



The [Washington State Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee](#) (WA SIC) is honored to recognize the **2025 Exceptional Logging Contractor** for their outstanding commitment to the Timber Industry and the [Sustainable Forestry Initiative®](#): (SFI Inc.)

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### Abston Logging LLC, Eatonville, WA

Abston Logging has been in business for 3-4 years. It was born out of the former company known as Abston Hendrickson Land and Timber started in 1996. Jason Abston joined the Master Loggers Program (MLP) around 2008. Following that long family history, Colten and Hunter Abston recreated the company under the new name Abston Logging LLC. Being relatively new, the challenge to manage insurances, L&I, and the overall operating cost for a business is especially hard for companies that don't have 10+ years of operating history. Safety training, bookkeeping, and reporting are one of the highest priority along with the day-to-day management to insure the business functions long term. The Washington Contract Loggers Association and MLP program play an important role in running a successful competitive business.



Abston not only contract logs but purchases land and timber from the private sector along with securing timber from the state agencies. Their equipment includes a feller-buncher, shovel loader, processor and skidder along with 5 log trucks, a lowboy and a dump truck. Colten and Hunter have worked in Oregon and Washington focusing on the Eatonville area where they call home. One of their strong points is their professionalism, buying sales, and managing timberland while marketing wood and managing the operations. The unique diversity of their business platform gives them broad experience that assists BTG Pactual/TTG Forestry Services to maximize both opportunity and revenue. Working on BTG ownership, Abston Logging treats it like it was their own, collaborating with foresters to improve production and log marketing opportunities while maximizing revenue.

Abston has 12 employees with Colten being recognized as a Qualified Logging Professional, 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 Abston Logging LLC an **Exceptional Logging Contractor**.

Thank you to Ryan Gordon with BTG Pactual/TTG Forestry Services for nominating Abston Logging LLC.

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Abston Logging LLC will be 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.