

**Title**

SELECTION LOGGING WITH HORSES

**Model Forest**

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

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**Keywords**

Horse logging, Selective Logging, Environment.

**Objective**

To promote the use of horses for selective logging in an environmentally sensitive manner.

**Description**

JEM Wood Products Ltd. in association with the Western Newfoundland Model Forest, presented a series of public meetings in western Newfoundland to explore the possibility of using horses for selective timber harvesting in an environmentally sensitive manner. The meeting featured Douglas Gook of the Cariboo Horse Loggers Association, an organization of several dozen horse loggers from central British Columbia.

Horse logging, which was common throughout Canada until recently, has numerous advantages over mechanized logging. Horses can maneuver skillfully between trees, allowing selective timber harvesting to take place without damaging the remaining trees. They are able to log relatively rugged terrain and steep hillside without disturbing soil cover. As well, horse logging contractors are highly portable, making it feasible to log small acreages. And finally, the low cost of a horse relative to a mechanical skidder allows a small scale operator to make more profit on a lower volume of wood.

**Reports and Products**

Report not available