silviculture, forest ecology, and water quality as offered in the current University of Idaho Extension program titled LEAP (Logger Education to Advance Professionalism).

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Note: The U of I Extension’s LEAP training provides training on SFI “Qualified Logging Professional” aka “QLP” initial components a., b., and c. (2024)

B. **All** employees of a firm, **including** the owner/contractor, will take the logger first aid and safety training that is presented by State of Idaho Logging Safety and Associated Logging Contractors to meet the annual first aid certification and logging safety training requirements of current OSHA and State of Idaho regulations. *(clarified 2019)*

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Note: This training covers SFI “Qualified Logging Professional” aka “QLP” initial components d. and the OSHA training called for in e. (2024)

C. New employees that were not with the firm at the time of training and who have not received the training with another firm will need to take the training listed in Item B. the first time it is provided in the area.

Upon completion of these basic/core items, participant will have met the requirements to become accredited in the “Idaho Pro-Logger” program. ***Participant must submit an IPL application to receive this accreditation. (2012) (clarified 2019)(clarified 2024)***

2.) To maintain current status as an “Idaho Pro-Logger,” participant must take 12 credits of continuing education programs each calendar year. *(2012) (Exception given in 2020 due to Covid-19) (clarified 2024)*

Of these 12 credits, 4 credits will come from the required half-day course in the logger first aid, CPR, and safety training that is presented by the State of Idaho Logging Safety and Associated Logging Contractors. A current First Aid CPR card and annual logging safety training is required by OSHA and the State of Idaho.

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In addition to the logging First Aid and safety course, the remaining 8 credits shall include courses that the owner/contractor and key employees will take addressing one or more of the topics listed below each year. *Participants that have achieved Idaho Pro Logger accreditation should strive to take training in different topics each year. In other words, the goal is to add to a participant's knowledge base each year rather than simply repeating courses. (2024)*

- a. awareness of sustainable forestry principles and SFI's work across four pillars: standards, conservation, community, and education;
- b. best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance, and retirement;
- c. reforestation, invasive species management, forest resource conservation, aesthetics, and special sites;
- d. awareness of rare forested natural communities as identified by provincial or state agencies, or by credible organizations such as NatureServe and The Nature Conservancy;
- e. transportation issues;
- f. business management;
- g. public policy and outreach;
- h. awareness of emerging technologies;
- i. logging safety; or
- j. other topics identified by Certified Organization and/or SFI Implementation Committees that improve their responsibilities in meeting the SFI 2022 Standards. (2022)

These courses must come from an approved list of courses which the ALC strives to update regularly as it is notified of training opportunities. Courses or training not on the list can be submitted to the Associated Logging Contractors for approval prior to participants attending the course, if at all possible, to ensure it meets the content areas listed above. *(clarified 2019, 2024)*

Courses delivered via the internet, video, DVD or CD will be considered for credit on a case-by-case basis with documentation of participation from the organizer/instructor. *(11/2011, 2024)*

Generally, one credit hour is given for each hour of instructional time of approved continuing education. Credits are not given for non-instructional time i.e., driving time, meals (unless accompanied by a presentation).

For credit to be given for a class the participant needs to submit proof of attendance by submitting a form provided by the ALC that is available either directly from the IPL approved class instructor or by calling the ALC office. This information is matched with the class roster provided by the class instructor.

Class instructors must provide the ALC with copies of registration forms or a final attendance roster, agenda and dates and hours of training. These forms and rosters need to be legible, or credit cannot be accurately recorded.

3.) IPL accreditation is designated to a company. Individuals may also be IPL accredited if requested by the individual, and if the individual has met the requirements, filed an application, and has paid the annual registration fee if a non-ALC member.

4.) Basic/Core accreditation as an IPL is current as long as continuing education (CE) requirements are met.

A. If an accredited IPL participant does not get CE requirements for 1 year, they become current by taking the 12 credits required for that year. *(5/2001, 2011)*

B. If an accredited IPL participant is not a current member of the Associated Logging Contractors and has not paid the annual registration fee by June 1st the IPL participant will lose accreditation status. *(2012, 2024)*

5.) The ALC keeps records of firms and individuals enrolled in the program and provides related information to loggers, logging contractors, forest products companies and forest owners upon request. Loggers and logging contractors are encouraged to maintain their own records of education sessions they have attended and are further encouraged to send copies of them to the ALC to be certain they are turned in. The ALC attempts to collect information and attendance rosters on all eligible classes, workshops, etc. but does not receive all of them automatically. *(clarified 2019)*

6.) Washington, Montana, and Oregon have similar “pro-logger” or “accredited logger” programs in place. Reciprocity varies from state to state. If a logging contractor that is certified/accredited in another state wishes to become an ‘Idaho Pro Logger’ final determination of reciprocity given, if any for the Idaho Pro-Logger Program resides solely with the IPL owner and administrator - the Associated Logging Contractors. *(clarified 2024)*

It is important to understand that “QLP” or logger certification/accreditation requirements are private business arrangements between a contractor and the company/companies with whom they are contracted. In the event a contractor wants to obtain Idaho Pro Logger Program accreditation the requirements of IPL need to be met. *(2024)*

7.) As of January 1, 2012, an annual registration fee will be charged to IPL participants who are not members of the Associated Logging Contractors (ALC). This non-ALC member fee assists in sharing the costs of staff and current technology needed to keep the Idaho Pro-Logger Program operating. ALC members’ dues include the cost of IPL participation.

Registration fees will be charged as follows:

\$ 150.00 annually for non-ALC member companies who have more than one employee enrolled; and,

75.00 annually for individuals who are non-ALC members, are not employees of IPL companies or who are not employees of SFI & FSC companies that contribute to the ALC to offset record-keeping expenses. *(clarified 2019)*

The annual registration fee is due and payable upon receipt of billing **but must be paid no later than June 1st** to avoid loss of accreditation status in the IPL Program.

8.) The Idaho Pro-Logger Program is owned and operated by the Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho (ALC). The ALC has established two committees to assist in oversight and guidance of the IPL:

1.) the Idaho Pro-Logger Sub Committee whose members are ALC member logging contractors in

good standing; and;

2.) the Idaho Pro-Logger Advisory Committee which consists of logging contractors, forest landowners, representatives of forest products companies and large forest landowners, foresters, the University of Idaho Extension Forestry Department, the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho State Logging Safety Program and the Associated Logging Contractors. These committees meet regularly to monitor and guide the program and make recommendations to the ALC Board of Directors for program governance. All final decisions on the governance and operation of the IPL rest with the ALC Board of Directors.

9.) The Idaho Pro-Logger Program has been designated the official logger training program for Idaho by the Idaho SFI State Implementation Committee.