

**Washington SFI State Implementation Committee (SIC)
Contractor Training Recommendations
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Objectives 8 and 10 of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard identify several components of contractor training requirements. As with any performance measure contained in the SFI Standard, flexibility is allowed to adopt measures which achieve the same goals provided the result is consistent with the spirit and intent of the original measure. The Washington SIC recognizes that it is a Program Participant's right and responsibility to determine how it will meet the spirit and intent of SFI.

SFI, Inc. affirms that a core mission for all SFI implementation committees is to establish criteria and identify delivery mechanisms for contractor training to define what it means to be "SFI trained". Below are a set of recommendations regarding contractor training. The Washington SIC recognizes that the below referenced recommendations are not requirements. Furthermore, the recommendations are intended to suggest that contractors whose typical work carries a significant risk for potential resource damage may be subject to more training than contractors that don't carry such a risk, such as tree planters.

Recommendations

The WA SIC recommends the following with regard to (1) the approved state logger training program, (2) what type of contractors should be trained, (3) what level of training each type of contractor should receive, and (4) clarification of the SFIS interpretation relevant to indicator 10.1.4.

1. The WA SIC approves of the Washington Contract Logger's Association's (WCLA) Master Logger Professional training program.
2. The WA SIC recommends that the following types of contractors be trained in accordance with various aspects of WCLA's program:
 - a. Logging/Cutting/Processing
 - b. Logging Road Construction

All other types of contractors should be made aware of the SFI Program and Standard.

3. The WA SIC recommends that the following WCLA training sessions be completed in order to be considered a trained contractor. Following completion of the initial training program, it is recommended that contractors complete a minimum of 8 hours of related training per year.
 - a. Logging/Cutting/Processing (Master Logger Professional)
 - i. Forest Ecology, Silviculture
 - ii. Safety & Workers Compensation Issues
 - iii. Forest Practices Act
 - iv. Logging Business Management
 - v. First Aid
 - b. Logging Road Construction
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 - iii. First Aid
- c. Awareness training for all other types of contractors could be attained by receiving SFI-related material from a SFI Program Participant, attendance at an SFI information session or verbally from a SFI Program Participant.
4. The WA SIC offers the following clarification to the SFIS interpretation relevant to indicator 10.1.4: Each contractor must ensure that at least one “in woods” person (as opposed to an accountant or any other person who does not work in the woods) on a job is trained according to the WA SIC training recommendations. Furthermore, it is not necessary to have one trained person on every logging/road building job at all times so long as the supervisor (e.g., siderod) of the job is trained and regularly on-site. This assumes that the knowledge gained through training is being transferred from the trained contractor to other crew members.