

Declaration of Intent for Master Logger

As a Maryland Delaware Master Logger:

A. I will strive to the highest standard of business and moral principles by:

1. Operating my company as a responsible member of the business community.
2. Striving to continually improve my business operations through training and other appropriate means.
3. Striving to take an active role in local, state and national loggers and forestry organizations.
4. Working to meet the landowner's objectives as long as they are consistent with sustainable forestry principles, federal, state, and local laws.
5. Striving to maintain positive relationships with landowners, vendors, and customers.
6. Doing my part to assure the logging profession has a positive public image.
7. Encourage other loggers to act responsible in their business and logging operations.
8. Acting responsible to uphold the integrity of the logging profession.

B. I will practice sustainable forestry by:

1. Designing and scheduling timber harvests to minimize erosion and other site damage.
2. Harvesting and transporting timber to minimize residual forest damage.
3. Practicing good utilization.
4. Closing out timber harvest to minimize erosion damage.
5. Increasing my knowledge by participating in training and educational programs that meet sustainable forestry initiative (SFI) requirements.
6. Encouraging forest landowners to properly manage their forestland sustainable through sound timber harvesting practices.
7. Recognizing the non-timber forest values such as wildlife habitat for game and non-game species, wetlands protection, recreation, and aesthetics.

C. I will comply with all applicable laws and regulations by:

1. Operating my business to adhere to the intent of laws and regulations, not just to meet the bare minimum standards set by them.

D. I will strive to conduct my business in full compliance with safety requirements by:

1. Offering all of my employees training in Standard First Aid and CPR.
2. Ensuring that all of my employees have and use appropriate personal protective equipment.
3. Providing training so that all of my employees are fully trained to safely perform their duties.

MD-DE Master Logger Name: _____

MD-DE Master Logger Signature: _____

Date: _____

