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MANAGED FORESTS

The sustainable forestry carbon solution.



**89% OF VOTERS
SUPPORT MANAGED
FORESTS**

Washington state voters, June 2023

»»» SUSTAINABLE HARVESTING

Managing forests refers to practices used by the forest products industry of sustainably harvesting forest lands for wood products and to keep forests healthy, including replanting trees after harvesting to start the new forest growing again.

KEEPING FORESTS HEALTHY

Thinning of dead and dying trees and removal of underbrush keeps forests healthy. Managed forests are a critical tool for fighting climate change and preventing catastrophic wildfire.



**83% BELIEVE
MANAGING FORESTS
REDUCES THE RISK
OF WILDFIRE**

HEALTHY FORESTS AND CARBON

Actively managing our forests is an important part of fighting climate change.

➤➤➤ 85% AGREE THAT MANAGED FORESTS ARE HEALTHIER

Studies show that managed forests are healthier and less likely to burn than unmanaged forests. Sustainable forest management practices by the forest products industry prevent catastrophic wildfires by keeping forests healthy and removing damaged trees and excess underbrush that spread fires.

PLANTING TREES STARTS A NEW FOREST GROWING

In a continuous cycle of planting, growing, harvesting and renewal, harvesting forest lands for wood products keeps forests healthy and productive.

➤➤➤ FORESTS & WOOD OFFSET 35% OF WASHINGTON'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

Science shows that managed forests provide a greater climate benefit than unmanaged forests because they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere nearly twice as fast per acre as unmanaged forests.

Actively managed private forests absorb carbon at a rate of 5 tons of CO₂e per acre each year, about twice as fast as unmanaged federal forests.



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