SMALL-SCALE TIMBER HARVESTING EQUIPMENT OPTIONS

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ABSTRACT.—Small-scale logging is small-sized logging equipment that offers a cost-effective alternative for thinning conifer and hardwood stands. Equipment options include tree felling, log processing, skidding, and forwarding machinery. Many factors are increasing the level of interest of foresters and loggers in small-scale logging technology. The factors include creating employment opportunities, increasing flexibility and maneuverability during thinning operations, extending production seasons, and potentially low impacts on sites and residual trees.