

## **Arizona Elk Society Sawyer / Swamper Information**

Arizona Elk Society (AES) has a Forest Service (USFS) certified Sawyer Crew. The team is comprised of:

- Experienced Level “A/1” Sawyers
- Experienced Level “B/2” Sawyers
- Paramedics/EMT, which may consist of qualified Supervising “B” level sawyers, who supervise the cutting process of all workers.
- Swampers, which work side by side with the Sawyers, assisting in the removal of branches and logs from the work area, equipment help, and safety lookouts.

### **Qualifications - Swamper**

Any person interested in being an AES Sawyer, will begin as a Swamper for a minimum of 3 work projects that require the Sawyer Crew. During the time as a Swamper it is recommended that potential Sawyers complete First Aid, CPR and AED certification.

The Sawyer Crew and Leaders will review qualification of each Swamper for progression to complete USFS Sawyer certification class. First Aid, CPR and AED certification is required and must be current.

### **Qualifications - Sawyer**

All Arizona Elk Society Sawyers are members in good standing.

All Sawyers have completed and maintain certification by/based on USFS standards. First Aid, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens, Equipment needs and AED certification is required and must be current.

All new recruits will begin as Swampers. The Sawyer Crew will review and recommend Swampers for Sawyer certification class.

Sawyers are to be active on work projects each year. All Sawyers are in a position of leadership and required to maintain such demeanor. All Sawyers are responsible for safety areas and ensuring no encroachment of volunteers into work space. Lead “B/2” Sawyers also carry radio communication, are in contact with Forest Service/Wildland Fire Management and base camp, and will make weather calls on when to stop working if storms threaten.

All certified sawyers have gone through the forest service “Wildland Fire Chain Saw Class” S-212, and have completed instructions. This includes requirements, advice and assistance from: USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI National Park Service and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All certified AES sawyers have in addition, completed a one day, in the field, hands on qualification with a forest service instructor.

Each work location must have at least one B/2 Sawyer to supervise that is not on a saw full time.

### **Sawyer Ongoing Support/Requirements**

Sawyers will mentor Swampers to possibly become fellers. Crew leaders/site supervisors will mentor fellers to be crew leaders/site supervisors. Sawyers are responsible for equipment and ongoing maintenance.

## **Equipment / Personal Protective Gear (PPG)**

At a minimum the Sawyer and Swamper will be required to provide and maintain in good working condition the below PPG/First Aid. PPG is required to be worn and used anytime around a chainsaw.

- First Aid, CPR and AED Certification
- Helmet
- Eye protection (glasses, goggles, face shield)
- Hearing protection (muffs, plugs)
- Gloves (leather)
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- 8 inch boots
- Chaps (color preferred safety orange, full wrap, half, apron and must extend below top of boots.)

## **Credentials/Certification**

All Sawyers and Swampers to have a copy of their Driver's License, First Aid Card, Sawyer Certification, and Emergency Contact information be provided and stored within the Project Book.