



The [Washington State Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee](#) (WA SIC) is honored to recognize the **2023 Exceptional Logging Contractor** for their outstanding commitment to the Timber Industry and the [Sustainable Forestry Initiative®](#): (SFI Inc.)

2023 Exceptional Logging Contractor

Rawson Logging LLC



Barry Rawson and the crew (on job site) were presented with the ELC Award and accepted it on behalf of Gene Rawson who sadly passed away just before the Buckley Log Show, where they were also recognized.

Gene logged for 57 years, without missing a beat. Operating exclusively as a cable logger, Rawson Logging is one of the last big tower cable logging contractors in their area. At 76, Gene was on site daily loading out trucks

and managing the operation. With harvest units that appear to be impossible or too challenging, Gene had a mindset that virtually any job has a way to be logged. Effective communication is critical, and Gene took pride in the ethics and business culture at Rawson Logging.

As a resident, Gene was a long-standing member of the board for the Buckley Log Show, 2024 would have been his 50th show, and was honored as the Bull of the Woods. The Buckley Log Show sponsors a kids event the weekend prior to the adult show, inspiring the kids to pursue employment in the industry while supporting the community.

Rawson Logging has been in the QLP program since 1997 with 1 **Master Logging Professional** and 6 employees. Through continuing education along with internal trainings and safety meetings, Rawson Logging has a solid documented safety program. Their commitment to professionalism in the industry along with a focus on a safe work environment coupled with attention to detail is what makes **Rawson Logging** an Exceptional Logging Contractor.



Thank you to Alan Kycek with Hampton Resources, Inc. for nominating **Rawson Logging LLC**.

Rawson Logging LLC was presented with a plaque recognizing their contribution to the timber industry. We would like to thank the [Sustainable Forestry Initiative®](#) for its commitment to insuring a sustainable future. Thank you to the [Washington Contract Loggers Association](#) for implementing and maintaining the Master Logger Program through training and continuing education of Logging Professionals in Washington State.