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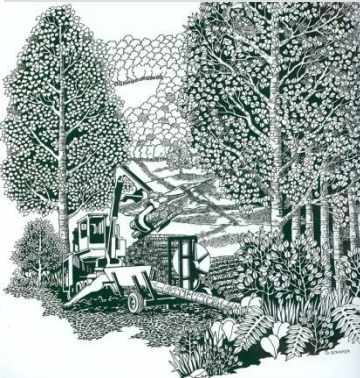
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## Did You Know:

- Nearly half of the world's population depends on wood as its major source of fuel for heating and cooking.
- Every dollar spent to purchase state timber in Minnesota generates more than \$41 of economic activity.



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*The Newsletter of the Minnesota Logger Education Program*

## Chisholm's John Rolle – 2013 Logger of the Year!

John Rolle has been named "Logger of the Year" by the Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC).

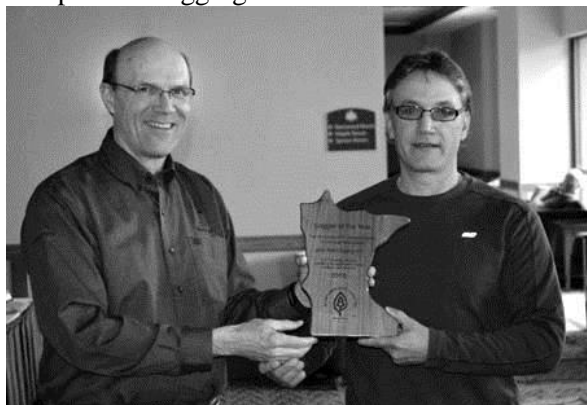
The award was presented to the Chisholm-based logger at the Minnesota Logger Education (MLEP) Conference April 9, in Tower, Minnesota. The Logger of the Year Award recognizes outstanding independent logging contractor performance.

"John and his crew are one of the best in the area," according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forester Jeff Sirjod. "John goes the 'extra mile,' not only for his timber sales, but for the benefit and safety of his crew and fellow loggers." Rolle and his employees are known for their willingness to, not only take suggestions, but to implement ideas and make adjustments to their harvesting and forest management operations that improve efficiencies whenever possible.

"The John Rolle Logging operations not only 'talk the talk,' but 'walk the walk' of the standards set forth by Minnesota's logging profession and the SIC, said Tim O'Hara, coordinator of the Duluth-based Minnesota organization." The utilization of wood on John's sales is continually above Minnesota's harvesting guidelines," O'Hara added.

Rolle's operations including equipment, timber sale areas, log landings, and all vehicles are noted for their cleanliness and organization. Rolle's commitment to exemplary forestry practices extends to the landowners he meets, according to his award nomination. His efforts to assist forest landowners with reforestation and/or referrals to area foresters for assistance when needed exemplify Rolle's commitment to the resource.

MLEP Executive Director Dave Chura lauded Rolle, noting that "Rolle's professionalism and outstanding logging performances exemplify the professional independent logging contractors within Minnesota's forestry community."



The Logger of the Year Award was presented to John Rolle by Jim Marshall, UPM-Blandin forest resources manager and chair of the Minnesota SIC.



## “Trees To Track” - Pinewood Derby Harvest/Sawmill/Planting

The MN SIC formed a unique partnership with the Boy Scouts of America to develop SFI certified race kits that will be used in Pinewood Derby races. More than 2,500 SFI certified race kits will be donated by the MN SIC to local Boy Scout Councils in northern MN.

Activities have included:

- A timber harvest by MLEP Member Haverinen Brothers Logging (Menagha) at the Boy Scouts of America Camp Wilderness.
- Logs were sawn at MLEP Member A and C Lumber (Park Rapids) into lumber planks. The lumber was then milled by a local millwork facility into blanks that will be used in the Pinewood Derby.
- The MN SIC organized a tree planting event for Boy Scouts at Camp Wilderness. More than 400 maple trees were planted at Camp Wilderness. This site will become a “sugar bush” area for Boy Scouts to collect sap and process into maple syrup.
- MN SIC committee will package and assemble SFI certified race kits for Pinewood Derby races. The blanks in the kit are labeled with a SFI Chain of Custody sticker. The kits have information about the SFI program and encouragement to design the car with a forest sustainability theme.
- More than 2,500 of the SFI certified kits for use with the Pinewood Derby will be distributed to the Voyageurs Area and Northern Lights Boy Scout Councils for distribution to Cub Scouts in 2014
- Partners in this project include: SFI, Inc, Camp Wilderness (Tree Farm), Haverinen Brothers Logging, Norbord MN, MN Logger Education Program, Boy Scouts of America Voyageurs Area and Northern Lights Councils, Boise, Inc, Wicks Wood Products, Plantra, UPM-Blandin Paper Company and A and C Lumber.



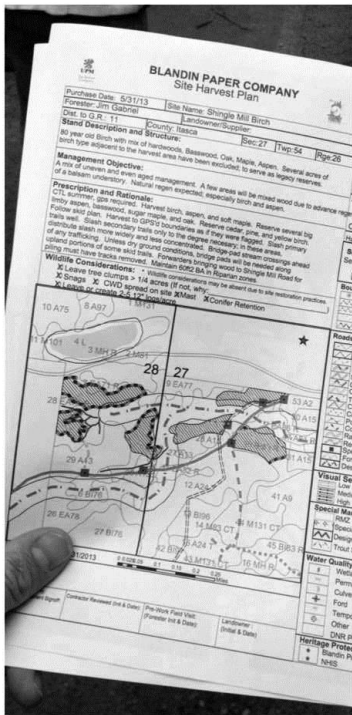
## The Monopolization of Forest Certification

A recent report from The American Consumer Institute Center for Citizen Research titled "The Monopolization of Forest Certification" (link at <http://bit.ly/11sKBtz>) discusses issues surrounding forest certification and their impact on domestic timber and consumer markets. The study addresses whether the US would be well served by exclusive reliance on a single international standard instead of promoting recognition of multiple certification programs.

Purchasing policies and green building programs that don't equally recognize all credible forest certification programs like the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) put many of Minnesota's forestland owners and businesses at a competitive disadvantage and can unnecessarily drive up costs.

The St. Paul Area Chamber also weighed in on this issue recently in a post titled TIMBERRRR! Forest Certification Standards located online at <http://bit.ly/11sKIp0>.





## Logger Conference Returns to Bemidji in 2014!

In 2014, the Logger Conference located in the northwest portion of the state will return to Bemidji and take place at the Sanford Center. Registration for the 2014 conferences isn't open yet, but you can mark your calendar for:

- Tower Logger Conference - April 15 & 16, 2014
- Bemidji Logger Conference - April 22 & 23, 2014

Photo (left): Technology in the Woods – the July 25th workshop in Grand Rapids featured in cab, handheld GPS, smartphones, tablets and online tools for accessing and working with timber harvest shape files and other GIS data. Loggers that are taking advantage of these tools for cruising, planning and operating sales say they can't imagine going back to the "old way" of doing things. How are you using technology in your operations?

## Log A Load For Kids News and Events



The 17th Annual Log A Load for Kids Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare is Friday September 6th at Pokegama Golf Course in Grand Rapids. Since 1997, Log A Load has raised just over \$93,000 - be a part of the drive to hit \$100,000! Your support helps local kids.

Complete details about the tournament and a registration form can be found here <http://bit.ly/11sLthS> or by contacting the MLEP office.

### 2013-2014 Seeking Harvest Opportunities

We are looking to connect with anyone who has stumpage to donate for a Log A Load for Kids harvest. If you are aware of private landowners who have timber to thin, please suggest they make a donation from their thinning to Log A Load for Kids for a tax deduction.

If you know of a several acre or larger harvest opportunity, please contact:

Chris Martland  
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### Log A Load Match Program

The Log A Load for Kids Board is implementing a matching donation program designed to connect loggers with their local business owners. Our goal is to find loggers who are willing to donate a portion of a load of logs and find a business in their area who is willing to match the logger's donation. For example, a logger might donate \$250 and our board or the logger would work to find a business that is willing to match that amount.

Interested in participating? Do you have any suggestions? Please contact Chris Martland  
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## Upcoming Events

### August

9 – Tablets & Smartphones – Rochester

### September

4 – Truck Weight Compliance – Montevideo

13 – Harvester Chain Maint. – Grand Rapids

26 – Truck Weight Compliance – St. Cloud

### October

2 – LogSafe – I Falls (OSHA & CPR-1<sup>st</sup> Aid)

3 – LogSafe – Bemidji (OSHA & CPR-1<sup>st</sup> Aid)

8 – Tablets & Smartphones - Bemidji

9 – LogSafe – Cloquet (OSHA & CPR-1<sup>st</sup> Aid)

10 – LogSafe – Hibbing (OSHA & CPR-1<sup>st</sup> Aid)

### December

4 – Open Lab/Online Training – Cloquet

5 – LogSafe – Hibbing (OSHA & CPR-1<sup>st</sup> Aid)

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