

SHARP Logger Program -- 2002 Annual Report

2002 Program Highlights

- ❖ On January 1, 2002, responsibility for the administration and coordination of Virginia's SHARP Logger training and education program was transferred from the Virginia Forestry Association to the Virginia Tech Forestry Department. The SHARP Logger program effectively became a Virginia Tech Forestry Extension program under the direction of Dr. Bob Shaffer, with funding and program oversight from the Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) State Committee, and administrative support from the Virginia Forestry Association.
- ❖ Scott Barrett was employed as a Virginia Tech Extension Associate on May 1st as the full-time SHARP Logger Program Coordinator, with responsibility for planning/ coordinating training programs and developing/maintaining the Program's extensive database and website [www.sharplogger.vt.edu].
- ❖ 167 "new" SHARP Loggers completed the Core Program in 2002, while 240 loggers failed to complete the 3-year Continuing Education (CE) requirement and lost their SHARP Logger standing, bringing the current number of active Virginia SHARP Loggers to 1,934. These loggers represent 1,328 logging businesses, and produce an estimated 90%+ of Virginia's raw forest products.
- ❖ 1393 SHARP Loggers participated in 80 SHARP Logger CE programs covering 11 different topics in 2002 at locations across the Commonwealth. New CE classes developed in 2002 included *Advanced Harvest Planning*; *Wildlife Management and Endangered Species*; and *Improving Timber Harvesting Efficiency*.
- ❖ At least 85 individuals (volunteers?) directly assisted in the implementation of the SHARP Logger Program in 2002. These individuals came from the forest industry, the logging industry, the insurance industry, the banking industry, State agencies, and forest landowners (please see the listing at the end of this report). **Without their help the Sharp Logger Program could not succeed.** Special thanks goes to Virginia Cooperative Extension District Forestry Agents Adam Downing, Dan Goerlich, and Jim Willis (29 SHARP Logger Programs collectively), and Virginia Department of Forestry personnel (24 "BMP Update" programs for SHARP Logger CE credit).

VIRGINIA SHARP Logger Training Summary 2002

SHARP Loggers trained in 2002	Individuals
Completed SHARP Logger Core Program	167
Attended 1 or more Core programs, but did not complete in 2002	105
Attended 1 or more SHARP Logger CE program in 2002	1393
Attended at least 1 SHARP Logger Core or CE program in 2002	1598

Summary of current SHARP Loggers	Individuals
Completed Core SHARP Logger training to date	2363
Dropped from current listing on 1/1/03 & have 1 year grace period to renew	182
Permanently dropped from listing on 1/1/03	240
Current SHARP Logger status, but retired/out of business	7
Active SHARP Loggers on 1/1/03	1934

SHARP Logger CE Programs offered in 2002	Classes	Attendance
Improving Timber Harvesting Efficiency	1	27
Map Reading	1	8
Advanced Harvest Planning	2	43
Gypsy Moth Training	3	50
Improving Negotiating Skills	3	90
Oil Spill Prevention & Control	3	99
Wildlife Management & Endangered Species	3	67
VDOT Temporary Logging Road Entrance Permits	3	123
Logging Business Management	7	181
Chainsaw Safety	8	271
Virginia BMP Update Programs	24	909
Other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits*	<u>22</u>	<u>348</u>
TOTAL	80	

*Examples of other classes approved for SHARP Logger CE credits include forest landowner short courses, company trainings, forestry & wildlife bus tours, and SAF CFE approved programs where SHARP Logger CE credits were requested

Total SHARP Logger Training Contact Hours*	
Total training contact hours - Core Program	3006
Total training contact hours - Continuing Education	10,131
Total training contact hours	13,137

*Number of attendees x program hours = contact hours

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