### Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College



Experience. Success.



Founded: 1912

#### Locations:

- Ashland
- New Richmond
- Rice Lake
- Superior

#### Outreach centers:

- Hayward
- Ladysmith





## 16 Wisconsin Technical College Districts

#### WITC's District:

- Large district
- Diverse district

Population Served





# On to the problem: How to grow the workforce for the logging industry?



A more in-depth look at the problem (at least some of them)

- Declining workforce
- Getting students interested in the industry
- Lack of training programs
- Getting a hands-on experience



#### Possible solution:

#### Industry and Education Partnership:

- Forestry Technician Training program
  - Create student experiences
  - Career Exploration
  - Providing hands-on learning
  - Connecting education with industry



## Forestry Technician Course Description:

Students will learn the basic field skills and techniques used in both forest management and the logging industry to complete tasks of an entry level Forestry Technician or Logger.





## Forestry Technician class topics:

- Map reading and use of aerial photography to navigate through wooded areas
- Forestry terminology, specialty tools, data collection and timber cruising
- Dendrology: Softwoods & Hardwoods
- Silvics: Softwoods & Hardwoods
- Basic land management, management plans, and road construction
- Forest soils and Eco-Systems
- Silvicultural methods
- Best Management Practices for Water Quality
- Best Management Practices for Invasive Species
- Timber sale establishment, sales prospectus, bidding, timber sale contracts
- Diesel mechanics, equipment maintenance, fluid power, and hydraulics
- Logging equipment simulation and orientation
- Transportation of forest products by truck and rail.

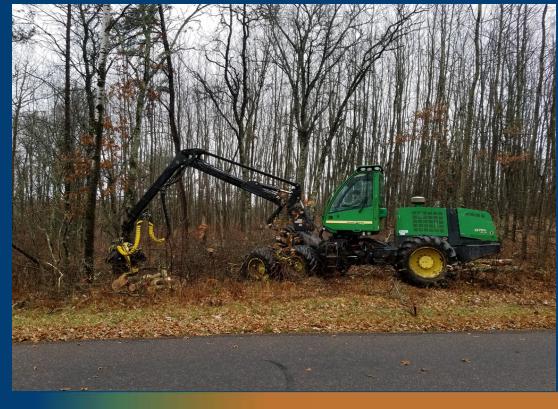


## A few pictures....



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