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O About the Course

Logging Costs are a part of every timber harvesting operation. Cost efficiency and logging productivity are central to managing a logging business successfully. A Logging Cost Analysis computer program will be used throughout the course to demonstrate the key variables that control and affect logging costs for all types of equipment commonly used in logging operations from stump to mill. Participants will receive a copy of this spreadsheet template during the workshop registration.

O Who Should Attend

This course is designed for foresters, timber buyers, loggers and others with that are involved in estimating costs of logging operations. It is a practical, hands-on course that will describe the analysis of logging costs and is designed to improve the skills used estimating logging costs and planning for logging operations.

O Location

The workshop will take place at the Clemson University Madren Conference Center, Clemson, South Carolina.

O Registration Information

The registration fee for this class will be \$195 if postmarked by November 5, 2008. After this date, the registration fee will be \$235. Registration includes handout materials, spreadsheet template on CD, lunch and breaks. It is not necessary that you have a laptop in order to attend this workshop; however, it is recommended.

O Continuing Education Credits

5.5 hours CFE – Category 1 Full attendance is mandatory in order to receive CFE credit.

O Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of registration must be made by November 7, 2008 to obtain a full refund. Refunds will not be given after November 7, 2008. If cancellation becomes necessary, substitution in lieu of cancellation is recommended. For cancellation, please call 864-656-0606. Should Clemson University cancel this course for any reason, a full refund of registration will be made. Clemson University will not be responsible for any other cost the registrant may incur. For refunds paid by check, the registrant must provide a social security number or Federal Tax ID, if paid on company funds.

• About the Speakers

Jim Sherar is owner of Treetrans Systems in Arden, North Carolina. Mr. Sherar has extensive experience in logging systems and roads throughout the Southeast, Northwest and Central America. He served as a forest roads and timber harvesting expert for the US Forest Service for over 30 years.

Steven Rheinberger has a combined 38 years of experience with the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. He focused on small business ownership, logging engineering, forest engineering, timber sales, timber cruising, measurement, and sale along with a variety of other duties. Currently he is the owner of Forest Resource Enterprises out of Oregon City, Oregon.

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Agenda

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9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:30 a.m.	Overview of Logging Cost Analysis	
10:00 a.m.	 Variables Affecting Logging Costs Machine Variables Planning Variables Management Variables Environmental Variables 	
11:30 a.m.	Machine Rate Calculations: Determining the Cost of Logging Equipment	
12:00 Noon	Lunch (catered)	
1:00 p.m.	Introduction to LOGCOST	
1:30 p.m.	Use of LOGCOST Production Equations Cost Components Practical Exercises in the use of LOGCOST 	
4:00 p.m.	Summary and CritiqueReview and discussion of concepts demonstrated in the materials presented	

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