



# Young Maine loggers talk

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**How and when did you decide you wanted to work in this industry?**  
In 2011 when I was overseas in Thailand on a Business as Missions trip with my college (Indiana Wesleyan University) seeing all kinds of different businesses, I realized how fortunate I was to have grown up in a family-owned business. After seeing all kinds of different businesses being run, I knew what a great opportunity [I had] to be a part of Maine's great outdoors and still make a living.

**Does your family have a history doing this kind of work?**  
Yes, family owned business that my dad started 35 years ago.

**What has been your favorite memory associated with working in the woods?**  
Running big equipment by far is most memorable. Nothing like jumping in a big four wheel rig and picking up monstrous piles of trees and dragging them out of the woods.

**What is your greatest challenge as a young person in this industry?**  
My greatest challenge as a young person in this industry is working with some of the older generation people. They have been around a long time and they definitely have a ton of knowledge/experience that I don't take for granted. I bring a new mind and technology experience to the table, so with both we make a great team.

**What are your hopes for the future of this industry and the next generation of loggers?**  
The bar has been raised lately for this industry and that is a result of the next generation bringing technology into the playing field. When the next generation comes, you better watch out because the bar will be raised again. That is my hope ... that those who raise the bar thrive in this industry.

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