2019 Northeast Regional Woods Survey-Job Descriptions

The following codes (44-81) indicate the general job description for workers engaged in occupations involved in this survey. Please note that some descriptions are closely related.

44 **Supervisor, Logging (Foreman)** – Must be able to take complete charge of and supervise general woods operations. Necessitates having a detailed knowledge of woods operations. Must be able to assign duties and maintain harmony among workers; keep time, production, and other records; hire and discharge employees; and assist workers as needed. Is responsible for keeping equipment in a state of good repair.

46 **Assistant Supervisor, Logging (Foreman, Assistant)** – Works under the direction of the supervisor in managing general wood operations. Must have a complete knowledge of activities involved in general woods operations.

47 **Log Scaler** – Must be able to determine and measure the volume or amount of timber in logs and pulpwood, using scale rules, scaling stick, or tape. Keeps records of measurements made. Must be a licensed log scaler.

51 **Logging Tractor Operator (Cable/Grapple Skidder)** – Must be able to operate a logging tractor (skidder) for skidding trees, logs, or for other woods operations and must have sufficient knowledge of machines to make simple and minor adjustments and repairs.

55 **Log Loader Operator (Crane/Hydraulic)** – Must be able to load tree length wood, 4-foot pulpwood, and logs onto trucks and trailers with cable, hydraulic, or pneumatic controlled grapples. Must be able to load wood according to specifications and obtain a balanced and compact load and drive loader from one site to another. Must have sufficient knowledge of equipment to make minor adjustments and repairs.

57 **Delimber Operator** – Operates equipment which mechanically removes the limbs and tops from harvested trees. Controls the speed of operation and the position of the blades according to the size of the tree. Perform minor repairs and preventive maintenance.

58 **Chipper Operator** – Operates loader and chipping machine to reduce trees to wood chips. Controls speed of operation and size of opening according to the size of the tree. Monitors machine for proper operation to avoid breakdowns and replaces defective chipping knives.

59 **Slasher Operator** – Tends machine that saws trees to specified length, usually 4 or 8 feet. Maintains uniform spacing and manipulates logs to prevent jamming and insure continuous operation. Loads slashed timber onto trucks and trailers.

60 **Feller-Buncher Operator** – Drives and operates logging tractor equipped with hydraulic clamp and shear or sawheads. Operator maneuvers tractor to position the jaws of the shear or sawhead, fells the tree, and lifts and bunches the felled tree.
61 Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators – Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. This classification includes:

- Bulldozer Operator
- Motor Grader Operator
- Excavator Operator

62 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers – Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). May be required to unload truck. This classification includes:

- Log Truck Driver(self-loading) Tractor Trailer
- Log Truck Driver(self-loading) Flatbed
- Log Truck Driver-Flatbed
- Log Truck Driver-Tractor Trailer
- Dump Truck Driver

69 Logging Equipment Mechanic – Adjusts, maintains, and repairs gasoline, hydraulic, and diesel powered logging equipment such as skidders, loaders, and bulldozers. May repair and overhaul logging equipment.

70 Logging Equipment Mechanic Helper – Assists logging equipment mechanic by making minor repairs and adjustments on all types of logging equipment at the job site.

75 Logger All-Around – Worker is expected to productively operate a chain saw and/or skidder. He/she is also expected to fell, limb, top, skid tree length, buck and bunch trees. A Logger All-Around will work in one or two person crews cutting under the direction of the contractor’s foreman.

77 Combination Slasher-Loader Operator – Uses slasher unit attached to loader bed to saw limbed trees to specified length, usually 4 or 8 feet or sawlog length. Then loads appropriate size wood onto trailers with cable, hydraulic, or pneumatic controlled grapples. Must be able to load wood according to specifications and obtain a balanced and compact load and drive loader from one site to another. Must have sufficient knowledge of mechanical operations of equipment to make simple and minor adjustments and repairs to the unit.

80 Forwarder Operator – Must be able to operate clam bunk/forwarder with loader, load and unload full trees, logs, or pulp, and haul wood to roadside. Must also pile timber by species in orderly piles as required. Must be able to make simple and minor adjustments and repair to equipment.

81 Processor Operator – Operates a mechanical timber processor, which falls, limbs, cuts to length, and piles wood trailside. Must have knowledge of hydraulics and computerized scaling operations. May have to use judgment to select trees for harvest based on landowner specifications.

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