

## **Daniel Vir** - Beaver Creek Clearing - New Regulations and Safety Management - Clear cutting

Daniel Vir is the owner and operator of Beaver Creek Clearing from Charleston, WV, a logging company that clears land in advance of coal mining in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. He spoke of his experiences in clear cutting and on the newly established regulations regarding logging. Company policy has been established to protect the safety & health of their employees. Injuries and illness accidents are needless, costly and preventable. His company also has issues regarding language barriers.

He expanded on the responsibility of management, supervisors and employee working together to work safely. His company has developed a safety committee to identify and control hazards help solve issues. They hold monthly problem-solving meetings with employees to keep lines of communication open and bring any issues to the forefront and deal with them quickly and effectively. All employees and company officials must attend meetings. Company rules are strictly adhered to, without exception.

His presentation includes a copy of the equipment operator's preshift safety checklist, as well as the timber cutter's preshift safety checklist. These forms were developed by his company to further the health and safety of their employees.

For more information regarding the company's policies regarding safety procedures and accident prevention, please see the accompanying presentation.