



Together the Forest Sector Reduces our Carbon Footprint

The Washington state legislature is considering two **Forest Sector Bills** (SB 6355 & HB 2528) recognizing that only an integrated forest products sector lowers our carbon footprint, at no additional cost to taxpayers.

- **Sustainable forestry is our natural carbon solution.**
Growing trees absorb carbon & wood products store carbon.
- **“Sustainable forest management aimed at providing timber**, fibre, biomass, non-timber resources and other ecosystem functions and services, can lower GHG emissions and can contribute to adaptation,” according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- **WA’s goal to reduce carbon emissions 95% by 2050** can be helped with carbon sequestration from healthy growing forests and manufacturing wood products.
- **Forest products store carbon for the lifetime** of the product and therefore acts as an effective carbon vault.
- **The Forest Sector bills protect WA workers** by requiring any economy-wide carbon program to recognize the carbon mitigation benefits of an integrated forest products industry.
- **In a never-ending cycle of sustainable forestry**, landowners’ plant 52 million carbon-absorbing trees each year.

Private working forests and wood offsets 12% of our carbon emissions.

Washington is the Evergreen State and has 22 million acres of forests. The 8 million acres of private working forests and manufactured wood products offsets 12% of our state’s carbon emissions annually.

#2 softwood lumber producer in the nation supports 101,000 jobs.

Washington’s forest products sector also generates \$5.5 billion in wages supporting rural natural resource communities.



AFRC represents manufacturers of lumber, plywood & producers of logs, pilings, poles, pulpwood, chips & other forest products in 5 western states.

WFPA represents 4 million acres of private forest landowners responsible for nearly 70% of WA’s timber harvest.

The risk of climate change requires actively managing forests to keep healthy, growing trees removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and storing that carbon in wood products, to reduce the risk of emissions from wildfire, drought & disease.

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