



Top B.C. Interior Logging Contractors 2010

The general downturn in the forest industry in the last few years has not only taken its toll on the mill side of the business, but also on logging contractors. Due to shutdowns, temporary closures, the mountain pine beetle epidemic, and changes to BC forest allocation policies, there has been a trend for older logging contractors to retire, and for some younger owner/operator contractors to seek employment elsewhere.

However, many of the well-established, larger logging contractors have managed to weather this difficult economic climate and are seeking every opportunity to pick up extra contracts--as they become available--to try to maintain their traditional annual harvest volumes.

It seems that the general feeling is that the worst is now behind the industry and many are looking forward to better times in 2010/2011.

New opportunities such as use of biomass in the bioenergy sector will likely also open up new business opportunities for existing contractors and new contractors wanting to strictly focus on that developing sector of the forest industry.

As part of its ongoing coverage of the industry, Logging and Sawmilling Journal is providing a list of the largest BC Interior logging contractors by volume.

While we have attempted to prepare as accurate a list as possible, participation is voluntary. Therefore, it may not reflect all contractors active in the Interior. As many contractors as possible were contacted in putting together this list, taken from resources kindly supplied by the CILA, the Interior Logging Association, and the North West Logging Association.

1. Clusko Logging Enterprises Ltd./ Westline Harvesting Ltd.

Owner: Arnold and Imke Bremner

Head office: Williams Lake

Area of operations: 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Prince George, Mackenzie

Cut-to-length softwood for sawlogs and pulp, incidental cut-to-length, stump-to-dump delivery

730,000 cubic metres



2. Gulbranson Logging Ltd.

Owner: Mel Gulbranson and family

Head office: Vanderhoof

Area of operations: Central Interior B.C.

Softwood, tree length and cut-to-length, stump-to-mill delivery

600,000 cubic metres

3. Warmac Ventures Ltd.

Owner: Vern Watt

Head office: Prince George

Area of operations: Prince George

Softwood and hardwood, tree length, cut-to-length, cable logging

550,000 cubic metres

4. Lo-Bar Log Transport

Owner: Greg Jacob

Head office: Prince George

Area of operations: Prince George

Softwood, cut-to-length, stumpside delivery

430,000 cubic metres

5. Bid Right Contracting Ltd.

Owner: Dan O'Brien



Head office: Prince George

Area of operations: Quesnel, Prince George, Mackenzie

Tree length and cut-to-length

370,000 cubic metres

6. Balcaen Consolidated Contracting Ltd.

Owner: Keith Balcaen

Head office: Lavington

Area of operations: Vernon

Softwood, tree length

325,000 cubic metres

7. Groot Bros. Contracting Ltd.

Owner: John and George Groot

Head office: Houston

Area of operations: Nadina Forest District

Softwood, tree length and cut-to-length

320,000 cubic metres



8. Myatovic Bros. Logging Ltd.

Owner: Jerry Myatovic

Head office: Prince George

Area of operations: Mackenzie

Softwood, cut-to-length

300,000 cubic metres

9. Newco Logging Ltd.

Owner: Lee Todd

Head office: Williams Lake

Area of operations: Williams Lake

Softwood, cut-to-length and tree length

300,000 cubic metres

10. Coyote Transport

Owners: Dave and Mariam Bellamy, Eugene, Glenn and Kerry Bellamy, Gwen Bellamy

Head office: Prince George

Softwood, tree length

260,000 cubic metres