This profession we call logging...

Keith L. Olson, MLA executive director
Who’s Your Logger?

Formed in 1976, the MLA exists to provide representation for our 450 members ... all of which operate family-owned businesses engaged in the harvesting and transportation of logs from forest to mill.
...a profession with it’s challenges...
After 32 years in the business...
LOGGING SAFETY
Why ALP?

- Because we had not defined a professional logger in Montana... we had allowed others to define us in very unflattering terms.

- We also came to the understanding that resource professionals are often defined by their worst performers.
The Road to ALP

Late 1980’s: ALP steering committee

“... seeks to develop a timber harvesting curriculum related to forest stewardship, sustainability, ethical and regulatory compliance and operational efficiencies.”

1994: Implementation of ALP

What took us so long?
the **MISSING LINK**

“...a professional standard that all loggers in Montana were equally deficient in.”
Learn more about how your forest functions and what your trees need.

Acquire forest management skills at the Forest Stewardship Workshop.

The more you know about your forest, the better you will be able to meet your objectives and maintain a healthy forest.

Learn why the... FOREST STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP is for you!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT! CALL: 406-243-2773 for an application.
Attaining **ALP**: 56 credits

- **Forest Stewardship Workshop**: 40 credits
- **Safety, First aid/CPR training**: 8 credits
- **BMP/SMZ field training**: 8 credits
Retaining ALP... 32 credits/year

- Mandatory Requirements
  Annual Safety, first aid/ CPR (Wildfire)
  BMP/SMZ ... at least every 3 years

- Optional workshops...
  Riparian Wetland Stewardship
  Forest Insects & Disease
  Principles of Selection Harvesting
  Geology, Soils & Road Construction
  Contracting & Negotiations
  Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Special Sites
  [dozens of options]
Finding an **ALP** Logger

[www.logging.org](http://www.logging.org)

Keep in mind that ALP status is an individual recognition... so individuals listed may not be the owner of the business. Furthermore, there is no substitute for references and examining a logging contractors prior work.
What **ALP** is not...

“It does not presuppose the superiority of loggers who participate, or the inferiority of loggers who do not.”

Rather, it intends to validate “... a personal commitment worthy of public and professional acknowledgment.”
Status of the Montana Logger

YOU ONLY NEED TWO TOOLS IN LIFE
... WD-40 AND DUCT TAPE.

- IF IT DOESN'T MOVE AND SHOULD
  ... USE THE WD-40

- IF IT SHOULDN'T MOVE AND DOES
  ... USE THE DUCT TAPE.
Things are less bad...

... but we can’t do tomorrow’s job with yesterday’s tools;

... and we’ve about used up the WD-40 and duct tape.
Good Lord the legislature is in session again!
R.E.S.P.E.C.T

... it’s a hard commodity to come by;

... especially in this profession we call logging.
On your way out
Let the dog in.
I don't want him out in this weather.
Clyde and the Bear
Support Your Local Logger