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Amber Lights Now Required on 4' Overhang Loads

Provided By: Candace Dinwiddie, Tennessee Forestry Association, Executive Director

The Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation during this 2010 session requiring amber LED or strobe lights to be attached to the end of a load of logs with at least a 4 ft. overhang. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Bill Harmon (D) Dunlap and Sen. Eric Stewart (D) Winchester. The sponsors of the bill cited several accidents where fatalities or serious injuries were caused by private passenger vehicles running up under a load of logs at night or during inclement weather. Though the log trucks involved were not considered at fault, the legislative sponsors felt like this new law would increase passenger vehicle safety. Similar legislation has previously been passed in other southern states.

The lights are to be used 1/2 hour before sundown, 1/2 hour after sunrise and any time headlights are required. The LED or strobe lamps must be equipped with a multidirectional type lens, mounted so as to be visible from at least 500 ft. of the rear and both sides at a radius of 180 degrees of the projecting load. The LED or strobe lamp must flash at least 60 flashes per minute.

There are several equipment and supply companies that sell these LED or strobe lamps. TFA also has the LED lamps for sale for \$35.00. Please contact TFA if you would like to purchase one or more of these lamps or would like a copy of this legislation that passed the 106th General Assembly. The new law was effective July 1, 2010, however, the Tennessee Highway Patrol has informed TFA that only warnings for non-compliance will be issued until after August 1.

TN Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee & TN Master Loggers...A Great Partnership

Provided By: Candace Dinwiddie, Tennessee Forestry Association, Executive Director

Many Master Loggers and Tennessee Forestry Association members are becoming more and more aware of both domestic and foreign markets requiring that wood be certified. The market demand for certified wood has certainly impacted how both softwood and hardwood companies are operating out in the woods. Forest landowners, both corporate and private, are looking at methods of certifying their forests to ensure future market availability. These market strategies are creating challenges for our mills, landowners and loggers as well. In Tennessee, TFA works closely with the Tennessee Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee (SIC) to help meet these challenges. A key component of SIC in Tennessee has been the Master Logger training program. The over 2,000 trained Tennessee Master Loggers have shown commitment to ensuring a clean water supply, harvesting in a manner to minimize erosion, working with landowners to keep our forest healthy and our wildlife population abundant.

Though the pros and cons of certification can be argued, present and future market vitality may very well depend on mills maintaining the certification

status. TFA endorsed the Sustainable Forestry Initiative program in 1994. Since then, SFI in Tennessee has helped sponsor the Master Logger program, provided financial help for education programs for landowners, our youth, our teachers and the general public. SFI program participants must document the wood consumed by mills delivered by trained loggers. There will likely be even more pressure on mills to purchase wood from certified forests, even from private non-industrial landowners, in the future. TFA is working very closely with both our Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee and the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee to certify more and more private land into the Tree Farm program. Increasing the number of Tree Farms and certified acreage won't happen overnight, but through partnership with UT Extension and the TN Division of Forestry, more inspectors are being trained and computer programs are being introduced to make the inspection and certification process more efficient and streamlined.

The core component to making SFI certification work in Tennessee has always been our Master Logger training program. Master

Logger continuing education topics have evolved over the years to ensure that the SFI standards are covered and loggers are acquainted with the concept of certified wood. In 1992 at the inception of the Tennessee Master Logger program, TFA and the other sponsors set goals to provide timber harvesters the training to harvest using Best Management Practices, the means to work with landowners to achieve a healthy forest, provide required OSHA information along with CPR and First Aid classes, and top-notch expert business management advice. All of us who have been around for awhile know that the wood industry has sure changed since 1992. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative has played an important and impressive role in ensuring that the Tennessee Master Logger program provides the training and expertise for loggers to harvest so forest products produced in Tennessee can be available to sell to markets requiring certified wood. The Tennessee Sustainable Forestry Implementation Committee thank the over 2,000 Master Loggers for their commitment to sound logging practices that keep our forests healthy and our economy as strong as possible in these tough and trying

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Forestry Mutual in Tennessee

Provided By: Keith Biggs, Forestry Mutual, President

Forestry Mutual (FM) would like to introduce ourselves to those of you that are unfamiliar with our company. First of all we started writing business in Tennessee April of 2009. We are very fortunate to have the Tennessee Forestry Association's endorsement. Forestry Mutual has been writing workers compensation insurance for the forest products industry since 1971. We now write in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. One statement we always like to make is that this is all we do and have a vested interest in the Forest Products Industry. We pride ourselves on service. FM has seven full time loss control engineers and two full time trainers. All of the training from either the loss control

staff or the two trainers is free of charge to our policyholders. Not only do we train our policyholders but help in each states training programs. We have become involved with the Tennessee Master Logger Program training as well.

As stated, FM handles workers compensation insurance, however, to facilitate the worker compensation we have our own agency FMIC Agency that can write the other lines that is required whether it is General Liability, Inland Marine, Auto, Property or an Umbrella.

For more information about our company or to get a quote please give one of our marketing representatives a call. Please feel free to call Nick Carter 803-669-1003,

Jimmie Locklear 910-733-3300 or me Keith Biggs 919-880-1006.

Thanks for opportunity to let us serve your state.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH TFA HAPPENINGS

Do you want to keep current with upcoming Master Logger Continuing Education Classes, Master Logger Five Day Courses, legislative issues and current events & news? Please call TFA at 615-883-3832 (ask for Dana or Lisa) with your current e-mail address to be added to our e-mail mailing list to receive our electronic newsletters.

Financial Assistance for Stream Crossing Structures

Provided By: John Kirksey, Tennessee Division of Forestry, Forest Resource Protection Unit Leader

One of the big frustrations in logging is time lost making a stream crossing. Another is getting equipment stuck in a miry, muddy mess. What's more both of these situations have potential to develop into a water quality problem which brings on its own set of complications. In response to these needs, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture-Division of Forestry has a cost-share program that provides assistance to loggers. The program is funded through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) and provides financial assistance for items such as portable, wood or steel skidder bridges, log road pallet mats, and materials to stabilize stream crossings.



Stream crossings, for instance, typically are made at nearly level approaches to the stream. Stream banks can be cut down during road construction and armored with rock to protect water quality.

In other situations stream banks may be several feet high and the only reasonable way of crossing is by using a portable bridge. With a few simple steps such as a header on each side to provide support to the bridge spans, a bridge can be set up and be ready for use in minutes.

Log road mats are very useful items where short distances of mucky, wet soils are part of the logging road. These wooden mats are useful for 3 or 4 logging jobs, and save time and money as well as protect the forest soil and water quality.



TAEP program practices are adaptable and provide financial assistance to help address the above and other situations. You can get more information about TAEP practices for loggers by calling 615-837-5438 or by contacting your local Area Forester (an Office Directory is available on the Department of Agriculture's web site, <http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/forestry/directory.html>).



Upcoming Tennessee Master Logger CE Classes

Tues., August 3	Dover	Cindy's Catfish Restaurant	Stream Crossings	Mike Sherrill, TDA/TDF
Thurs., August 19	Rock Island	The Landings Restaurant	Visual Impacts	Wayne Clatterbuck, UT
Tues., September 28	Red Boiling Springs	Clark Lumber	Log Bucking	Adam Taylor, UT

Questions or to register for classes, please visit TFA's website at www.tnforestry.com/Loggers/Master_Logger_Course_Sign_Up_Form/ or call us at 615-883-3832.