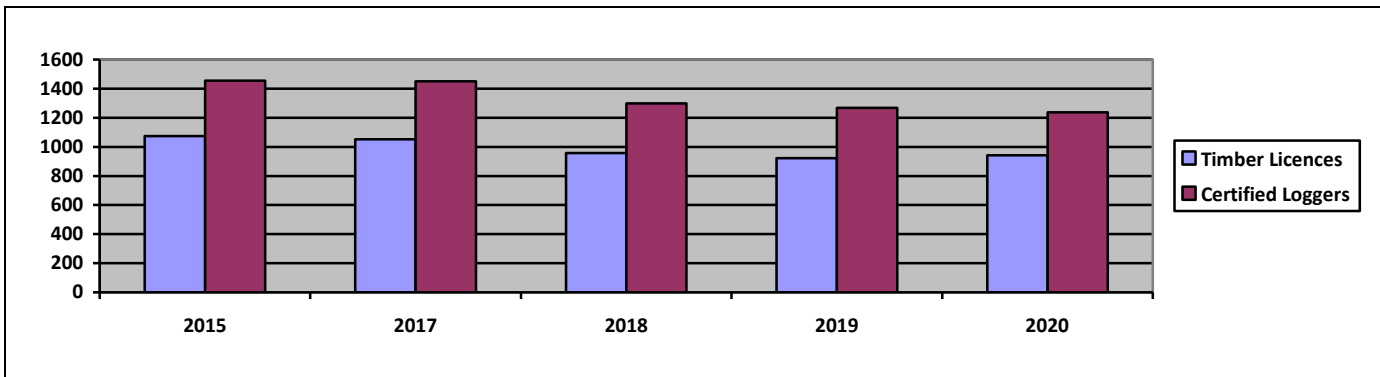


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The following accomplishments reflect the Division of Forestry's effort to operate more efficiently in carrying out the mandates of the Logging Sediment Control Act, the WV Flood Protection Plan and also meet the goals and actions listed in the West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

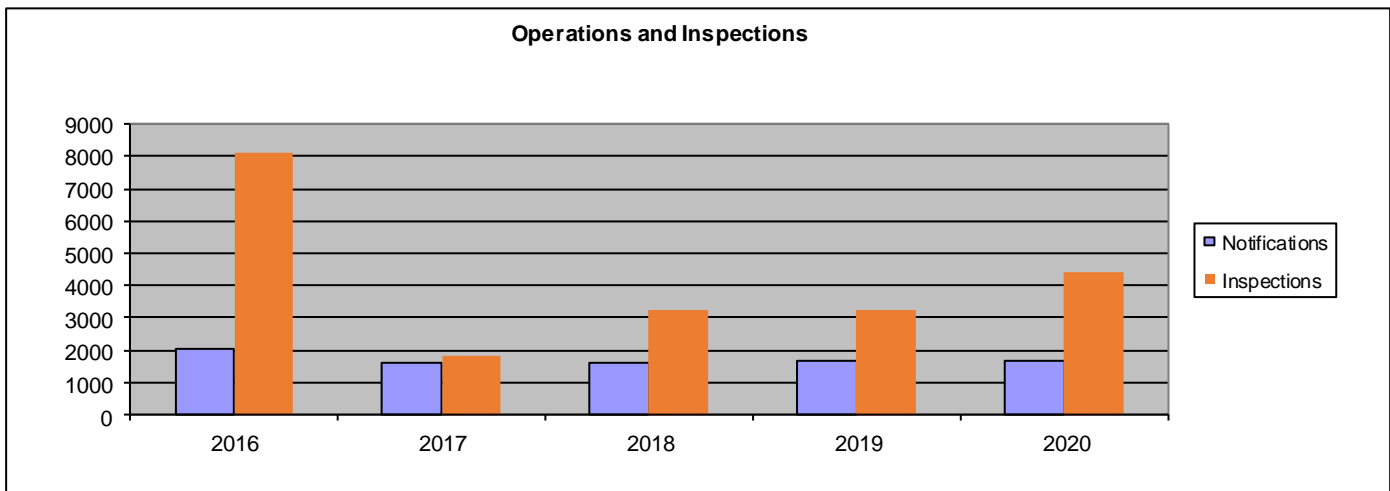
### Licensing

- 942 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVD OF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1237 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

- 1,672 Timber Operation Notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 4,402 site inspections were performed by the WVD OF.



### Training

- 36 workshops were held, and 545 individuals were trained or retrained in Best Management Practices, the LSCA and chainsaw safety and tree felling. Training efforts after March were severely impacted by the Covid-19 situation and have led to the institution of emergency measures such as temporary certification issuance and the development of a web-based training option which should go live early in 2021.

•The passage of Senate Bill 404 in the 2019 general session and the subsequent rules package passed in 2020 has dramatically changed the way our recertification training works. Loggers will now have the option to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> party trainings that have been approved by the WV Division of Forestry for credits. Operators must have 6 credits per year, 2 of which must be WV Laws and BMP review.

•Current Training topics that are considered for approval:

- 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;
- Awareness of emerging technologies.

### **Logging Enforcement**

•213 Compliance Orders, 76 Suspension Orders and 21 citations were issued to individuals/companies for violations of the LSCA and Best Management Practices.

