

Idaho Pro-Logger (IPL) 2020 Update

As the year continued to slip by and the COVID-19 virus and associated restrictions continued it became increasingly clear that training opportunities for continuing credits in the Idaho Pro Logger Program (IPL) were dwindling or non-existent. This situation, coupled with the logging season in full production and everyone busy working, led the ALC Board of Directors to ask the Idaho SFI Committee for their support to waive the IPL continuing credit requirement for 2020.

In November, the Idaho SFI Committee voted to support the ALC's request, the ALC Board of Directors ratified the decision and a waiver of the continuing credit requirement for 2020 is now in place.

What does this mean for an IPL participant? If the participant was accredited as of Dec. 31, 2019 accreditation is in place as of Dec. 31, 2020. In 2021 IPL participants will need to secure 12 continuing credits as usual and can do so anytime in the 2021 calendar year. **4** of the **12** continuing credits **MUST** be the First Aid & Logging Safety training offered by the Idaho State Logging Safety bureau in partnership with the ALC. The First Aid & Logging Safety training is **required every year** by both OSHA and the State of Idaho.

If an IPL participant attended training in 2020 – **not** including the First Aid & Logging Safety training – those credits will be rolled into 2021. In other words, the **4** credits for First Aid & Logging Safety training cannot be rolled forward into 2021 because it is required by law to be taken every year, but all other credits will be rolled forward.

Some examples are listed below. **If you have any questions, please contact Julie at the ALC office at 208-667-6473.** And **thank you to all for your patience** in this COVID-19 challenging year!

Examples:

Jack M. Logger is accredited as of Dec. 31, 2019.

- attended 2020 First Aid & Logging Safety training = 4 credits
- attended 2020 ALC Safety Conference, Leap Update, or Other IPL Approved Events = 8 credits

As of Dec. 31, 2020, Jack M. Logger will be accredited plus the approved IPL 8 credits will be rolled into 2021. Jack M. Logger will need to take the 2021 First Aid & Logging Safety training (4 credits) but because the 8 credits rolled over for the other IPL Approved events no further credits will be needed for 2021.

Daniel A. Skidder is accredited as of Dec. 31, 2019.

- attended 2020 First Aid & Logging Safety training = 4 credits
- no other credits gained in 2020

As of Dec. 31, 2020, Daniel A. Skidder is accredited. In 2021 Daniel A. Skidder will need to take the annually required 2021 First Aid & Logging Safety training which is 4 credits **plus** 8 more approved IPL credits to reach the total of 12 IPL continuing credits needed for 2021.

Tim B. Tether is accredited as of December 31, 2019.

- no credits gained in 2020

As of Dec.31, 2020, Tim B. Tether is accredited. In 2021 Tim B. Tether will need to take First Aid & Logging Safety training which is 4 credits plus 8 more approved IPL credits to reach the total of 12 IPL continuing credits needed for 2021.

Jim D. Dandy is not IPL accredited as of December 31, 2019.

- attended 2020 First Aid & Logging Safety **plus completed** 8 or more IPL approved credits.

Jim D. Dandy **IS** IPL accredited for 2020 and will need to take 2021 First Aid & Logging Safety plus 8 IPL credits in 2021.

Joe B. Smoe is not IPL accredited as of December 31, 2019.

- did not get IPL accredited in 2020. He is **NOT IPL** accredited for 2021 until he takes 2021 First Aid & Logging Safety plus 8 additional IPL credits.