

Practicing responsible forest management in Washington State.



Clearcutting

An open dialog with Washington's private forest landowners

Other harvest types:

- Selective
- Partial cut
- Salvage
- Patch cutting
- Aerial
- Cable
- Even-aged
- Uneven-aged
- Ground based

In forestry, there are many different methods for harvesting trees. One is clearcutting. When clearcutting occurs, you remove all the trees in an area at once. Scientific studies show that by cutting down an entire area, new seedlings planted during reforestation are able to capture the sunlight they need without competition from larger trees. This is the biologically and economically popular method in western Washington. On the eastside, where there's more sunlight and different tree species, selective harvesting and natural reseeding of trees are used more often.

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