



Greetings,

On behalf of the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety in Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing (NEC), I am writing to request your assistance in getting the word out about the Maine Logger Health and Safety Study. Specifically, we are requesting earned media time/space to help us during our study recruitment process.

Among the most dangerous occupations in the US, logging workers currently have the highest fatality rate of any industry: 39 times higher than the all-worker fatality rate. The goal of the Maine Logger Health and Safety Study is to survey nearly 300 loggers about their experiences with injuries or chronic health issues on the woodlot, and give each one a health screening to detail the physical impact of working as a logger. Although the NEC covers the greater Northeast, this project focuses on Maine because it hosts the largest logging workforce of any state in this region. The results of this study will identify key health issues specific to this population and open doors for future projects to improve the health and safety of Maine loggers.

We are interested in any assistance you can provide to make Maine loggers aware of this study and their eligibility to participate in it.

NEC is a non-profit research center dedicated to reducing health risks and safety hazards in the most dangerous rural industries. More information about our organization and this study may be found on our website (<http://necenter.org/forestry/research/?id=30>), and in the documents included below.

Contents:

1. Press Release
2. Fact Sheet
3. Study Summary
4. Team Biographies
5. Group Photo w/ captions
6. Radio PSA Script
7. Company overview

We have created two videos describing our organization and our study, respectively, at the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/MaineLoggerHealthandSafetyStudy/videos/645128609209308/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MaineLoggerHealthandSafetyStudy/videos/645091565879679/>

If you have any questions, please contact Nora Lindner at [nora.lindner@bassett.org](mailto:nora.lindner@bassett.org), or by phone at 607-547-6023. We appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

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