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2025 Western Forest Economists Meeting

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

Washington's Working Foresters

5/15/2025



Background: 23 years President SDS
Current:

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

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WFPA Works to Protect Private Equity Investments in Forestland



PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY &
BALANCED FORESTRY REGULATIONS

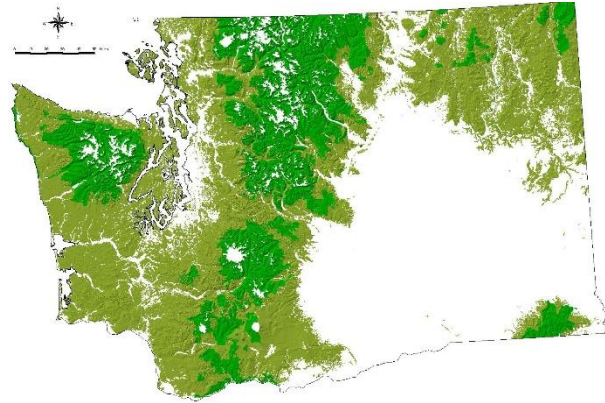




Washington State

--Land area 43 million acres

--Forestland 23 million ac. 54%

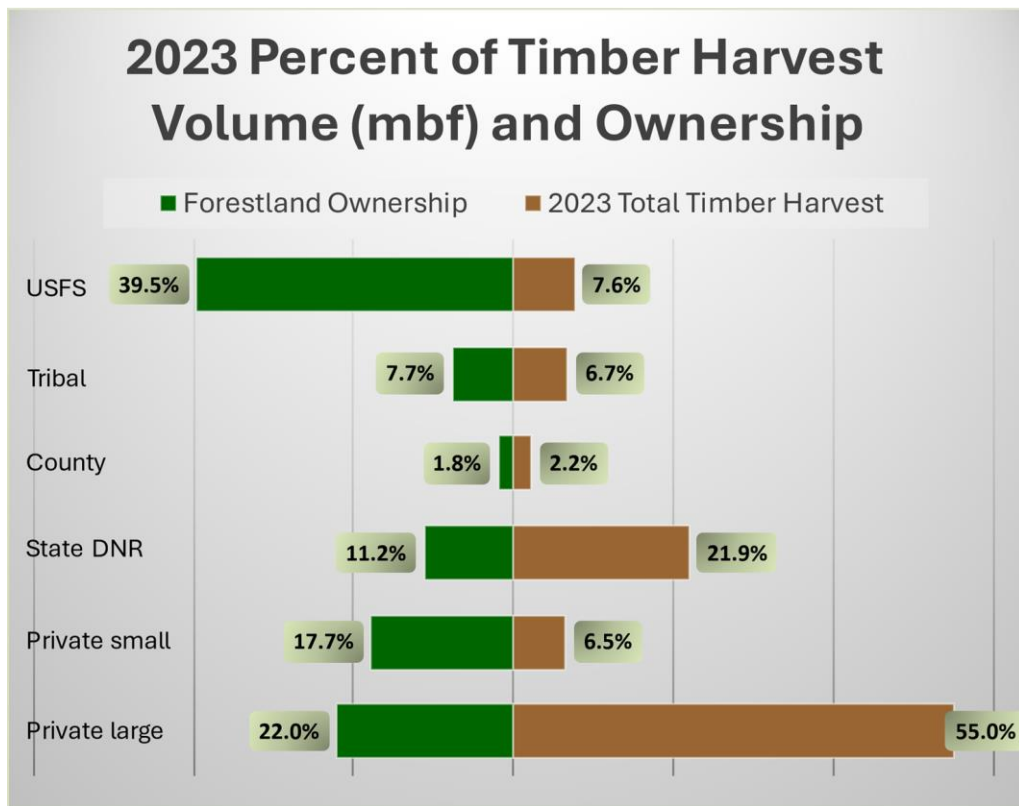


- #2 softwood lumber producer
- 10.9 mm acres working forests (47%)
- 102,000 Jobs (direct & indirect)
- \$5.6 Billion total wages
- \$301 million in state tax revenue

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Working Forests & Timber Harvest



Forestland ownership:

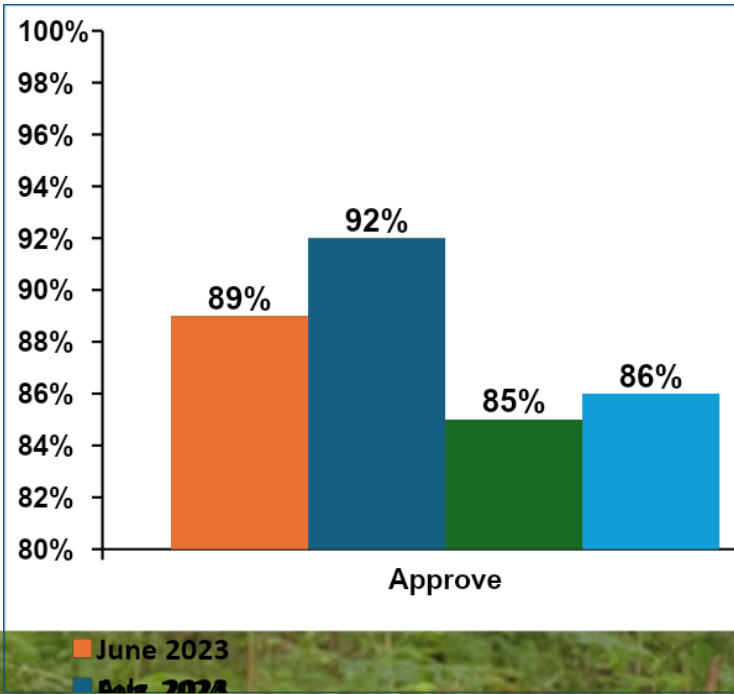
- 2/3rd state/federal/tribes
- 1/3rd private (small & large)

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%



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Case for Productive Timberland

**Sustainable
harvest and
active forest
management
are solutions**



We have plenty of inventory to increase harvest volumes



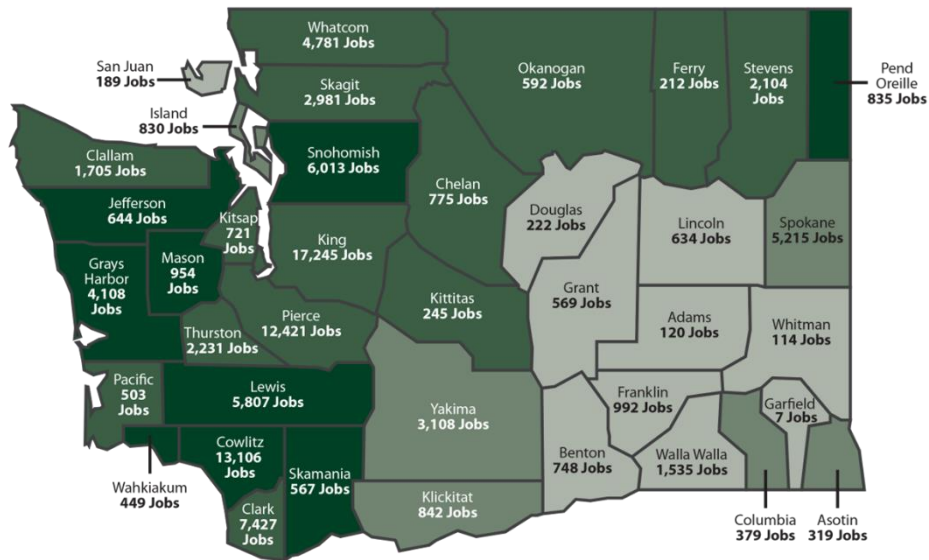
Washington is an important supplier of the country's log and lumber demand



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

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



Source: <https://data.workingforests.org>

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Managed Forests Provide Greater Carbon Benefits

Annual CO2 sequestered per acre

Unmanaged forest

2.89

Metric tons of
CO2 sequestered

Managed forest

4.94

Metric tons of
CO2 sequestered



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

Benefits of Productive Forests, Use of Wood

Forest Products Day
April 9, 2025 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**WASHINGTON'S
FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR**

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS, ROOTED IN COMMUNITIES

CARBON | JOBS | WOOD | PAPER

North Diagonal • Capital Campus



WFPA Media Campaign: April 1 – August 11, 2025



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