

## State of the Timber Industry 2011

---

- ◇ Over 40% of Idaho is covered in trees.
- ◇ There are 21.4 million acres of forest land including 17 million acres of productive, unreserved timberlands in Idaho.
- ◇ Idaho is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest lumber producing state in the nation.
- ◇ The sales value of primary wood and paper products in Idaho in 2010 was just over \$1.8 billion, a nearly 10% increase from 2009.
- ◇ Forest product sales generated an *additional* \$1.5 billion of sales in other industries.
- ◇ There are 31 mills in the state as of 2009. Idaho wood also goes to 14 mills in neighboring states.
- ◇ Idaho sawmills are some of the most modern and efficient in the country. Once the log reaches the mill, every part is used with virtually no waste.
- ◇ The forest sector accounts for 10.8% of Idaho's manufacturing output (\$570 million in 2007).
- ◇ Forest land and related industrial property contributed \$13.71 million in property taxes in 2008.
- ◇ Wood and paper products manufacturing is the largest "basic" industry in northern Idaho.
- ◇ 4.6% of Idaho's labor income is from the forest products industry (same percentage as Oregon).
- ◇ Idaho's forest sector directly employed 10,300 people in 2010. (Employment data does not include many self-employed, contractor and other forest sector workers in jobs such as transportation, heavy construction, business services and forest labor.)
- ◇ Idaho forest sector jobs support over 27,000 *additional* jobs in other sectors of Idaho's economy.
- ◇ The average annual wage for the forest sector was \$41,150 in 2008 and the wage per worker was over \$7,250 higher than the all-industry average in 2008 and 13% higher than the Idaho industry average.
- ◇ State and private forests provide over 90% of the wood milled in Idaho.
- ◇ The US Forest Service manages nearly 48% of the total land in Idaho including 76% of the forestland and 74% of the productive, unreserved timber land.
- ◇ Less than 1% of national forests are logged nationwide each year. Timber harvests on federal lands in Idaho are the lowest they have been since 1952.
- ◇ Idaho has some of the most productive forests in the nation.
- ◇ Idaho's forests grow 2.3 times more wood than is harvested each year.
- ◇ EVERY YEAR, Idaho forests grow 1 billion cubic feet of wood or the equivalent of a football field stacked 4 miles high with solid wood.
- ◇ Idaho's timber industry harvests 246 million cubic feet annually and another 330 million cubic feet die every year.
- ◇ 15% of the wood volume in Idaho's forest is standing dead, more than triple what it was a decade ago.
- ◇ 86% of this dead wood is on land managed by the US Forest Service.

- ◇ Wildfire management activities cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$2.9 billion a year from fiscal years 2001 – 2007 – more than double the amount from 1996 to 2000.
- ◇ Since 2002, wildfires have burned over 3.8 million acres in Idaho, averaging 1,410 fires per year that burn over one-half million acres per year.
- ◇ Since 2002, the Idaho Department of Lands and Timber Protective Associations have spent over \$51.5 million on wildfire suppression.

**There are opportunities for future *growth* in Idaho's Forest Products industry!**

- ◇ 80% of lumber products produced in Idaho sell to the U.S. lumber market.
- ◇ 27% of the U.S. lumber market is currently supplied by foreign producers, mostly Canada.
- ◇ Opportunities to use more woody biomass as a renewable energy source are on the horizon. Americans already rely on wood for 1.8% of our energy consumption, and Idahoans 4.7%.
- ◇ The carbon sequestration value of healthy, growing forests is being recognized through emerging carbon markets.
- ◇ Idaho is covered in trees that are growing every day. We have a competitive advantage to make wood products, employ Idaho residents and add value to the wood grown right here in Idaho.
- ◇ Research shows sustainable forest management, reforestation and resource restoration top job creation per infrastructure investment at 39.7 jobs per \$1 million invested.



**Look to the Forest**  
*Idaho's sustainable future based on a renewable resource.*  
 Be informed. Learn more at [www.idahoforests.org](http://www.idahoforests.org).