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To: CLP Contractors & Supporters

From: CLP Board

Subject: Update

GOOD NEWS!

We are happy to report, according to a recent Bureau of Insurance rate filing, that Workers' Compensation rates as of 4/1/2017 will be going down. The current data suggests that the average WC rate decrease for all occupations will be 4.3%.

It is important to note, that the CLP mechanical class rate will see a 17% reduction from 2016. For the 13th straight year CLPs have proven that safe performance does pay. The rate savings for CLP mechanical loggers versus non-certified will be 63%.

In 2016, 106 new CLPs were certified, along with 697 re-certifications, bringing the total number active in the program to 1555. More importantly, is the reduction of injuries and fatalities for those working in the logging profession.

CLP and its certification partners continue to develop new curriculum for loggers to compete in regional, national, and global forest economies. In 2017 we will be implementing curriculum with a focus on harvesting efficiency and supervision. CLP loggers will be active participants to find solutions to help clear a path to productivity. We all will need to "think outside of the box" and create efficiencies to stay competitive.

The CLP Program is committed to logger education, and to the promotion and recognition of those who meet and exceed the CLP standard. Overall, our program remains strong. The past 26 years has had a positive effect. We can be assured maintaining consistency with safety, quality, and efficiency is changing our logging legacy for the better!