Choosing a logging contractor for a harvest operation is an important decision. How do you go about selecting the right person for your property and your particular project? Some of the decision making is tailored to your situation as landowner, and there are some key questions about their ability to handle your specific issues that you should ask the contractors who might provide these important services.

The questions below are not the only questions you could ask and should not replace trusted relationships or “gut feelings.” They are meant to help you think through what to ask and what the contractors’ responses mean.

- Ask log buyers at local timber mills.
- OSU Forest Industries Directory: www.orforestdirectory.com/

Helpful resources

See these publications for more information about harvesting operations for your family forest:

- Contracts for Woodland Owners (EC 1192)  
  https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/ec1192
- Small Scale Harvesting for Woodland Owners (EM 9129)  
  https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9129
- Timber Harvesting Options for Woodland Owners (EC 1582)  
  https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/ec1582
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute  
  http://knowyourforest.org
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Establish realistic expectations. Ask a forester.

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www.acf-foresters.org/
www.oregon.gov/ODF/Working/
www.safenet.org
www.oswa.org/
www.otfs.org/
extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu/directory
Oregon Small Woodlands Association:
Oregon Tree Farm System:
Society of American Foresters:
Association of Consulting Foresters:
Oregon Department of Forestry:
Oregon State University Extension Service:
Society of American Foresters:

Do you have the appropriate insurance coverage?

Where to look for a logger

www.oregonloggers.org/Opl_directory.aspx

What is included in the logging price?

What services do you provide?

Questions to ask potential logging contractors