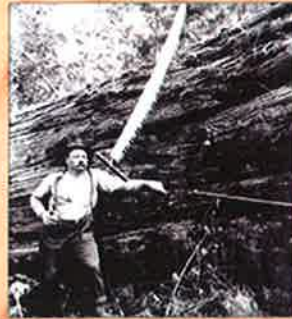


# HISTORICAL LOGGING

## LOGGING JOBS



**BULL OF THE WOODS**  
The person supervising a logging operation.



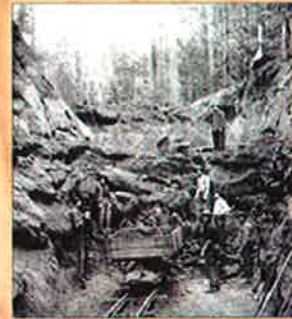
**GANDY DANCER**  
A laborer who helped with the maintenance and construction of a railroad.



**CAT SKINNER**  
Tractor or bulldozer operator at a logging operation.



**BUSHLER**  
A person who fell trees or cut logs and was paid by the volume of logs produced. This was and continues to be one of the most dangerous jobs in the woods.



**SWAMPER**  
Men who cleared brush and trees for railroad construction and maintenance; also men who maintained and greased the corduroy roads.



**CRUISER**  
Individual who walks through a forest measuring the trees to estimate the volume of wood available for harvest. They survey the trees for quality and density.



**BOOM TENDER**  
A person working on a log raft in the booming ground. Their job was to sort logs and assemble them into rafts for shipment or processing. The job required walking on the floating logs and they wore caulk boots for stability.



**RIGGING CREW**  
The rigging crew was composed of the donkey puncher, whistlepunk, hook tender, and choker setters. The donkey puncher operated the steam donkey. The whistlepunk coordinated the logging operation with the choker setters through a series of whistle codes designed to keep the operation safe. The hook tender planned and installed the cables used to yard (haul) the logs from the forest to the landing.



## LOGGING EQUIPMENT AND SITES



**CAULK OR CORK BOOTS**  
Leather boots with high ankle support and nails on the soles. They are used to walk on logs. The peavey is used to roll logs.



**LANDING**  
Logs are brought from the forest and accumulated at this location for transport to markets.



**COLD DECK**  
Stack of logs at a landing, log yard or saw mill waiting for shipment or processing.



**MISERY WHIP**  
Also known as a Swedish Fiddle, these are long cross-cut saws used by one or two men to fall trees or cut trees into logs.



**CHOKER**  
Portable cables used to fasten log(s) to the rigging to be hauled to the landing. The person attaching the choker to the log(s) is called the choker setter.



**CORDUROY ROAD**  
A road made out of small logs placed parallel to each other (like railroad ties), on which larger, marketable logs were dragged to the landing.



**CRUMMY**  
The rail car, with long benches on both sides, used to travel between the logging camps and the woods. Today, the crummy is the vehicle used to haul the loggers to and from the work site.



**SPRINGBOARD**  
A tapered wooden plank with an iron cleat on one end. Placed in slots cut into the base of large trees, they allowed fallers to get above the curved grain in the base of the tree.



**STEAM DONKEY**  
A wooden sled mounted with a steam engine and two or three drums spooled with heavy cable. It was used to move logs and equipment through the forest. The donkey was moved by simply dragging itself with its own cables.