

2014 Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report West Virginia Division of Forestry

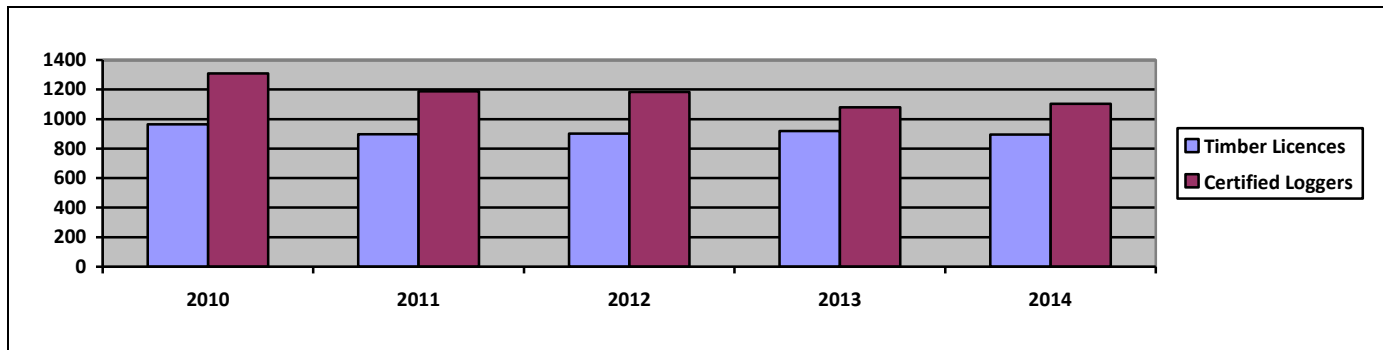
The following accomplishments reflect the Division of Forestry's effort to operate more efficiently in carrying out the mandates of the Logging Sediment Control Act, the WV Flood Protection Plan and also meet the goals and actions listed in the West Virginia Forest Resources and Strategies Plan as well as the FMRC Strategic Plan.

Activities of special interest for the year include the implementation of Legislation passed in the 2014 session. This legislation streamlined our civil penalties and developed efficiencies in charging violators and collecting those funds. Additionally an extra criminal charge was added for failure to reclaim.

Another project, LONIE (Logging Operation Notification, Inspection and Enforcement), is a web based system which tracks all logging related paperwork and activities in the state. This system has greatly streamlined our paperwork and reporting and allows for more up to date information for reporting. This has greatly enhanced our ability to track what we are mandated to track and provide data for both the public and other governmental agencies.

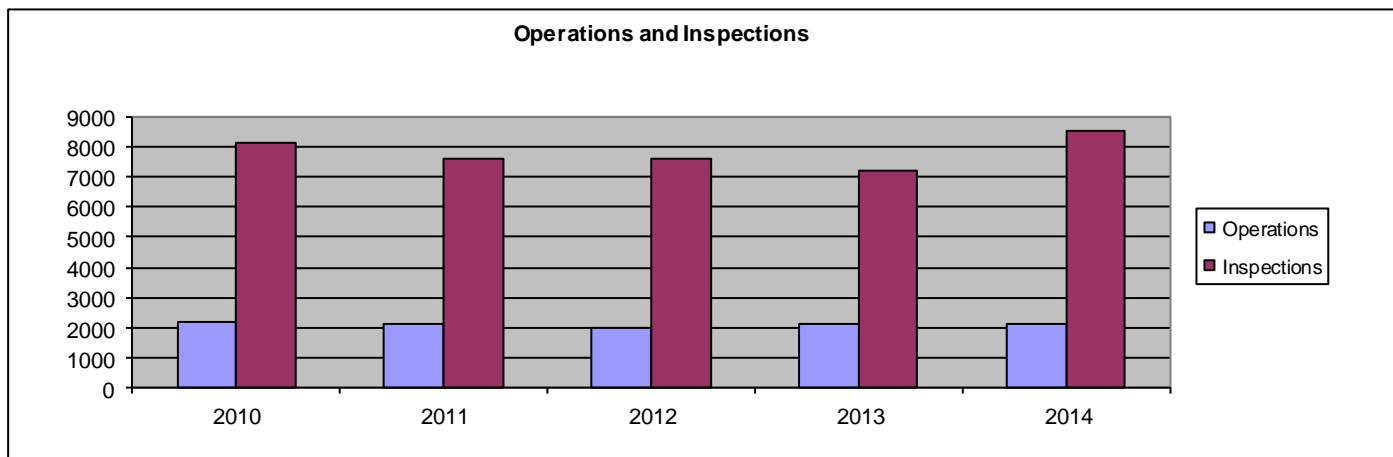
Licensing

- 894 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVDOP) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1104 professional loggers were issued certified logger certificates to supervise logging operations and assure that Best Management Practices were applied, chain-saw safety was stressed, and first aid/CPR was available in case of an accident.



Logging Operations/Inspections

- 2,107 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 8,526 site inspections were performed by the WVDOP.



Training

•44 workshops were held and 893 individuals were trained or retrained in Best Management Practices and the LSCA.

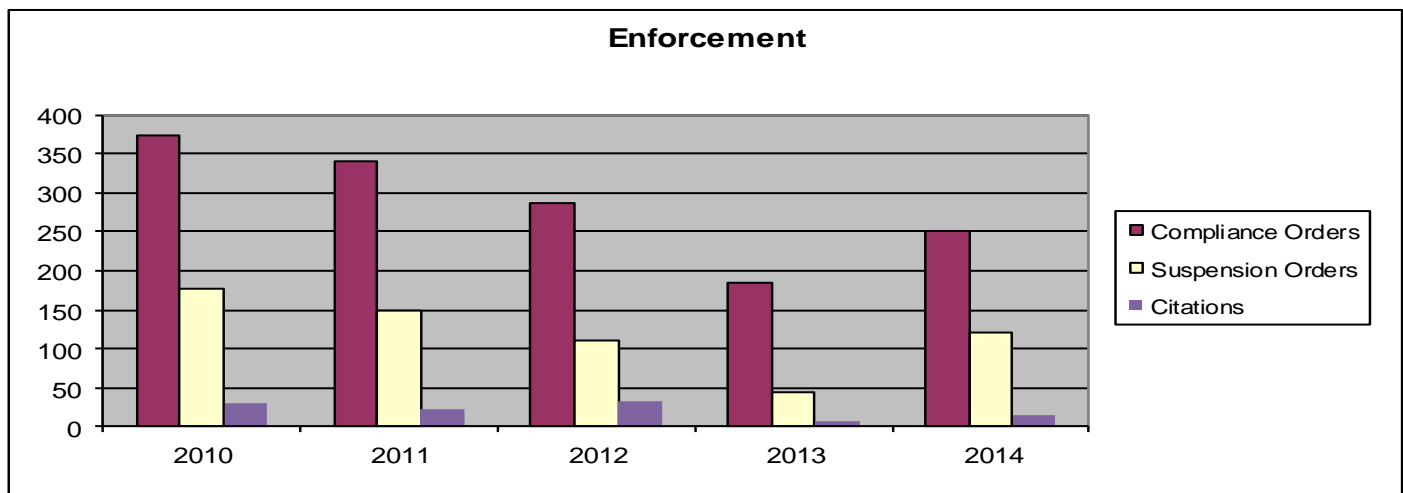
•The Best Management Practices training modules continue to be updated and revised.

•Current Training modules include:

- Best Management Practices Instruction
- Road and Operations Planning
 - Topographic Map Reading
 - Impacts of Soil Types
 - Positive and negative control points to use or avoid
- Safety
 - Chainsaw and Tree Felling
 - Equipment
 - OSHA Requirements
 - Fatality Assessment by WVU (This program has been terminated)
- Quarantine Information from the Dept. of Ag. for Exotic Pests
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
 - Sustainable Forestry
 - Endangered Species
 - Forestry Aesthetics

Logging Enforcement

•139 Verbal Compliance Orders, 252 Written Compliance Orders, 120 Suspension Orders and 15 citations were issued to individuals/companies for violations of the LSCA.



Logger of Excellence

•229 Loggers qualified for Logger of Excellence for the year. Of those 26 were 5 year consecutive repeats Loggers of Excellence. They will be honored at Forestry Day and at the AB Brooks Forestry Symposium.