



Chain Saw Evaluation Form

Sawyer Name:	Date:	Agency/Cooperator Name: BCHW
Training Location: Classroom: Field:	Sawyer Address:	
Telephone Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I permit the Forest Service to share my Sawyer qualifications and e-mail address with other federal agencies and non-federal organizations so that I can be contacted about saw project opportunities in my area. _____(initial)	
E-mail Address:		
Previous Certification: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Level _____ Agency/Unit _____ Year _____		
First Aid/CPR: <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I have completed and will maintain current first aid and CPR training. _____(initial)		

BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY SAWYER EVALUATORS

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Y/N		Y/N		Y/N	
	Hard hat		Boots		Axe selection, condition & guard
	Eye protection		Chaps		Chainsaw condition, guard & brake
	Hearing protection		First Aid Kit		Chain saw tool kit
	Long-sleeved shirt		Whistle/radio/cellular/telephone		Approved fuel and oil containers
	Gloves		Wedges		

Evaluators may score up to 3 attempts by sawyer to demonstrate proficiency.

Do not use checkmarks: 0 or N/A= Not Evaluated, 1 = Needs Work, 2 = Demonstrates Ability, 3 = Shows Strength

WORKSITE ASSESSMENT AND PREPARATION

SCORE		SCORE	
	Overhead & ground hazard analysis		Swamp out of work area
	Cut-No cut decision		Spring poles: tension/compression analysis
	Escape route preparation, both sides of log		Bar kickback recognition
	Limb removal sequence		

SAW USE

SCORE		SCORE	
	Positive communication with co-workers		Correct bar tip use: boring
	Control of cutting area		Transportation of saw and axe
	Cut preparation		Consistent use of chain brake
	Correct body position and technique		Holding the chain saw: thumb placement
	Correct bar tip use: general		Allowable methods of starting the saw

BUCKING

SCORE		SCORE	
	Establish cutting plan		Use of compound cuts
	Communication method with saw crew		Wedging procedure
	Reassess cutting plan if and when needed		Bucking Sequence
	Binds: tension, compression, torsion analysis		Axe use and general technique
	Severe side bind and multiple bind situations		Under bucking and over bucking technique
	Kerf observation		

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FELLING							
SCORE		FELLING AREA		SCORE		FELLING PROCEDURE	
			Go/no-go decision/walk away				Procedure alteration (if necessary)
			Control of cutting area				Wedging procedure
			Positive communication				Saw removal
							Use of escape route/safety zone
			FELLING PROCEDURE				Exposure time at stump
			Cutting Plan				Boring the back cut
			Plumbing of lean (determination of lay)				STUMP ANALYSIS
			Use of gunning sights				Felling to desired lay
			Under cut/face cut				Under cut/face cut
			Warning shout				Back cut
			Back cut				Stump shot
			Proper body position/looking up				Hinge/holding wood
			Binds: tension, compression, torsion				

EVALUATOR'S STUMP ANALYSIS SKETCHES

Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
Height _____ DBH _____	Height _____ DBH _____	Height _____ DBH _____
% Slope _____ Species _____	% Slope _____ Species _____	% Slope _____ Species _____
Condition _____	Condition _____	Condition _____
Feet from center of lay _____	Feet from center of lay _____	Feet from center of lay _____

Certification Level (subject to final approval)

COMMENTS: Attitude, Confidence, Comfort level, Technical Skills, Awareness, Verbal Skills, Weak-Strong Traits, etc.

- A Sawyer
- B Sawyer – Bucking B Sawyer – Felling and Bucking
- C Sawyer – Bucking C Sawyer – Felling and Bucking C Sawyer Evaluator

First Evaluator

Signature _____ Sawyer Level _____

Name (print) _____ E-mail _____

Second Evaluator

Signature _____ Sawyer Level _____

Name (print) _____ E-mail _____

Sawyer Signature _____