



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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RL Smith Logging Inc., Olympia WA

Roger Smith, owner of R.L. Smith Logging, Inc. has been operating for 32+ years, with its legacy dating back to 1932 and his grandfather. Roger is now returning to ground he operated on for Rayonier when the RL Smith Logging started. RL Smith is recognized as an industry leader in safety along with being proactive in the adoption of technology and dedicated to industry workforce development.

RL Smith Logging has two sides producing around 24 million MBF per year. With 30 employees, they operate 4 feller bunchers, 3 processors, 11 log trucks, 11 shovels, two skidders, 3 tether machines, and 2 small yarders. All pieces of equipment are well maintained and in great working order.

Roger and Carmen Smith are industry advocates for safety and logging awareness. Having served on the Forest Practices Board for the state of Washington and the board for the Olympic Logging Conference, it is evident they are committed to maintaining a viable timber industry.

RL Smith logging is characterized by great execution and environmental accountability. The company ensures every operation is completed with strict adherence to all forest practices regulations and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standards. Roger is one of four **Master Loggers** and six **On-Site Supervisors** recognized by the Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA). The RL Smith Logging crew is exceptionally dedicated to upholding Washington Forest Practices regulation and SFI standards by implementing and maintaining Best Management Practices.

RL Smith has been logging for Rayonier for decades. Roger and his team go above and beyond to ensure that the landowner is getting the most value out of their timber while upholding environmental regulations and being good stewards of the land.



Thank you to Emily Elfering with [Rayonier](#) for nominating RL Smith Logging Inc.

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RL Smith Logging Inc. was presented with a plaque recognizing their contribution to the timber industry at the 2026 WCLA Logging Safety Conference. 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.