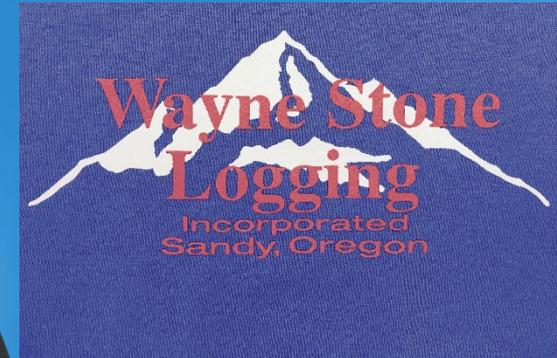


2016 Operators of the Year



GOALS

- To recognize operators who consistently and voluntarily perform above the Oregon Forest Practices Act minimum requirements.
- To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act, its administration, and its effectiveness in protecting natural resources.



Authority

- **ORS 527.630** : [It is the]...policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes as the leading use on privately owned land, consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources and scenic resources within visually sensitive corridors.
- *Forestry Program for Oregon's Goal D* includes protecting and improving “the physical and biological quality of the soil and water resources of Oregon's forests” through the administration of the Forest Practices Act.



Honoring Work that Exceeds Natural Resource Protection Requirements

- Three Operators of the Year (Areas)
 1. Eastern
 2. Northwest
 3. Southern
- Merit Awards (District)
- Commendation Letters (Local Offices)

Nominations

Who Nominates?

- ODF Stewardship Foresters
- Logging Association Members
- Industry Members
- Communities
- Watershed Councils
- Anyone



Criteria

- **Consistency**
- **Difficulty**
- **Results**
- **Innovation and extra effort**
- **Financial risk to operator**



Selecting

Regional Forest Practices Committees

- Tour sites
- Review written nominations and videos
- Deliberate



Recognizing Quality

- Media
- Associated Oregon Loggers
- Oregon Logging Conference
- Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- Board of Forestry
- ODF outreach venues



Merit Awards

- B & M Timber, LLC (Burns)
- Mike Pihl Logging, Inc. (Vernonia)
- Rick Krohn, Western Helicopter (Newberg) and Mark Gourley, Starker Forests, Inc. (Corvallis)

Questions



B & C Logging

Eastern Operator of the Year

Eastern Oregon Area 2016 Operator of the Year, B&C Logging, Inc.



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B&C Logging, Inc.

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Wayne Stone Logging, Inc. Northwest Operator of the Year

NW Oregon Area 2016 Operator of the Year, Wayne Stone Logging, Inc.



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Plikat Logging, Inc.

Southern Operator of the Year



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Questions



Thank You!

