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OUTSTANDING LOGGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINATION DEADLINE – 1st of March each year.

Join SWPA in searching for Georgia and Florida's outstanding loggers of the year! Whether you are a forest landowner or industry professional, use this opportunity to nominate a professional timber harvesting business that has exceeded your expectations and is deserving of recognition.

Businesses nominated should be a credit to their profession and consistently demonstrate the **qualities of an exceptional timber harvesting operation**. These include, but are not limited to: compliance with all applicable laws, evidence of safety and loss control programs, equipment maintenance practices, personnel management, environmental considerations, wood security practices, business management, sustainable harvesting and good standing within the community including community activism. **Finally, the business must be a participant in Master Logger (in Florida) or Master Timber Harvester (in Georgia) programs and a resident of the state for which they are nominated. The selection process will place significant emphasis upon evidence of sustainable harvesting and business practices.**

All potential qualified harvesting businesses should be considered, regardless of operation size. Nominations will be reviewed and award recipients selected by the SWPA Joint Logger of Year Committees based on the highest point value attained during the evaluation process. The SWPA Joint Committees include SWPA, industry, associated industry and merchants, and state SFI committee representatives.

Nominations must contain the following information: business name and business owner's name(s), address, best contact phone numbers, area of operation and a *brief* summary detailing why the nominee should be the Outstanding Logger of the Year. Date of submitting nomination. Anonymous nominations will be accepted provided the nomination package is complete and the nominee has agreed to participate. **The deadline for nominations is the 1st of March each year.**

Initial consideration of nominees and site visits will be based on the information provided in the nomination. Prior winners of this award must wait 10 years before becoming eligible for consideration in a current year. SWPA will present the "Outstanding Logger of the Year" award at our Annual or Regional Meetings. The Georgia and Florida forestry associations may also choose to recognize recipients at their annual meeting events. For more information, please contact Tommy Carroll at (478) 952-2809.



Outstanding Logger of the Year Nomination Florida -or- Georgia

Please print clearly Nomination for (year) _____

Timber Harvesting Operation Name: _____

Owner(s): _____ Area(s) of Operation: _____

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Nominee Signature: I _____ hereby agree to participate in the Logger of the Year program. (Agreement to participate by phone or fax is acceptable)

Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please Note: Nomination must be accompanied by a *brief* summary detailing why the nominee should be the Florida or Georgia "Outstanding Logger of the Year". The summary should explain how your nominee demonstrates the following qualities of an exceptional logger in areas listed below along with any other information you would like to present for consideration:

1. Regulatory Compliance Programs and Recordkeeping
2. Business Management
(planning, personnel, resource and asset management, recordkeeping, character, innovation)
3. Harvesting Practices
(environmental, utilization, wood security and aesthetic considerations)
4. Community activism and industry advocacy
5. A track record of sustainable harvesting and business practices

Send completed nomination form with supporting documentation to pbennett@swpa.ag and call the SWPA office at 904.845.7133 to confirm complete nomination package was received by the SWPA office before March 1st.