



## Washington's Working Forests Newsletter

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#### What are "Working Forests?"

A Working Forest is professionally managed to provide a continuous supply of renewable, sustainable wood products for building materials -- with a focus on protecting fish, water and wildlife. Using scientific practices and adhering to comprehensive state forestry laws, Washington's working forests work to give back to our entire state. Growing working forests absorb carbon, wood products store carbon, and the forest sector taken as a whole currently operates with a negative carbon footprint that supports greenhouse gas reduction goals and rural economies across Washington, a fact that is recognized in state law.

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#### The Good News from the Woods

### Have you looked at a working forest through the eyes of a forester?

**A fresh way of seeing the complex interdependence between working forests, forestry practices, and producing the benefits our society desires.**

From a car speeding along the highway, or an airplane cruising at 30,000 feet, or even from a spot standing on the floor of a forest, it is impossible to see everything happening across millions of acres of forested land. If, however, you could stand atop a high mountain and look down – across the forested landscape and out to the communities and watersheds it serves – it becomes easier to grasp the complexity of a modern sustainable working forest, as well as the ways that our economy and the health of the environment rely on it to be responsibly managed.

To help the public gain these insights, the Washington Forest Protection Association created “A Forester’s View of a Working Forest” – an [interactive, beautifully illustrated mural](#) that depicts a typical forested landscape. Roll-over pins on the mural highlight the practices of modern forestry that conserve, modernize, enhance, protect, provide and sustain a future for wood products and healthy forested landscapes, including the cool, clean water so critical to saving our regional salmon populations. Each point on the mural opens a pop-up with detailed information. We know you’ll find this useful.

We encourage you to click [here](#) and spend some time exploring this fun and informative resource and share with others. If you’re on Twitter, we’d love to know what spot on the mural you found most interesting – tweet to us at [@WAWorkingforest](#) and use the hashtag #ForestersView.



## **How much do working forestry and wood products mean to Washington state? An awful lot.**

Every county of Washington benefits from the role of the forest sector, both in terms of critical stewardship actions to support forestland health and cool, clean water, and the direct and indirect economic impacts of the work we do. Click [here](#) to learn more by checking out the data in our interactive map.

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### **Did You Know?**

Working forests form the foundation of the timber industry that supports more than 101,000 workers and generates \$5.5 billion in wages annually.

Q. The county with the most jobs connected directly or indirectly to forestry?

A. King County.

More than half (53 percent) of forestland acres in Washington state are restricted from all timber activity and harvested acres represent a tiny fraction of what remains. Within months of harvest, replanting has occurred meaning ensuring that all working forest land is in a near-constant state of growth.

**Our working forests sustain the 3rd largest manufacturing industry in Washington.**

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