

# Idaho Logging Safety News

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## ***THE 2010 FIRST AID AND SAFETY CLASSES ARE FINALLY HERE!!!!***

<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>
Orofino	Wednesday, March 3	Best Western Lodge at Rivers Edge, 615 Main
New Meadows	Thursday, March 4	New Meadows Senior Center, 102 Commercial
Post Falls*	Tuesday, March 9	Post Falls Theater, 1486 W. Seltice
Sandpoint (Ponderay)	Wednesday, March 10	Ponderay Events Center, 401 Bonner Mall Way, Suite E. Ponderay
Troy	Thursday, March 11	Troy Lions Club, 415 S. Main St.
St. Maries (1)*	Tuesday, March 16	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Princeton	Wednesday, March 17	Palouse River Community Center
Pierce	Thursday, March 18	Pierce Community Center
Bonnars Ferry*	Wednesday, March 24	Kootenai River Inn, 7169 Plaza St.
St. Maries (2)	Thursday, March 25	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Grangeville	Tuesday, April 13	Elks Lodge, 111 S. Meadow
Emmett	Wednesday, April 14	Emmett Movie Theater, 127 W. Main Street
St. Anthony	Thursday, April 15	South Freemont Senior Center, Bridge St. D

*More information on the Safety Classes, LEAP Update classes\*, and the Fire Fighting Training Schedule is on the following pages. As for the Logging Safety Classes; Doughnuts, BS and Coffee will be served at 7:00 a.m. with the Safety Classes starting at 8:00. These Classes are open to ALL loggers in Idaho along with their spouses. SEE YOU THERE!*

## 2010 ANNUAL FIRELINE SAFETY REFRESHER TRAINING

Annual Fire line Safety Refresher Training has been scheduled at the following locations. This refresher training is intended for those in the logging community who wish to help local fire agencies in times of need in a cooperative spirit. Those who hold competitively solicited contracts with the federal agencies or are in wildfire contracting as a primary business are directed to accredited training providers for their training.

Location	Time/Date	Address
Orofino	8 am Thursday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Orofino Armory, Highway 12
Princeton	1 pm Wednesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Palouse River Community Center
Pierce	1 pm Thursday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pierce Community Center
St. Maries	1 pm Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eagles, 707 Main St.
Coeur d'Alene	8 am Monday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	IDL Main Office, 3284 W. Industrial Loop
McCall	8 am Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	McCall Fire Department, 300 East Park Street

The training is a group effort between Idaho Department of Lands, Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Agency (CPTPA) and Southern Idaho Timber Protection Agency (SITPA).

For questions, please contact Ken Homik at (208) 666-8648 or via e-mail at [khomik@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:khomik@idl.idaho.gov).

### **LEAP UPDATE INFO:**

The University of Idaho Extension is offering four 1 1/2 day LEAP update classes this year. These classes are co-scheduled with the Logging Safety classes so participants can get all the continuing education credits required by the Idaho Pro-Logger program within two days, if they should so choose. These classes will be held in Orofino, Post Falls, St. Maries (1) and Bonners Ferry (locations marked with an asterisk on the front page schedule).

No pre-registering is necessary for attending the logging safety classes. However, registration IS necessary for attending the LEAP update. For more information and to pre-register please contact your Extension office: Idaho Panhandle 208-446-1680 or North Central Idaho 208-476-4434.

### **PARKING AT THE LOGGING SAFETY CLASSES:**

Half of the locations we have our classes at have room to park, but half do not. Try not to park in front of businesses or in front of peoples driveways. Try not to park *on* the rail road tracks in Orofino (Scotty), in front of the school bus garage door in Troy (Dan) or at the front door of the Flame in Pierce (Ed)! We are going to a new location in Emmett but Monte thought parking in the old Albertson's lot would be O.K. if we left room close to the businesses or across the street past the bank.

We appreciate the effort!

## ***CONTRACTORS: TIME TO GET “OLD SLIVER PULL” STARTED ON HIS TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION***

*By Cliff Osborne*

As a logging contractor here in Idaho, you are required to show proof of training for your crew on many topics every year. Some of this has to be done at the beginning of the season when the actual logging is first starting up, but much of these training issues can be covered during layoff. It does not have to be a complicated issue to do so. If you get your crew to attend, and follow up with a little documentation, the ***annual safety classes*** give you a heck of a head start!

The classes are provided by the Associated Logging Contractors with help from the Idaho logging safety guys. *CPR* and *First Aid* is taught along with training in *Emergency Rescue*, *Blood Borne Pathogens*, *Energy Control*, *Hearing Conservation*, and *Hazardous Communication*. Again, these are required training topics all loggers are supposed to have each year.

After the crew has attended the class and you have bought them lunch, have your employees sign off on that portion of their ***job safety training guideline*** sheet for their specific job:

<b>SAWYER</b>	
<b><i>Job Task: Falling, Bucking and Knot Bumping</i></b>	
<b><i>Employee: Old Sliver Pull</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. <i>Current First Aid Card</i></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. <i>Hazardous Communication</i></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. <i>Company Emergency Rescue</i></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. <i>Blood Borne Pathogens</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. <i>Energy Control</i></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. <i>Hearing Conservation</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 7. <i>Review Company Safety Plan</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8. <i>Observe Job Skills</i></li> </ul>

*Continued.....*

Obviously, there are still quite a few topics you will want to go over with the crew right before you start logging again next spring, but like I mentioned earlier, this will help get a jump on things.

I will cover the rest of the required training in the next newsletter but I would like to mention one step that is often overlooked when training your crew. No matter the experience level of the logger, as their employer it is your responsibility to “observe” them doing their job to see if they perform satisfactorily, then document the result.

Say “Old Sliver Pull” has been sawing for many years and has cut timber from New Mexico to Saskatoon—he still needs to be trained for *your* company. This is a good time to find out if he has any bad habits. For instance, maybe he doesn’t leave the stump far enough when a tree falls. Correct it no matter how much experience he has. This could save his life!

Of course “Greenhorns” must be trained by someone who has the proper skills, and must be able to perform their job safely before being left on their own! Take the time to do it right. The documentation of this training must be signed by your employees and kept in your safety plan.

And when you get done with the training, we will go find out why Old Sliver Pull is cutting a half mile out of the unit!!!!

## ***HOLY COW, THERE IS A NEW “NEW GUY” ON THE SAFETY CREW!***



***Terry “Bear” Streeter (left) talks logging safety with Kenny Renfro outside of Idaho City. Renfro is just starting out in the logging business so Bear has his work cut out for himself!***

The Idaho Logging Safety program has added a new member to our crew. Terry “Bear” Streeter will be working with the loggers in the north end of the state. Terry has lived in the Coeur d’Alene area his entire life spending the last thirty-eight years working in the woods.

He brings a vast amount of logging experience to the program along with a friendly personality and a dedication to safe logging practices he has vigorously promoted throughout his career.

Terry is well known to the North Idaho logging community and is well respected by all of the loggers he has worked with over the years.

Welcome aboard Bear!

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***Just wanted to thank all of the fellows that applied for the logging safety advisor job. It kind of got drug out so your patience was appreciated. We interviewed some unbelievably qualified people and it was a great experience to meet you all. Thanks Again, Monte, Cliff and Galen***

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***KATHY TEWS*** is one of those people that makes it a pure pleasure to be associated with the timber industry. Kathy is the scale clerk for Empire Lumber in Weippe and has been keeping timber scalers and log truck drivers on the straight and narrow for the last ten years or so. She also has to put up with the logging safety guy dumping a bunch of newsletters on her desk every now and then!

When you get to thinking about it, it is kind of amazing how many people are involved with getting a tree off a mountain somewhere, hauled down the road, cut into boards and then sold to the public so this country can keep chugging along. Luckily most of them are awfully nice and darn good at their jobs, just like Kathy!



***Kathy tries to get some work done despite the safety guy’s camera flashing!***

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## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Intermountain Logging Conference “Adapting to Change”

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center  
Spokane Valley, Washington



It is a day or two off, but mark it down on your calendar now. For those of you loggers that have not attended the Intermountain before, you have missed out on a good time. The topics they are covering this year are extensive, a bunch of issues you in the timber industry deal with daily. This years program also addresses safety concerns, some of which will be presented by the Montana and Idaho Logging Safety Guys (that is worth the price of admission alone!)

For all the information, contact Julie Schwanz at 208-245-3425. See you there!

### **TAKE A QUICK LOOK AROUND BEFORE DOGGING IN THAT SAW!**



I recently asked a fellow at one of the sawmills what the heck he was doing cutting chunks out of what looked to be perfectly sound logs. He waved me closer to show me what he was up to. He had spotted some big, old nails in a few logs that morning and was cleaning things up before sending the remainder of the logs through the mill. Not a bad idea!

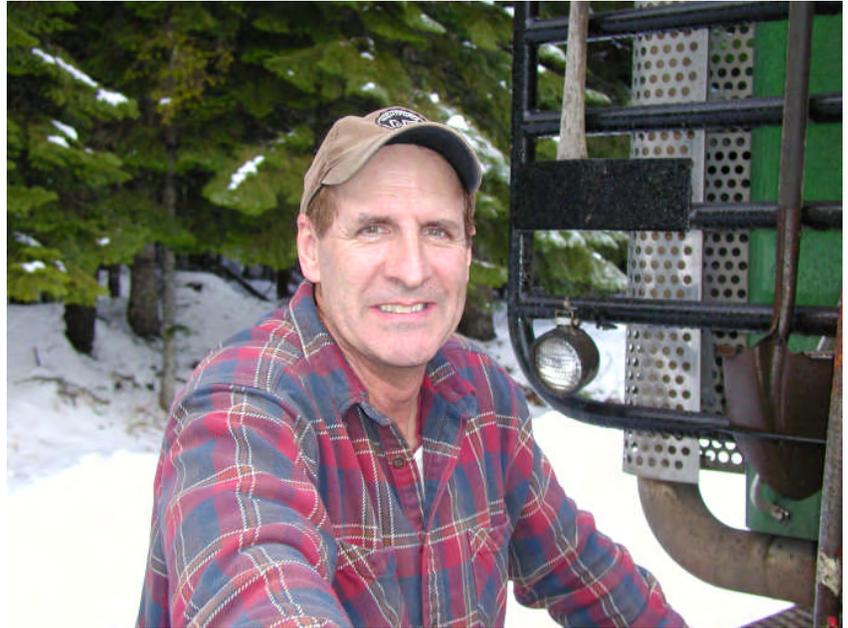
The sawmill guy figured the loggers worked through an old hunting camp and the nails were never intended to do harm. With many of you loggers working closer to town and on private property, the opportunity to find *antiques* to cut through is a real possibility!

***EXPERIENCE, COMMON SENSE AND ONE OF NICEST GUYS YOU WILL EVER MEET!***

By Galen Hamilton

Wouldn't you just hate to have someone like that on your logging job? According to Mclaughlin Logging, having **Gary Ricks** on their crew ain't that bad of a deal whatsoever!

Gary has been driving truck for 43 years now, the last 11 for Mclaughlins. Mary Anne Mclaughlin, who owns the outfit with her husband Mick, sums up what they think of Gary; *"We love him, we just think the world of Gary Ricks"*!



Now that isn't too bad of a thing having your employer thinking that way about you, but it gets better. Marguerite Mclaughlin, Mick's mom and former owner of the logging company, has known Gary "forever". Listening to my conversation with Mary Anne she added, *"the nicest and hardest working man you will ever know"*! Gary will get mad at me for putting that in the article, but when you have the people you work around thinking that much of a fellow, well, it is just a neat deal.

I always like visiting with Gary because he is one of those fellows with a huge amount of knowledge about his trade but comes across as regular Joe. He has strong feelings on logging safety, and when prodded he has shared some of his views. *"SAFETY 1ST –TRIPS 2ND; you can always get the "next load" tomorrow, but not if your truck is in the ditch"*. With all of the traffic out on the roads these days I asked him what he looks out for. *"Try and keep room behind you and A LOT of room in front. When people are right on my tail I try my best to find a way to let them around because you know they are going to try and pass in a bad place. People also have a tendency to slam on their brakes, so I stay far enough back to get my truck whoaed up in time"*.

Gary also mentioned he thought he was getting old because, *"I just can't seem to keep up with a lot of the trucks out there these days"*. He also joked that *"after 43 years of driving these old logging trucks, you would of thought I would of learned something"*. Well Gary, I know you have, and hopefully your words will land on other's ears!



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*Honest Boss, it was just easier to grease it this way*



**A COUPLE OF LOGGING ACCIDENTS**

*By Monte Biggers*

**#1**

An experienced cat skinner got a little surprise when he was side hilling his cat over to some logs to skid.

The ground wasn't all that steep, as you can tell by the picture. However, when he ran up on a stump with his uphill track at the same time his lower track found a hole, over she went.

The operator said it hit pretty hard but his seat belt held him in place and there was no injury to report.....except the one to his pride!

**#2**

A hooker suffered a compound fracture of the lower leg after being struck by a tree length. He had hooked a lodge pole, and while it was being yarded up, it blew out of the tongs. It sprang back down, and slightly around the hill, striking him.

The tree length's top was brushed up causing it to bow, and being a small green lodge pole, it blew out of the tongs instead of breaking. The hooker thought he was in the clear but due to the amount of pressure on the tree length it reacted in a way he didn't expect.

The crew went to work very quickly and made a call into State Comm. Due to the severity of the break they requested a helicopter rescue. This company keeps a G.P.S. right with their V.H.F. radios they use for emergencies, so they were able to give co-ordinates of the accident site immediately. Following their training, they didn't move the victim, treated him for shock and made him comfortable until emergency services arrived.

State Comm dispatches a ground ambulance along with a helicopter. Due to the proximity of the ambulance and the fact the helicopter was already involved with a different call, the ground ambulance arrived first. (The ambulance crew also used the provided co-ordinates to locate the accident site.)

The ground crew stabilized the victim and, with the help of the loggers, loaded him up in the ambulance and transported him a short ways down the road to where the helicopter had arrived.

Under the circumstances the rescue went about as well as it could have. The first aid training, this companies emergency rescue plan, an excellent communication system and all of the work that has gone into establishing a working relationship with State Comm paid off.

It will take a day or two but the hooker will make a full recovery, thanks to the quick actions of this logging crew. DANG GOOD JOB GUYS!

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