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Scott Pittack Recognized as 2008 Logger of the Year

The Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Program Implementation Committee awarded Scott Pittack of Bovey MN, as the 2008 Logger of the Year. This achievement recognizes exemplary work in timber harvest and management in Minnesota's forests.

By receiving this award, Pittack Logging is recognized for its adherence to safe and professional logging operation in addition to its commitment to ethical, environmentally sensitive, and aesthetically appropriate harvesting practices.

“Scott has shown leadership in this state, and is a very valuable asset to the forest products industry in Minnesota”, said SFI® Implementation Committee Chair and Boise Forester Terry Worthman.

Minnesota Logger Education Program Executive Director Dave Chura stated, “Scott Pittack is a Minnesota Certified Master Logger committed to responsible forest management. He is also an active part of his local community. Pittack Logging conducts timber harvest demonstrations for local schools and landowner education events in an effort to inform the public about the important role loggers play in managing our forests.”

Pittack additionally is active in the state's logger association. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association.

The SFI Implementation Committee represents the SFI Program that guides forest management activities of forestland managers and forest products companies in Minnesota. The objective of the award is to recognize performance of outstanding independent logging contractors, as well as to increase the visibility of competent professional logging contractors within the forestry community in Minnesota.

Pittack was nominated for this awarded by Jim Berkeland of UPM-Blandin Forestry. In his nomination Berkeland stated “*The name Pittack is synonymous with integrity and quality in the timber and business community.*”



Terry Worthman (r), chairman of the MN SFI Implementation Committee, presents the 2008 Logger of the Year Award to Scott Pittack of Pittack Logging.

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