Accredited Logging Program Update for 2020

With the COVID-19 epidemic this spring, many opportunities for ALP credits have disappeared. At present the ALP committee as made the decision to extend the accreditation period for an additional 6 months, until December 31, 2020.

First Aid/CPR Training (4 credits)
The MLA online program for First Aid/CPR is available via the MLA website @ www.logging.org Click on “who we are” and “Compliance Training” You’ll need to log in with your email and set up a password. The fee is $35 this year. In person workshops are tentatively scheduled for the end of May. First aid/CPR training is required ANNUALLY at even the basic level of ALP.

BMP/SMZ (8 credits) – May Classes are Postponed
Participants in the program must still be current with their SMZ/BMP class. This is a core part of the ALP program. Roger Ziesak, DNRC, has seen an uptick in violations and a downturn in alternative practices last year, so the last thing we should do is turn our back at the SMZ/BMP training for the year. As of right now, classes will be rescheduled for possibly June. This is also an audit year, so there is opportunity for people to be more involved in that process and receive credit.

Advanced SFI (8 credits) – Cancelled until further notice

Forest Stewardship Workshop for Loggers (40 credits)
This has been rescheduled for Kalispell May 27, 28 & 29.

Other Credit Opportunities
MT Dept of Labor & Industry – SafetyFestMT... May 11-14 via Zoom.
Register for classes or check out the schedule @ http://safetyfestmt.com/miles-city-2020

YouTube Video’s: Montana Extension Forestry has a variety of workshops now available to view on their YouTube channel. You can view many of these in under 2 hours. Send me an email with an overview of each of the program’s you watched with the date and time. 2 hours = 2 credits.

MSU Extension Forestry Video Resources
Forest Stewardship Program
• The Big Picture

Extension Forestry Video Resources
• Rocky Mountain Forest Processes
• YouTube Channel
Forest Management Videos

- **Northern Rockies Forest Ecology and Management** (5-part series)
- **Timber Harvesting for Private Landowners**

Chainsaw Safety Awareness Videos

- **Chainsaw Safety Awareness** (2-part series)
- **How to fell or cut down a Tree using a Chainsaw**

Restoration and Utilization

- **Bioenergy in Northwest Montana**, Bioenergy Day 2017
- **Restoration Renaissance: A new Paradigm in John Day, OR**. When the town’s remaining lumber mill threatened to close, environmentalists and local leaders stepped in to save it.
- **From the Ground up: A Story of Stewardship in Lake County, OR**. A remote rural community becomes a national leader in collaboration; redefining the idea of stewardship.
- **Living with Fire: Black is the new Green in Trinity County, CA**. Local leaders and forest managers are discovering how living with fire keeps communities safe and creates new local businesses.
- **Forest biomass diversion in the Sierra Nevada: Energy, economics and emissions**; highlighting the benefits and challenges associated with managing forest biomass and transforming it into a source for renewable energy.

Wildland Fire Refreshers (WFSTAR) these recommended refreshers are available @

- [https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/fire-shelter-and-personal-protective-equipment-subcommittee](https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/fire-shelter-and-personal-protective-equipment-subcommittee)
- Predicted service information [https://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/predictive.htm](https://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/predictive.htm)
- Utilize content from the Lesson Learned Center [https://www.wildfirelessons.net/home](https://www.wildfirelessons.net/home)

Do you participate in a local collaborative? Send us the information.
Attend the MLA’s “educational program” during their quarterly board meetings.

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