

CHANGES TO WIMLC RECERTIFICATION POLICY

Starting this year, the WIMLC recertification policy will change from its current random audit process to an annual recertification audit. The reason behind the change is to increase outreach and connection with all Master Loggers, to improve program credibility, and increase program efficiencies.

The random audit process meant that some Master Loggers were not recertified for up to three years at a time, which left holes in the program, led to a feeling of disconnect from the program, and allowed for a perceived “cherry picking” ability of timber sales. Instead of requesting sales from Master Loggers, recertification will now take place on active sales only (unless a full audit is spurred due to issues found during the audit of active sale). Notice of the recertification visit will be given one week in advance, which will negate the perception of “cherry picking” and add to program credibility. It is hoped that this new system will also allow for increased efficiencies in travel and audit time, providing more predictable recertification/program expenses.

We feel it is increasingly important to provide our members with as much feedback and interaction as possible and annual recertification gives us an opportunity to come to you and address any questions, concerns, or complaints you may have. Additionally, regional issues can be identified and more effectively addressed by the MLC program and/or Certifying Board.

If you have any questions regarding the change in the recertification policy, please contact Brock VanOss or Don Peterson.