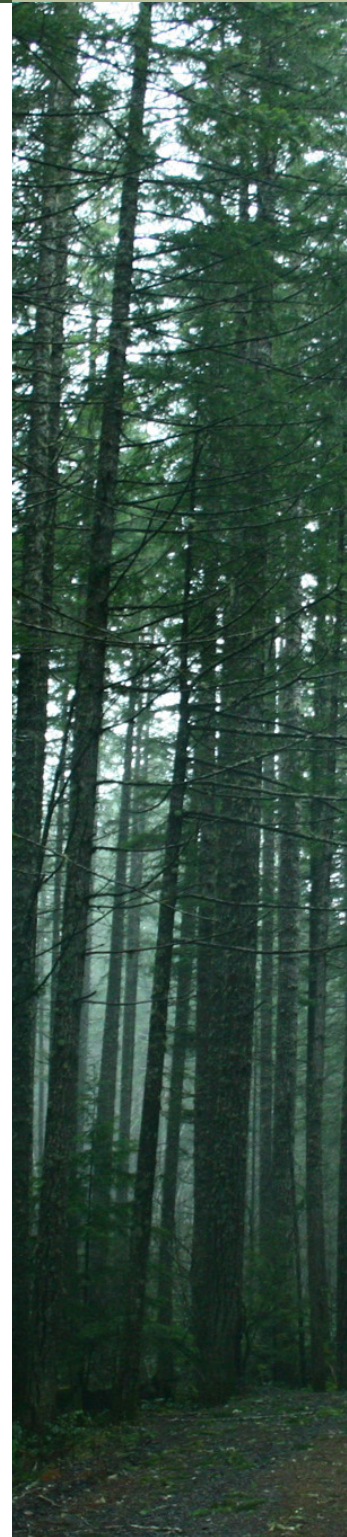




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HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Washington State is the largest softwood lumber producer in the United States.
- ❖ The forest products industry accounts for over 13 percent of the total U.S softwood lumber production and about 7 percent of U.S. plywood production.
- ❖ The forest products industry is the second largest manufacturing sector in the state after transportation, representing more than 15 percent of total manufacturing in Washington.
- ❖ Total net gain for the Washington economy from timber and wood products foreign trade was 24,757 jobs in 2006.
- ❖ Forest products from Washington are recognized throughout the world. The largest importer is Japan.

LEADING FOREST PRODUCTS COMPANIES

- Bennett Lumber Products, Inc.
- Buffelen Woodworking Company
- Cascade Hardwood LLC
- Hampton Lumber Mills
- Pacific Fibre Products, Inc.
- RSG Forest Products, Inc.
- Seattle Snohomish Mill Company
- Simpson Door Company
- Weyerhaeuser

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- ❖ Ag Forestry Leadership Program, Washington Agriculture & Forestry Education Foundation
- ❖ Center for Environmental Education, Washington State University
- ❖ Fisheries Research & Turnbull Laboratory, Eastern Washington University
- ❖ Master Logger Program, Washington Contract Loggers Association
- ❖ Natural Resources Department, Spokane Community College
- ❖ Natural Resource Sciences Extension, Washington State University
- ❖ University of Washington College of Forest Resources

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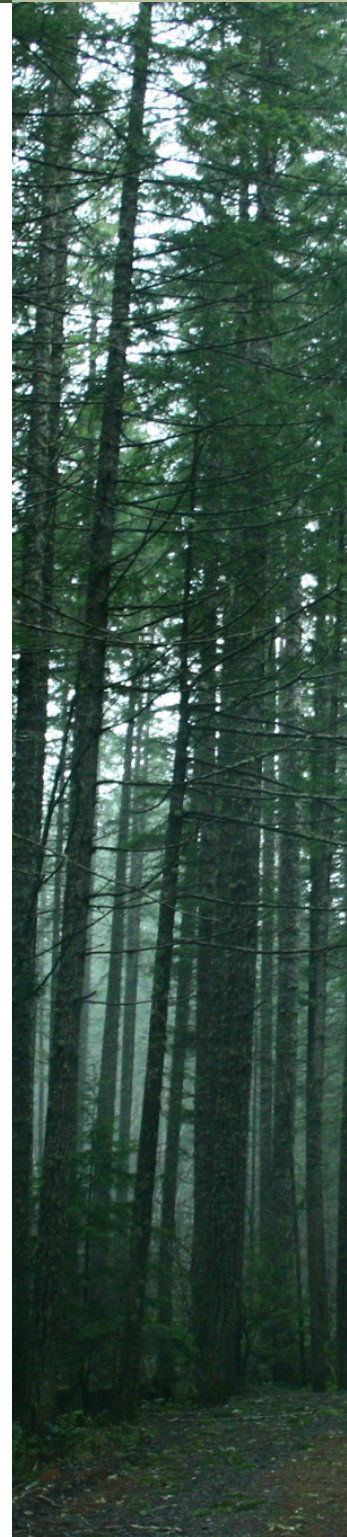
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INCENTIVES

- ✧ Sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment.
- ✧ Reduced business and occupation tax rate for timber extracting and manufacturing.
- ✧ Rural county sales and use tax deferral/waiver for manufacturing facilities.
- ✧ Forest products revolving loan fund for projects that implement value-added production processes.
- ✧ Rural Washington loan fund provides gap financing to businesses that will create new jobs or retain existing jobs, with priority to timber dependent and distressed areas.
- ✧ Coastal revolving loan fund for expansion and start-up projects of small businesses which will create jobs in areas affected by the decrease in fishing and timber industries.
- ✧ Current use taxation for assessments on forest parcels based on current use rather than highest and best use.
- ✧ Advanced technology initiative.
- ✧ Rural technology initiative.

ASSOCIATIONS

- ✧ University of Washington Center for International Trade in Forest Products.
- ✧ Evergreen Building Products Association.
- ✧ APA – The Engineered Wood Association.
- ✧ Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau.
- ✧ Washington Forest Protection Association.
- ✧ Cascade Land Conservancy.
- ✧ Pacific Lumber Exporters Association.
- ✧ Washington Farm Forestry Association.
- ✧ Western Wood Products Association.
- ✧ West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau.
- ✧ Northwest Pulp & Paper Association.
- ✧ Washington Contract Loggers Association.
- ✧ Washington State Society of American Foresters.

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