Edward C. Murriner

Ed Murriner, of Hurricane, W.Va., has had a 38-year career with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, serving in many positions from Service Forester to Assistant State Forester.

Mr. Murriner grew up on his family's farm in Braxton County and earned a BS in Forestry from West Virginia University (WVU) in 1968.

He worked diligently to promote the Forest Products Utilization program throughout the State. In this capacity, Mr. Murriner was prominent in West Virginia's securing five major forest products plants and in the modernization of every major sawmill in the State.

Mr. Murriner has worked with the development of the logging safety programs during his career. His work with loggers was so successful that he was asked to train others in chainsaw safety in many other state agencies. He retired from the Division of Forestry in 2006 and started his own company, Cahojo Consulting, which focuses on economic development and safety assistance for the wood products industry.

Mr. Murriner has received many honors including the West Virginia Forestry Association Forester of the Year in 2004 and was proclaimed a "Distinguished West Virginia" in 2006.