

# Why Are Roads Important to Keep Working Forests Working?

The web of highways and forest roads that tie our state together provide an important infrastructure for commerce, travel and recreation. We all share the roadways and benefit from their use and upkeep. Roads are especially important to forest businesses, landowners and forest managers who rely on a network of roads to manage working forests, safely bring logs from the wood to the and mills, efficiently transport wood and paper products throughout Idaho and beyond.



Forest product businesses make significant investments in highways through fuel and excise taxes and license and registration fees. In fact, the average logging truck pay \$17,500 each year in highway user taxes.

Forest businesses invest thousands of dollars every year building and maintaining forest roads for timber harvest and forest management. These roads also provide valuable access so that outdoor enthusiasts, families and tourists can enjoy our forests. These forest roads also provide precious access for firefighters to protect lives, property and wildlife habitat.



## Roads link Idaho Together

- We all benefit from safe roads and bridges.
- At some point, nearly everything we consume has touched a roadway.
- Using wood and paper products grown and made in Idaho saves energy, encourages sustainable growth and supports local economies.

## Down the Road...

Idaho's 22 million acres of forests hold tremendous promise as a source of energy and bio-fuels. Emerging market for carbon credits will increase the need to keep forests managed and growing so they can remove carbon from the atmosphere. Demand for forest use by tourists and locals for recreation and sport is increasing. Efficient road systems will be an essential component to keep forests productive and forest products businesses competitive, vibrant and growing.



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