Managing Timber Transport

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- Who is FITG?
- Reason for Conf.
  - Facilitate engagement.
  - Increase knowledge base among stakeholders
  - Promote Good Practice via partnership approach
- Expectation.
  - Stimulate engagement, locally, ongoing
  - Spreading of knowledge, Owners, Managers, Engineers and planners, etc
  - Use of collaborative approach to addressing common issues

Topics covered;
Forestry
Roads
Partnership approach
Vehicles
Agreed Routes
Community Relations
Compliance

Focus on Partnership approach,
Prevention rather than cure.

Forestry Production forecasts.

• 11% land area and increasing.
• Land Type....poor
• Output set to double in next 20 yrs.
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ROADS ISSUES

Local Authority Roads.
- High density Road Network per head of population
- Limited availability of funding for road maintenance and repair
- Public concerns and local representations

Coillte Roads.
- Large network, unsurfaced roads
- Built/upgraded to standard for truck haulage
- Also subject to damages

Private Forests.
- Smaller properties, minimal internal road requirements
- Stacking and loading areas close to entrances to forests

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Timber Harvesting
Varying activity levels in local regions
- 35/40 year rotation to clearfell, with thinnings at intervals
- 10 Ha Clearfell @ 400m³/ha = 4,000 m³ = 140 Lorry loads
- 10 Ha Thinning @ 50m³/ha = 500m³ = 17 Lorry loads

Values.... e.g. Thinning
  Harvesting Cost ~ €20/m³
  Transport Costs ~ €10/m³
  Revenue ~ €35/m³

Forecasts available of upcoming harvesting events......via felling licences and Coillte Forecasts.
Timber Transport

- Subject to increasing regulation
- Increased use of technology, vehicle tracking systems, etc
- Haulage contracts from Sawmillers (Large Logs) and Coillte (Small logs i.e. pupwood to Medite, Smartply)
- Sawmills...generally employ regular hauliers
- Coillte provides contracts via public procurement tendering process
- Logs leaving a forestry property are likely to have different purchasers, and be destined for different destinations, e.g. thinnings to Clonmel (MDF) and Waterford (OSB).
- Wood for energy increasing.

Proactive approach by FITG.

- COP 2004
- Submissions on GVW, VTP (CTI, TPC), Agreed routes
- Pilot studies
- Good Practice guide, 2014

Currently

- Promoting Good Practice via Partnership Approach

This journey will take years and the challenge is to manage expectations