

HARVESTING ASSISTANCE

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Technical assistance is provided to individuals and firms engaged in harvesting forest products to obtain more efficient and complete utilization of timber and timber-related resources. Typical technical services include assisting loggers with the following:

- Quality control programs to resolve on-the-ground problems in felling, bucking, skidding, loading, and hauling.
- Knowledge of logs and tree grades, bucking for highest grade, and multi-product manufacturing.
- Economic analysis of equipment and logging systems that includes consideration of energy conservation.
- Design of sale layout to include location and construction of roads, landings, skid trails, and stream crossings to minimize soil erosion and maximize efficiency.
- Identifying appropriate opportunities for the implementation of projects to produce energy from the various sources of forest biomass.

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