

## Silviculture

Good forestry practices start with good landowner relationships. Our foremost objective is to understand your objectives, and to use our professional expertise to help you meet these goals.



An initial walk-through will allow the forester to assess the current health and condition of the woodlot before determining a specific harvest plan.



Above: Pre-harvest tree marking and trail location.  
Right: Cable skidder yards wood to the landing.



Left: Herring bone fashion road layout reduces the damage to trailside trees that will remain.

Right: Removal of poor quality trees provides space in the canopy for higher quality trees to maximize their growth rates and promotes natural forest regeneration.



## Timber Markets

We are committed to providing the highest standards of utilization and marketing for your wood products, ensuring the greatest return on your forestland investment.

- We work with a wide range of wood product companies to guarantee the best price for your timber products.
- We sub-contract with both conventional and mechanical harvest operators to provide the best fit for the timber harvest.
- Mechanical operations utilize the whole-tree and are able to harvest and market biomass by chipping the tops of harvested trees and poor quality trees too small for pulpwood markets.
- We contract only with fully insured Certified Logging Professionals to protect the landowner.
- We keep and provide accurate records of mill receipts for every load of wood delivered.



Above: A slasher allows the operator to neatly sort logs by species and grade, and is a safe and efficient way to *buck* logs into the most optimal merchantable lengths.

## Best Management Practices

BMP's are recommended practices by the Department of Conservation and are designed to help preserve and protect water quality during and after harvest operations. We regularly employ these recommendations. Some common examples are:

- Identifying Watershed Features for Road and Trail Layout
- Locating and Minimizing Stream Crossings
- Installing Water Bars and Other Diversions on Skid Trails
- Post-Harvest Seeding and Haying of Landing

Right: Brian spreads mulched hay over conservation mix to put this landing to bed. This helps to prevent erosion and improves aesthetics.



Left: After just a few weeks the seed begins to grow. A small ditch diverts the flow of water off of the landing to protect the site for future use.

## Forest Resources

Good forest practices can improve the aesthetic and biological integrity of your forest. Wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, access, and forest health can all be improved with the thoughtful application of forest science.