In a state built from a logging heritage, forest and wood products continue to play a major role in the local economy and remain vital to the success of our communities. The industry is focused on the future with an emphasis on high tech equipment and forest conservation efforts. The impact of the forest and wood products industry reaches far and wide, meeting the unique and varied needs of purchasers and distributors while working to maintain healthy regional forests.

**Why Work In Forest & Wood Products?**

Do you spend your free time outdoors? Are you fascinated by heavy machinery? Do you wonder how a tree transforms into a front door?

**Fast Facts**

The Forest & Wood Products sector is significant in the PacMtn region.

Average wages in corrugated box manufacturing, pulp mills and timber operations are above $30/hr.

This industry cluster brings more than $4 billion into our local economy every year.

**Key Industries**

- Logging
- Sawmills
- Forestry and Conservation
- Wood Product Manufacturing
- Paper and Pulp Mills

**Get Ready Now!**

These high-demand jobs are growing in the next decade.

- Logging Equipment Operators
- Forest and Conversation Workers
- Sawing and Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- Logging Workers (other)
- Millwrights

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2 Data pulled from PacMtn Hot Jobs 2016 spreadsheet.
A few of the Forest & Wood Product employers in the PacMtn region:

**HARVEST, SAWMILLS & PULP MILLS**
- Sierra Pacific Industries, Shelton/Aberdeen
- Hampton Lumber Mills, multiple locations
- Weyerhaeuser, multiple locations
- Alexander Lumber Mill, Chehalis
- Cosmo Specialty Fibers, Cosmopolis

**FORESTRY**
- Port Blakely US Forestry, Tumwater
- State of Washington, various departments

**WOOD PRODUCT MANUFACTURING**
- Murphy Company, Elma
- Hardel Mutual Plywood Corp, Chehalis
- Washington Hardwoods, Winlock
- Simpson Door Company, McCleary

Healthy forests are vital to the economy. Ecologists, conservation technicians, natural resource managers and other scientific occupations keep our forests healthy.

Historically, this region had three times as many wood products-related jobs as any other part of the state. Retirements expected in the next decade spell new opportunities for job seekers.

Want to advance? Consider a degree at a local college

- Evergreen State College—Environmental Studies (ecology, geology or hydrology)
- Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen offers an array of forestry training

Entry-level jobs often provide the training you need

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