

SUMMER 2017



FOREST & WOOD PRODUCTS

SECTOR OVERVIEW



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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.¹

Why Work In Forest & Wood Products?

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.

Key Industries¹

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

Get Ready Now!

These high-demand jobs are growing in the next decade²

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

¹ EMSI, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, J. Robertson and Co. Targeted Cluster Identification & Strategic Alignment. September 2012.

² Data pulled from PacMtn Hot Jobs 2016 spreadsheet.

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What's Out There?

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

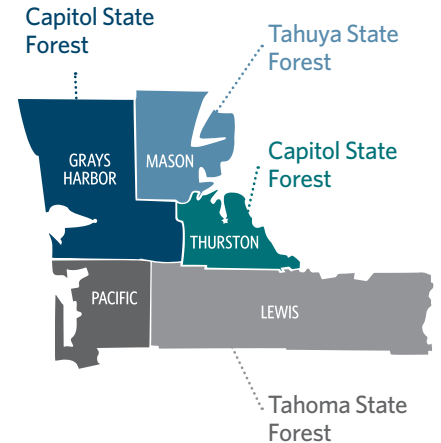
- Murphy Company, Elma
- Hardel Mutual Plywood Corp, Chehalis
- Washington Hardwoods, Winlock
- Simpson Door Company, McCleary

Did You Know?

Historically, this region had three times as many wood products-related jobs as any other part of the state.³ Retirements expected in the next decade spell new opportunities for job seekers.

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

Where are the working forests?



How Do I Get Training?

- Apprenticeships
 - Carpentry
 - Electricians
 - Natural Resources Technology
 - Welding
- And more!**

Degrees

Certifications

Entry-level jobs often provide the training you need

**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

³ WA State Department of Natural Resources

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360-427-2174

WorkSource Lewis County
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