



We harvest responsibly



To make wood products, you need a sustainable timber supply. That means forest landowners and timber companies must harvest timber responsibly.

Each year, Oregon landowners typically harvest timber from just a small portion of their properties. They also plant more trees than they harvest.

These responsible practices have paid off. Forests in Oregon are plentiful. In fact, the state's total forestland has held steady at about 30 million acres for more than 60 years.

Now, that's a good reason to be Forest Proud.

Responsible timber harvesting

Timber harvest planning

Before a single tree is cut, there's extensive planning. Most landowners rely on detailed, long-term harvest plans. This includes planning to protect streams, as well as fish and wildlife habitat.

Timber harvest managers work with engineers to carefully build logging roads. If the terrain for a timber harvest is steep, they make sure to avoid landslide-prone areas.

Low-impact logging

Today's logging equipment and techniques are much less impactful than in the past. Most modern logging machinery uses tracks instead of tires. These evenly distribute the machine's weight to reduce soil compaction. Roads, trucks and other equipment are also kept away from streams.



The responsible harvest cycle

From left: Timber harvests are years in the making, and each is carefully planned. Loggers use equipment and techniques that are low-impact on the environment. Under Oregon law, landowners must replant harvested areas within two years.

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