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WASHINGTON FOREST PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

HARVEST & REPLANT

2025 Western Forest Economists Meeting

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Economic & Environmental Implications of Long Rotation Forestry and Forest Set-Asides

Background: 23 years President SDS
Current:

- Owner Noble Forest Co - Manage private Ag/Forest holdings
- Managing Director Broughton Lumber
- Executive Director of WFPA

WFPA Works to Protect Private Equity Investments in Forestland

PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY & BALANCED FORESTRY REGULATIONS

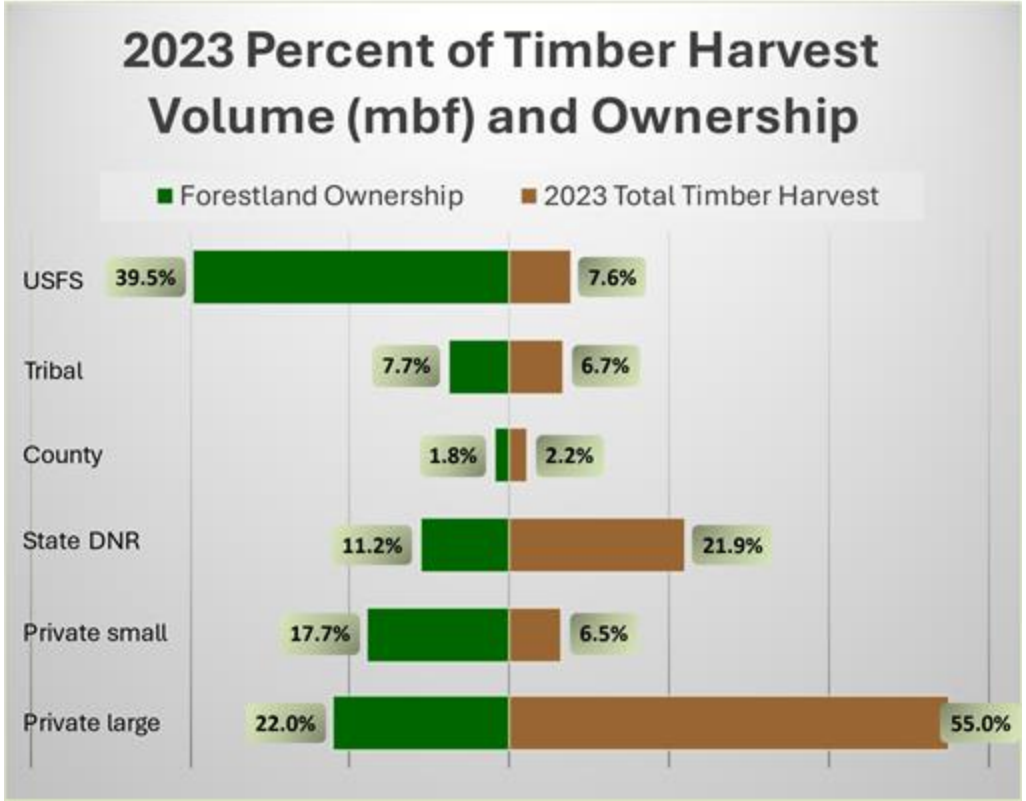
Washington State

--Land area 43 million acres

--Forestland 23 million ac. 54%

- #2 softwood lumber producer
- 10.9 mm acres working forests (47%)
- 102,000 Jobs (direct & indirect)
- $5.6 Billion total wages
- $301 million in state tax revenue

Working Forests & Timber Harvest



Forestland ownership:

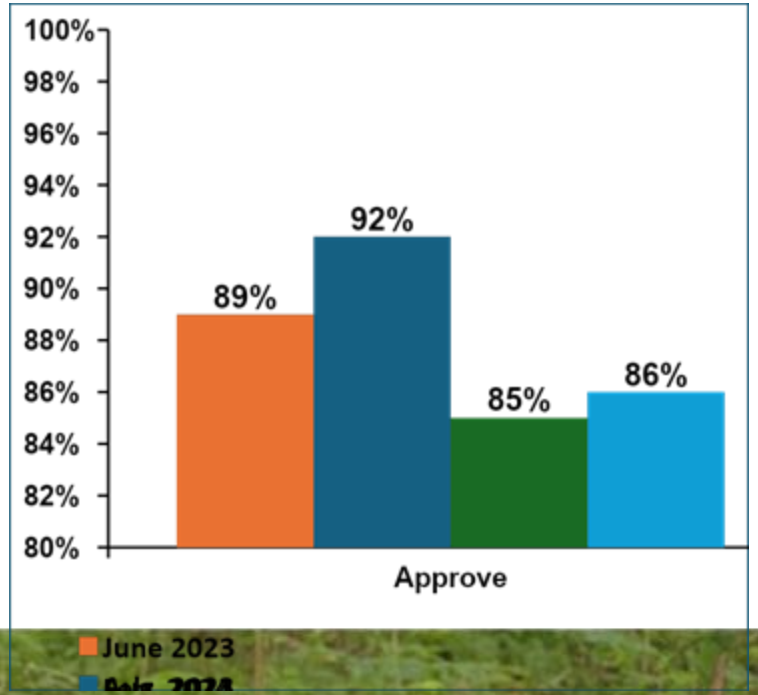
- 2/3rd state/federal/tribes
- 1/3rd private (small & large)

Timber Harvest:

- 1/3rd state/federal/tribes
- 2/3rd private (small & large)

Public Support for Managing our Forests

"**Managed forests** refers to practices used by the forest products industry of sustainably harvesting forest lands for wood products **...do you approve or disapprove of managed forests?**"



Do you support or oppose logging in Washington State?

	July 2021	April 2025
Support logging	**74%**	

Case for Productive Timberland

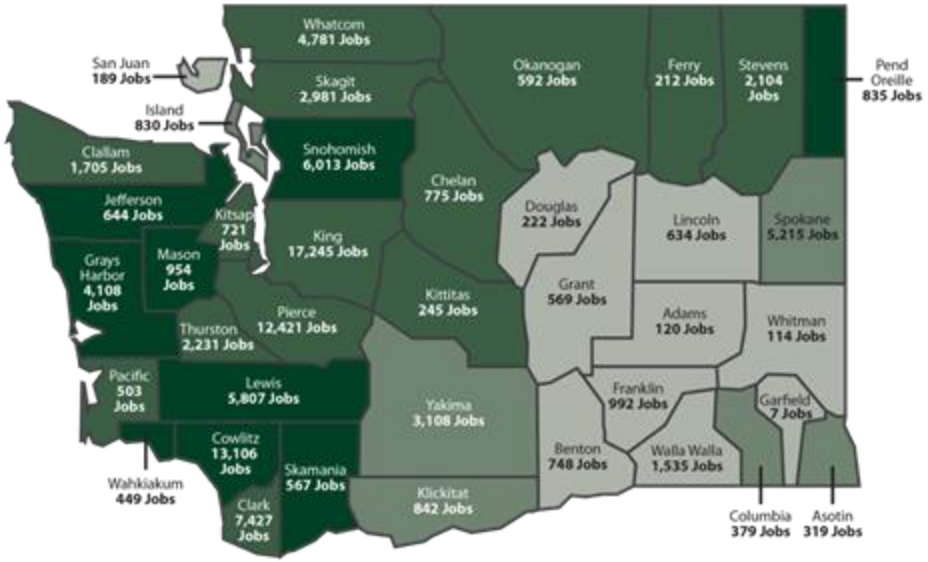
Sustainable harvest and active forest management are solutions

We have plenty of inventory to increase harvest volumes

Washington is an important supplier of the country's log and lumber demand

Harvest supports forest health and reduces risk of losses to wildfire, insects, and diseases

Washington's Forest Products Industry Supports 102,000 Workers, with jobs in every county and $6 billion in wages



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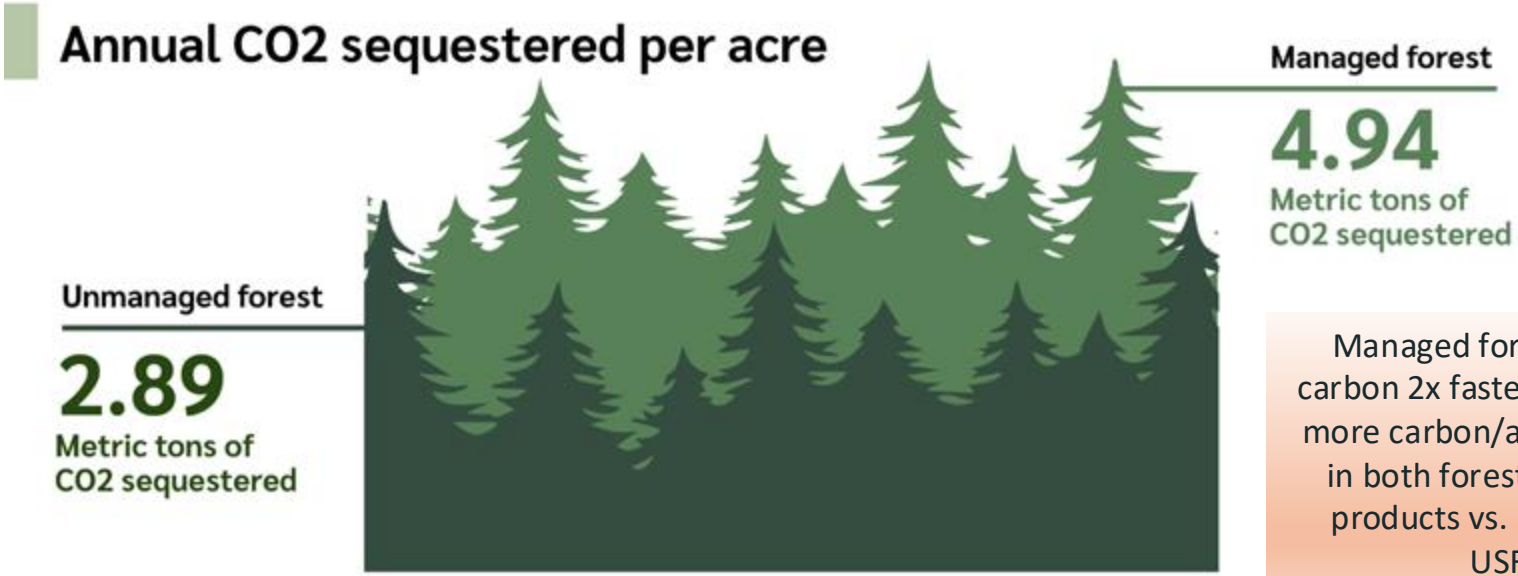
Managed Forests Provide Greater Carbon Benefits



Managed forests absorb carbon 2x faster and store 3x more carbon/acre each year in both forests and wood products vs. unmanaged USFS.

https://www.workingforestscarbonblueprint.org/

Benefits of Productive Forests, Use of Wood

WFPA Media Campaign: April 1 – August 11, 2025

Working Forests

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