

Improving Timber Management by Supporting the Education and Certification of Missouri Loggers

1. WHEREAS, there are fifteen million acres of forested land in Missouri;
2. AND WHEREAS, the wood products industry generates over 5.7 billion dollars annually both
3. directly and indirectly;
4. AND WHEREAS, the wood products industry employs over thirty two thousand individuals;
5. AND WHEREAS, the wood products industry generates over four hundred sixty five million
6. dollars in state and county taxes annually;
7. AND WHEREAS, eighty-three percent of the forested land in Missouri is privately owned;
8. AND WHEREAS, less than ten percent of timber harvest volume in Missouri is overseen
9. by a professional forester;
10. AND WHEREAS, in the absence of a professional forester the primary forestry management
11. advice available is from a logger;
12. AND WHEREAS, only professionally trained loggers have been educated in proper forestry
13. management techniques such as silviculture, Best Management Practices for erosion, and wildlife
14. management;
15. AND WHEREAS, only 308 loggers in the state of Missouri have taken and are current with the
16. Professional Timber Harvester program;
17. AND WHEREAS, currently eight logging companies in Missouri have been awarded Master

18. Logger Certification;

19. AND WHEREAS, currently the Missouri Department of Conservation recognizes up to eight

20. individuals for their outstanding achievements in the logging industry per year;

21. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri

22. assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011

23. support Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Forest Products Association,

24. professional consulting foresters, and elected officials in developing incentives for loggers to

25. participate in the Professional Timber Harvesters' Training Program and receive the Master

26. Logger Certification.

27. RESOLUTION SUMMARY – CFM supports developing incentives for loggers in Missouri

28. who receive training and certification; and recognition for those using outstanding harvest

29. techniques.