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Chainsaw Evaluation Form

FS-2300-0052a (2025)

A/B/C Sawyer

Evaluation Type: ☐ Initial evaluation ☐ Re-evaluation **Current Certification Level:**	Sawyer's Name: Work Address: Email: Phone:
Classroom Location/Date: Evaluation Location/Date:	Region: Forest: Ranger District/ Zone: Volunteer Partner/Cooperator Group: Saw Program Coordinator (Forest/Unit) or Sawyer's Supervisor Name: Email:

☐ **First Aid/CPR:** I certify that I have completed and will maintain current first aid and CPR training. _____(sawyer's initial)

☐ **Nationally Recognized Sawyer Training Course (NRSTC):** I certify that I have completed a Nationally Recognized Sawyer Training Course (NRSTC) and will maintain certification. _____(sawyer's initial)

☐ **Eligible for Wildland Fire** (Completed guard school + NRSTC with Fireline Equivalency)

BOXES BELOW TO BE FILLED BY SAWYER INSTRUCTORS OR EVALUATORS

Use a scale of 1 through 3 to identify per-tree proficiency: 1=Needs Work, 2=Demonstrates Ability, 3=Shows Proficiency.

SAW HANDLING AND OPERATIONS			
	Chainsaw safety check demonstrated [5-point]		Procedural size up [OHLEC] process articulated
	Correct chain brake use demonstrated		Correct boring procedures demonstrated
	Correct starting procedures demonstrated		Reactive forces demonstrated

BUCKING OPERATIONS

Use a scale of 1 through 3 to identify per-log proficiency: 1=Needs Work, 2=Demonstrates Ability, 3=Shows Proficiency.

Score			OBJECTIVE	Score			ESCAPE PLAN
			Objective clearly articulated				Escape plan clearly articulated
			Work/cutting area controlled				Good side/bad side determined
			HAZARDS				Escape path(s) determined and cleared
			Hazards relative to objective identified and mitigated				Escape plan utilized
			Work area cleared				**CUT PLAN**
			Spring poles mitigated				Cut plan articulated
			BINDS				Cut sequence utilized
			Location and type of binds recognized				Wedges utilized (if applicable)
			Bole movement anticipated				Cut plan implemented
			Correct cut sequence utilized				Slab mitigation
SAWYER ANALYSIS - BUCKING							
			Firm, comfortable grip with thumb wrapped around handlebars demonstrated				Cutting plan followed (rationale for deviation communicated)
			Proper stance, solid footing, body to one side, and no overreach demonstrated				Saw handling demonstrated (use of chain brake, deliberate/ intentional cutting, chain does not contact ground, etc.)
			Binds correctly mitigated (avoids bar pinch)				Complexity determined
			Log stability determined (anticipated and predicted movement)				Work/cutting area controlled—communicated with swamper and any downhill workers (e.g. warning shout)

Comments:

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Sawyer name:

LOG #1	LOG #2	LOG #3
DIA _____Length_____ Species _____ Cut Plan_____ Complexity rating (H, M, L) _____	DIA _____Length_____ Species _____ Cut Plan _____ Complexity rating (H, M, L) _____	DIA _____Length_____ Species _____ Cut Plan_____ Complexity rating (H, M, L) _____

COMMENTS

Recommendation for Level of Certification

☐ **A-Sawyer Bucking** ☐ **B-Sawyer Bucking** ☐ **C-Sawyer Bucking** ☐ **C-Sawyer Evaluator Bucking**

Evaluator Name:	Signature:
Evaluator Certification Level:	E-mail:
Evaluator Name:	Signature:
Evaluator Certification Level:	E-mail:
Student Signature:	Date:

NOTE: Please attach any evaluation photos or additional drawings to this document.