

WASHINGTON VOTERS SUPPORT MANAGED FORESTS

Across Washington, there is overwhelming public support for sustainably harvesting forestlands.

**89% of voters
support managed
forests**

*June 6-10, 2023: 500 WA voters,
live phone interviews, MoE +/- 4%*

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**

June 2023 Poll

In the Seattle media market...

- **82% of voters believe active forest management, which includes commercial timber harvest, is important to maintain healthy forests**
- **83% agree that managed forests are a critical tool for fighting climate change and preventing catastrophic wildfire**
- **A majority (61%) feel that we should maintain the current levels of harvest and sustainable replanting.**

400 WA voters in the Seattle DMA, online surveys, February 10-14, 2024, MoE +/- 4%

Healthy Forests and Carbon.

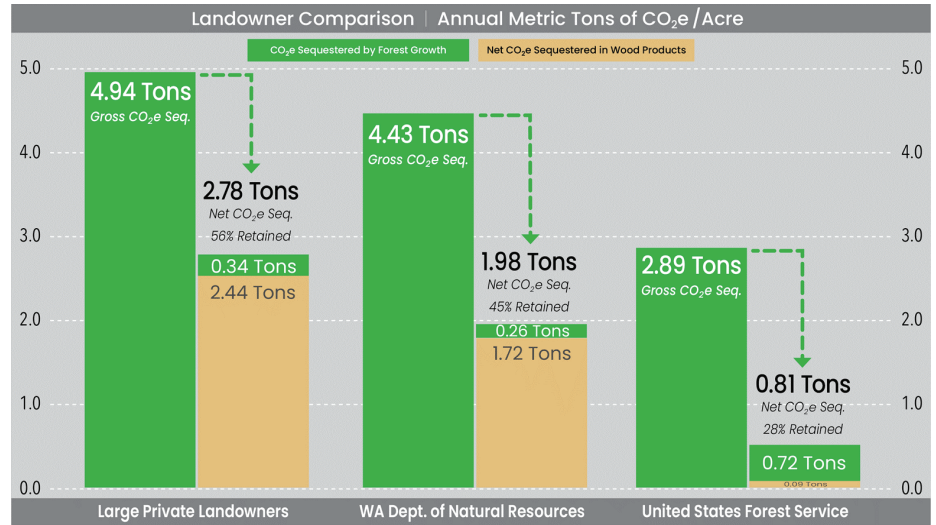
Actively managing our forests plays a critical role in fighting climate change -- storing carbon and reducing wildfire.

Forests & wood products offset 35% of WA's carbon footprint.

Total carbon emissions 2010 = 103 MMT CO₂/year. Forests, Harvested Wood Products and Soils sequester 36.39 MMT CO₂/year. (36.39/103 = 35.33%)
Source: DOE inventory.

Actively managed forests absorb CO₂ twice as fast per acre.

Source: Graphs adapted from Ganguly, I., L. Droog, F.Pierobon. 2023. Global Warming Mitigating Role of Forests in Washington State, by Land Ownership Type. WSU annual report.
To learn more go to: WAForestsCarbon.com



Unmanaged forests are 2 times more vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire

85% of voters agree that managed forests are healthier and less likely to burn.

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