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The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor
Office of the Governor
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
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RE: Enforcement of West Virginia's Logging Sediment Control Act (LSCA)

Dear Governor Tomblin:

As required by WV State Code §19-1B-13, the Division of Forestry's Logging Sediment Control Act Annual Report for 2016 is attached. Since the inception of the Act in 1992, responsible logging and clean water have been a major focus of Division of Forestry operations. This report reflects the dedication, professionalism, and hard work by Division Foresters to carry out the mandates of the law.

Thank you for your interest in this program and your continued support of the Division of Forestry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles R. Dye".

Charles R. Dye
Director/State Forester

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Attachment

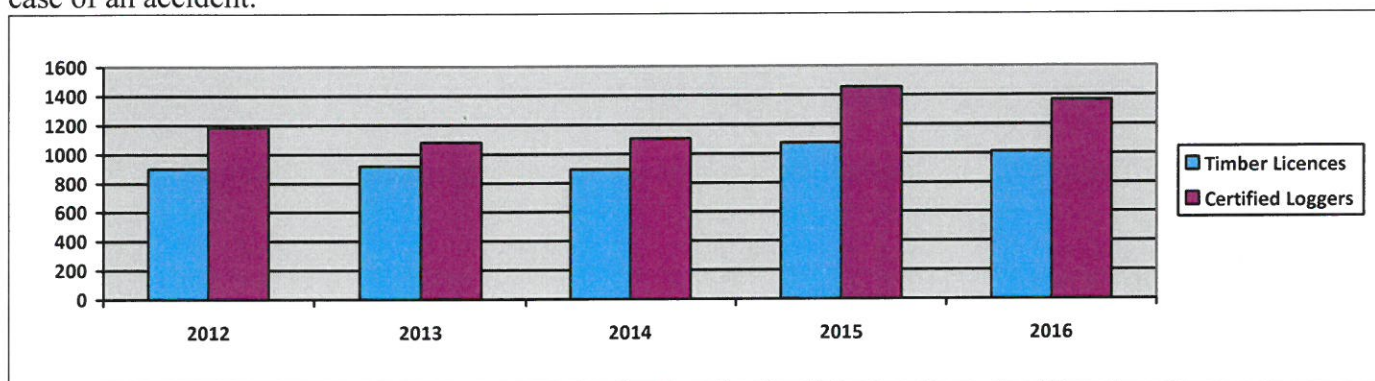
cc: President of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Keith Burdette
Randy Huffman

2016 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. Please note that the budget cuts and layoffs are not reflected in this document as this is representative of fiscal year 2016.

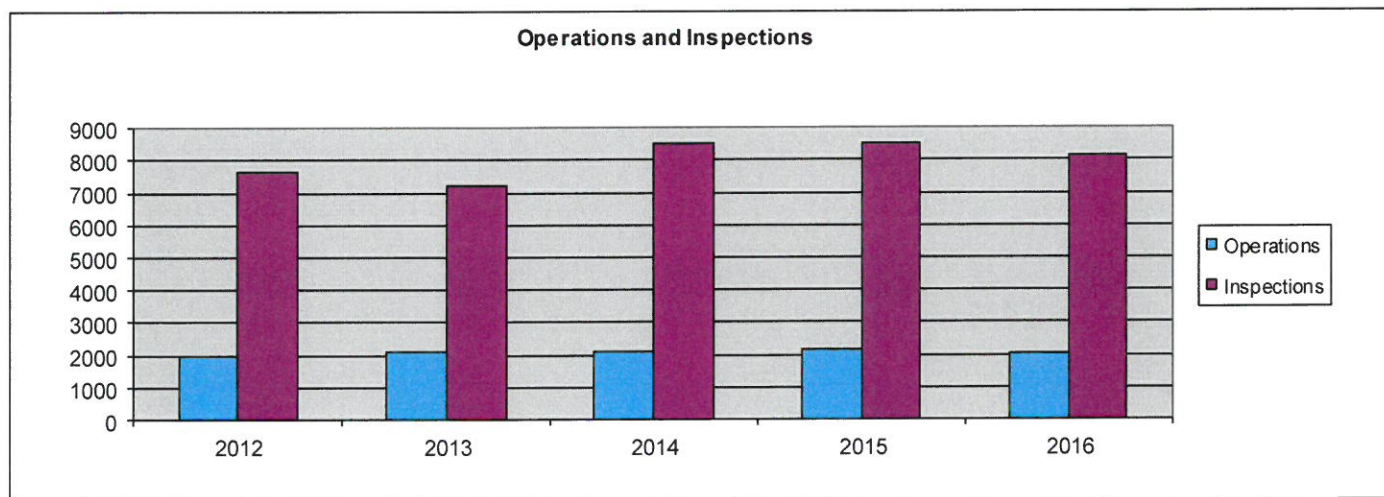
Licensing

- 1012 operators were licensed by the WV Division of Forestry (WVD OF) to perform timbering operations, buy standing timber or buy logs for resale.
- 1365 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

- 2,057 logging start notifications were filed by timber operators.
- 8,144 site inspections were performed by the WVD OF.



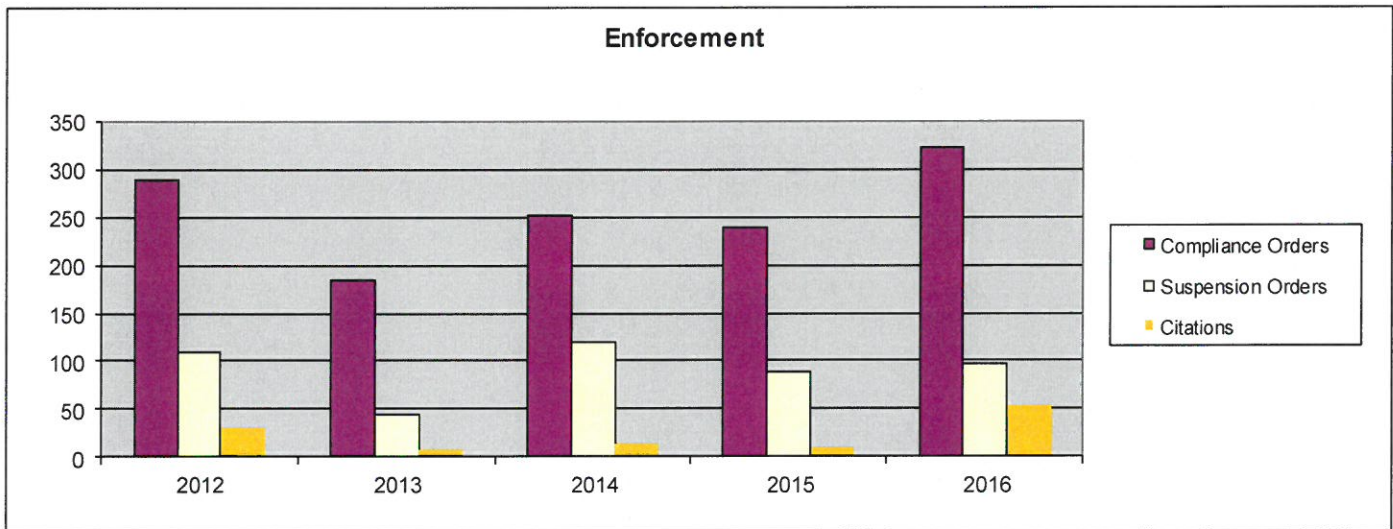
Training

- 45 workshops were held and 999 individuals were trained or retrained in Best Management Practices, the LSCA and chainsaw safety and tree felling.

- 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

•323 Compliance Orders, 97 Suspension Orders and 54 citations were issued to individuals/companies for violations of the LSCA.



Logger of Excellence

•Due to budget cuts and layoffs, the WVDOF is unable to continue the Logger of Excellence program. It has been suspended.