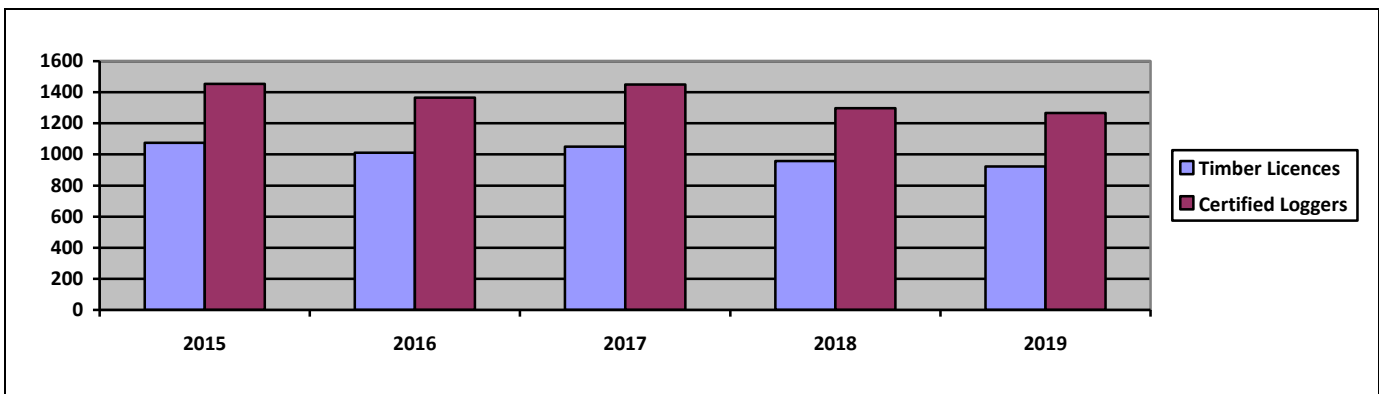


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The following accomplishments reflect the Division of Forestry's effort to operate more efficiently in carrying out the mandates of the Logging Sediment Control Act, the WV Flood Protection Plan, meet the goals and actions stated in the West Virginia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

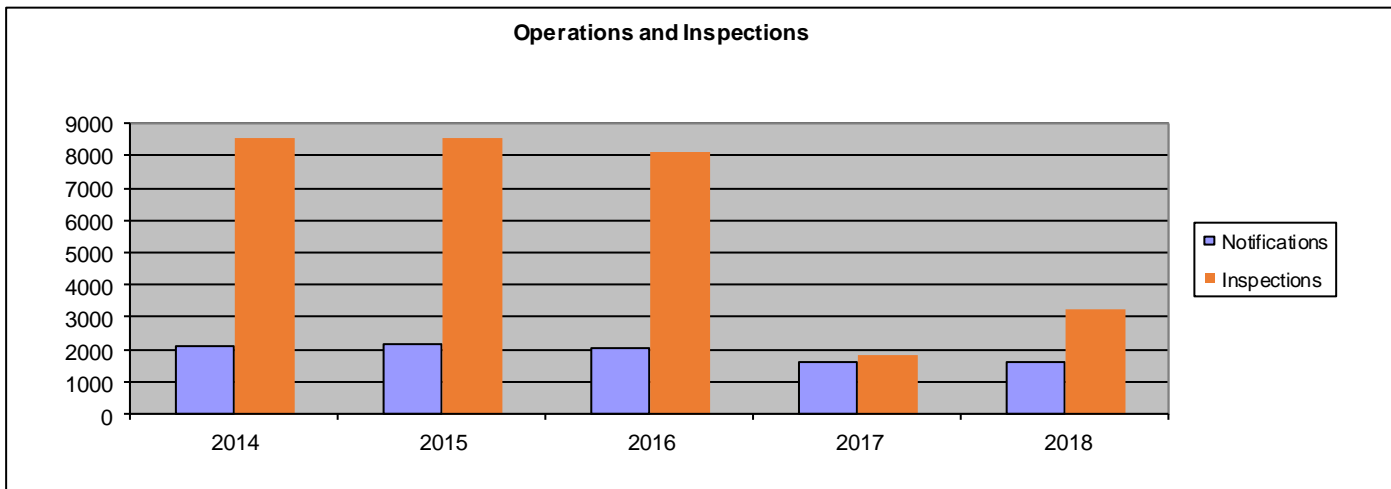
### Licensing

- The Division licensed 922 operators to perform timbering operations and/or buy standing timber logs for resale.
- 1267 professional loggers were issued certified logger certificates to supervise logging operations and ensure that an individual trained in Best Management Practices, logging safety and first aid/CPR is present on every operation



### Logging Operations/Inspections

- The Division received 1,725 Timber Operation Notifications from operators.
- The Division's foresters performed 3,343 site inspections.



## Training

- The Division’s 44 training workshops provided up-to-date training in the Best Management Practices, LSCA protocol and tree felling to 1126 persons
- The enactment of Senate Bill No. 404 (2019 Regular Legislative Session) dramatically changed the way the Division’s recertification training is structured and/or required. The new law affords loggers to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> party trainings that have been approved and credited by the Division. Renewing Certified Loggers must now have six credits every renewal, two of those must be in current West Virginia law and Best Management Practices.
- Current training topics considered for approval include the follow:
  - Awareness of sustainable forestry principles;
  - Best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance and retirement;
  - Reforestation, invasive exotic plants and animals, forest resource conservation, aesthetics and special sites;
  - Awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act and other measures to protect wildlife habitat (e.g., Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value); awareness of rare forested natural communities as identified by provincial or state agencies, or by credible organizations such as NatureServe and The Nature Conservancy;
  - Logging safety;
  - U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, wage and hour rules, and other provincial, state and local employment laws;
  - Transportation issues;
  - Business management;
  - Public policy and outreach; and
  - Awareness of emerging technologies.

## Logging Enforcement

- The Division’s foresters issued, 152 compliance orders, 51 suspension orders and 19 citations to individuals and/or companies for various violations of the LSCA and Best Management Practices.

