

## A LOGGER'S LEXICON

**Boom:** A sequence of logs strung together, end to end, to form a pocket for containing loose logs or pulpwood.

**Bow Saw:** A hand saw with blade stretched between the ends of a bow shaped steel frame.

**Branding Ax:** A tool for marking ownership of a log.

**Bridle Chain:** Chain wrapped around a sled runner as a brake.

**Cold Deck:** A pile of logs stored for use later.

**Cross-Haul:** To load a log on sled or car by passing a line over and under, then pulling the line to roll the log up a set of skids.

**Donkey:** Stationary engine.

**Hair-Pounder:** A horse teamster.

**Hay-Burner:** A horse.

**Increment Borer:** A steel instrument used by foresters to bore into a live tree and remove a cross section of wood to determine rate of diameter growth.

**Landing:** Place where logs are assembled for loading or for rolling into a lake or stream.

**Push:** The camp foreman.

**Scaler:** The man who determines the content of a log in board feet or in cords.

**Skidding:** Hauling logs on ground without wheels or runners.

**Snubber:** A device for regulating the speed of loaded sleds or cars down steep inclines.

**Swamper:** A logger who clears brush to make a road.

**Yarding:** The assembling of logs.

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