



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

### 7 Arrows Logging Company

The Washington SFI Implementation Committee recognized Ryan Spencer of 7 Arrows Logging Company and his employees for their commitment to SFI and the Qualified Logging Professional program. Ryan has a Forestry Degree and is a member of the Yakama Nation, and was previously employed with the Yakama Nation Forestry Department. Ryan is involved in the community specifically supporting youth teams and tribal events such as the Treaty Day Rodeo! He is a strong advocate for young loggers and anyone that is interested in becoming a logging contractor.



Ryan has been in the QLP program since 2014 with two additional employees recognized as Qualified Logging Professionals, having completed **Washington Contract Loggers Association** (WCLA) **Master Loggers Program** (MLP). Their commitment to professionalism in the industry along with a focus on forest stewardship and providing a safe work environment coupled with attention to detail is what makes 7 Arrows Logging Company an Exceptional Logging Contractor.

We want to thank the Yakama Nation for hosting our two day June SIC meeting at the Legends Casino in Toppenish, WA. The first day we toured their forest visiting cultural sites along with operational sites discussing objectives and results along with some of the challenges faced by the Yakama Nation Forestry Department. The second day we presented 7 Arrows and Ryan with the ELC Award followed by a tour of the Yakama Forest Products mill operations. We wish to congratulate the Yakama Nation and their commitment to the **Sustainable Forestry Initiative** for the Forest Management Standard on their lands and the Fiber Sourcing Standard at Yakama Forest Products.



Thank you to **Xtu Hawlaak Hawlaak** Cristy Fiander, Resource Manager, Yakama Forest Products for nominating **7 Arrows Logging Company!** *(Ryan Spencer with Cristy Fiander)*

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### T T Timber LLC

T T Timber was recognized as one of four Exceptional Logging Contractors for 2023 at a recently completed job site, as well as at the 2024 Buckley Log Show.

At the age of 77, Elmer Timmons (center) has been a professional tree faller for 55 years, 49 of which subcontracting to Rawson Logging. With a deep understanding of the industry from the perspective of a timber/landowner, Elmer now spends most of his time and



expertise on the technical aspect while managing the jobs. He still finds time for cutting but leaves most of that to his son Tom, employee Jeff, and occasional subcontractors. Elmer is a long-standing member of the board for the Buckley Log Show and continues to serve to this day - 2024 was his 50th show. The show promotes the industry's woods professionals and inspires youth to pursue careers in logging.

**TT Timber** has been in the QLP program since 1997 with two of the three employees recognized as **Qualified Logging Professionals**, having completed Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) **Master Loggers Program (MLP)**. Their commitment to professionalism in the industry along with a focus on forest stewardship and providing a safe work environment coupled with attention to detail is what makes **TT Timber** an Exceptional Logging Contractor.



Thank you to Alan Kycek with Hampton Resources, Inc. for nominating **TT Timber LLC**.

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### Double L Timber

Dick Larsen and Double L Timber was recognized as a **2023 Exceptional Logging Contractor** for their work on the first *T3 Timber Sale - Camp Run*. Emily Gardner and Mike Potter with Washington DNR presented the award in one of the several stands that Dick and his crew operated in! This sale included navigating unique prescriptions with special contract requirements.

Double L Timber's attention to detail and contract requirements and constant communication with foresters and researchers created an opportunity to offer ideas to meet the challenges along with preventing harvest issues from arising.

Double L Timber expressed constant support and interest in the research, contributing ideas and expertise in meeting requirements for the project. Their hope is that the T3 Experiment will prove beneficial for both people and natural systems while expanding the toolbox of public and private land managers.



Emily Gardner, DNR \* Dick Larsen, Double L \* Mike Potter, DNR

Of the 14 employees, 2 are Master Logging Professionals. Double L Timber harvests 20 MM BF per year with 22 pieces of logging equipment, 7 log trucks and 1 lowboy. **Double L Timber** has been in the QLP program since 1997 with 2 of the 3 employees recognized as Qualified Logging Professionals, having completed **Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA) Master Loggers Program (MLP)**. Their commitment to professionalism in the industry along with a focus on forest stewardship and providing a safe work environment coupled with attention to detail is what makes **Double L Timber** an Exceptional Logging Contractor.

This is the first of 13 sales planned for Type 3 Watershed Experiment (T3 Sale) within the Olympic Experimental State Forest administered by WA Dept. of Natural Resources (<https://www.onrc.washington.edu/t3-watershed-experiment/>).

Thank you to Emily Gardner with WA Dept. of Natural Resources for nominating **Double L Timber**.

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Thank you to **Dick Larsen and Double L Timber** for your 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.

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### 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.

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