

2017 Colorado Outstanding Logger of the Year

Congratulations to Mike Jolovich with Windy Gap Logging, who was chosen by the Colorado Tree Farm Committee and Colorado Timber Industry Association as the 2017 Colorado Outstanding Logger of the Year.

Here are some words from the nomination: Even though Windy Gap Logging is a relatively new logging company established in 2014, Mike Jolovich has been producing forest products in Grand County since 1992 as the founder and General Manager of Ranch Creek Ltd., a local sawmill just outside the town of Granby. Windy Gap Logging has two employees (Mike and Steven) who operate a John Deere 759G harvester, a Cat 525 skidder, and a D6 dozer. Windy Gap Logging in conjunction with Ranch Creek Ltd. produces a variety of wood products including fencing, house railings, paneling, packing material for pipes, dimensional lumber, log cabin packages and firewood. The diversity of wood products produced allows Mike to utilize a very large percentage of timber (and blowdown) from the timber sales he purchases, maximizing the efficient usage of forest resources.

The reasons why Mike is an outstanding logger/contractor:

According to Matt Schiltz, Forest with Colorado State Forest Service: Mike is one of the friendliest guys in the woods – an absolute pleasure to work with!

Administering a timber sale that he is cutting is easy, always enjoyable and educational. He continually seeks, and is responsive to, constructive feedback on how best to meet the project objectives and he is happy to share how the local conditions and contract requirements affect his operations without complaint.

There is seldom any work that needs to be corrected. Mike takes great care of his equipment and employees, which equates to quality work, little down time, and deadlines met. Mike's work ethic is also well demonstrated in his land ethic as he cares for the land through his work on the ground. Whether it is the protection of advanced regeneration, excellent utilization, or adherence to BMP's, Mike's work is top notch!

Photo details

Logger of year 1: Mike Jolovich, Windy Gap Logging; Matt Schiltz, Forester-CSFS; Ron Cousineau, District Forester-CSFS

Logger of year 2: Mike Hughes, Colorado Tree Farm Committee Chair; Mike Jolovich, Windy Gap Logging; Matt Schiltz, Forester-CSFS; Molly Pitts, Colorado Timber Industry Assoc.; Ron Cousineau, District Forester-CSFS

Logger of year 3: Mike Jolovich, Windy Gap Logging