What is Helicopter Logging?
Helicopter logging is a harvesting method that uses a cable hanging from the bottom of a helicopter - cut trees are lifted off of the ground and flown to a designated landing. Logs and debris may then be removed by truck.

Capabilities
- Usually done only on very steep slopes/rocky terrain that is inoperable for ground-based equipment and/or in visually sensitive areas.
- Suspended logs/trees are only flown over the project area; helicopters will not fly over residential areas with logs suspended beneath them.

Limitations
- Daily weather conditions may restrict operations.
- Residential, developed areas, and main roadways will restrict flight paths - suspended logs are not flown over these areas.
- Noise.

Advantages
- Very little soil disturbance.
- May be the preferred harvesting alternative in visually or ecologically sensitive areas.

FWPP Project
- Approximately 556 acres (6% of treated acres) is planned for helicopter logging.

Costs
- Generally the most expensive harvesting method. Per acre cost can be double the cost of cable logging and many times more than traditional ground based logging systems.