

FORESTS ARE A RENEWABLE RESOURCE

More than half of Washington is forests and about half of our state's forestland is "working forests," sustainably managed to produce renewable wood products. These forests are managed responsibly by forestry companies, family tree farmers, government agencies and tribes who make sustainability a priority. With smart management, our working forests will last forever.



Washington's working foresters plant 52 million trees a year, three for every one tree that is harvested.



Because of sustainable management, the amount of forested land across the U.S. is going up, not down.



New trees are planted and growing very quickly - within 12-18 months of harvest.



Nearly all of the 52 million seedlings come from nurseries right here in Washington.



Washington foresters have long-term vision – their forests are harvested only every 40-60 years.



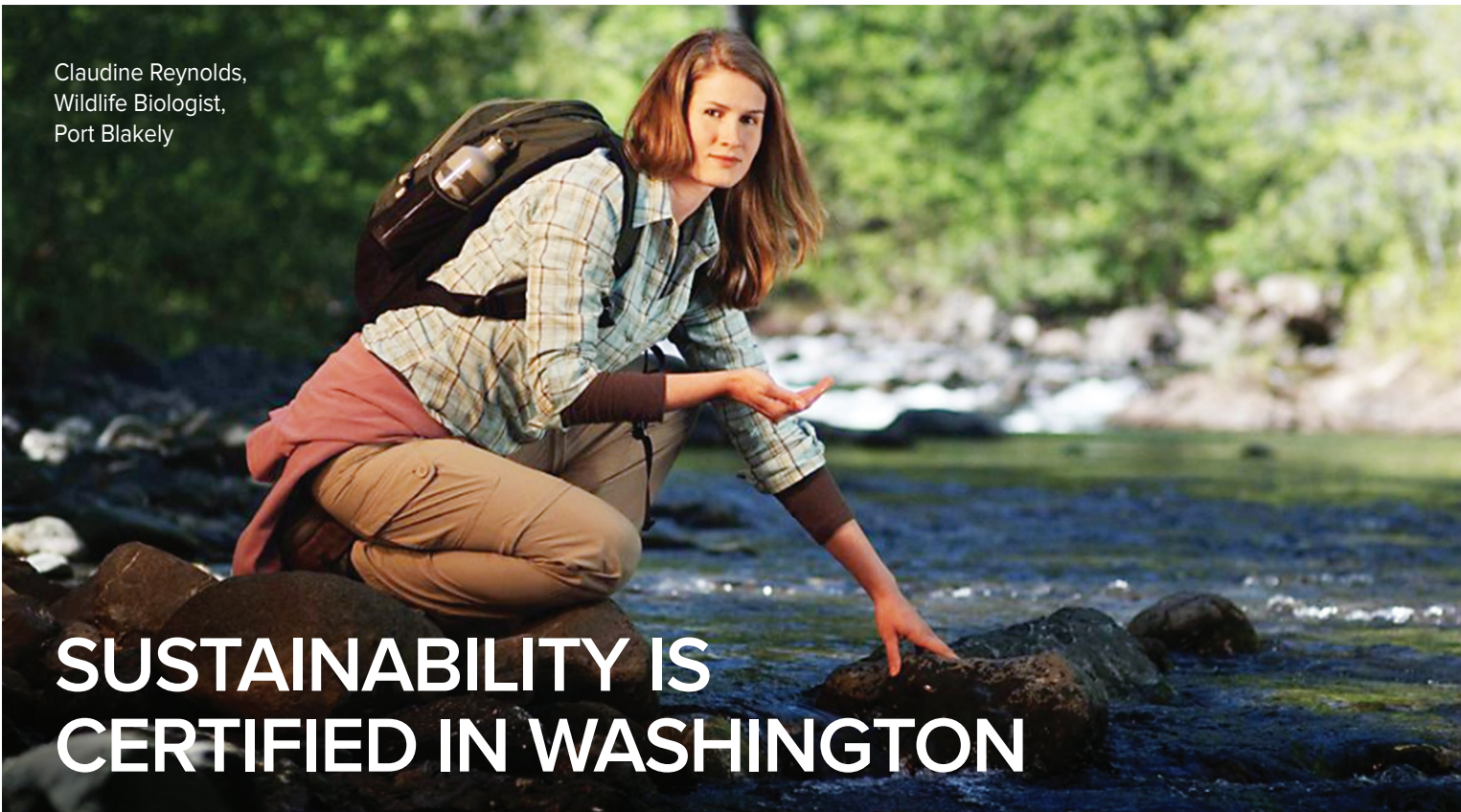
These renewable and sustainable Washington working forests:

- Protect the forestland from development
- Provide fish and wildlife habitat
- Conserve clean air and water
- Support 101,000 jobs, many of them in rural communities
- Create climate-friendly products. The average wood-frame home stores the same amount of carbon that is generated by driving a car for five years.



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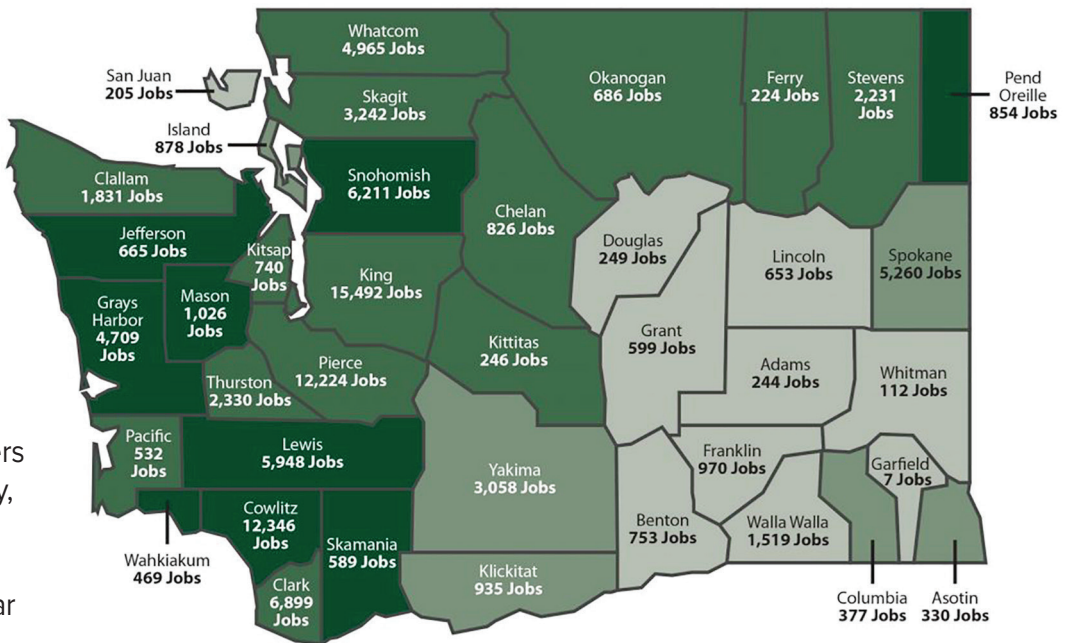
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SUSTAINABILITY IS CERTIFIED IN WASHINGTON

Working forests and mills support more than 101,000 jobs in Washington

Most forestry companies in Washington are certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and family forest owners are certified by the American Tree Farm System (ATFS). SFI is the most widely used forestry certification in the world, with 305 million acres of forests certified around the globe. Its system ensures that forest owners protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and forests with exceptional conservation value. ATFS, meanwhile, requires similar conservation and protections that give family forest owners independent certification they are managing sustainably.



Percentage of County that is Forestland



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