

WHY WOOD?

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NORTH AMERICAN FORESTS ARE SUSTAINABLE



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Forest covers approximately 751 million acres, roughly a third of the land mass in the US¹. 54% of the forest is publicly owned with the balance held in the hands of private land owners. Canada has 860 million acres of forest cover of which 94% is publicly owned and managed with the remaining 6% owned privately².

While harvesting wood occurs under different types of land ownership, forest management is governed by federal and state/provincial regulations that ensure that forest resources are well protected for the future.

The North American wood products industry is a world leader in sustainable forestry practices. Forest certification involves independent third party assessment that companies are operating in accordance with the principles of sustainable forest management that value the socio-economic and environmental contributions of forests.



The total size of managed forests in the US and Canada under the four internationally recognized forest certification programs used in North America is 500 million acres. This represents roughly half of the world's certified forests³.

North American forestry management practices ensure that deforestation and other threats to biodiversity do not occur⁴.

¹ The 2003 and 2010 National Report on Sustainable Forests; RPA Assessment - United States Department of Agriculture; "An Assessment of Lawful Harvesting and Sustainability of U.S. Hardwood Exports" - Seneca Creek Associates LLC, 2008

² "The State of Canada's Forests Annual Report 2014" - Natural Resources Canada

³ "A Guide to World Resources 2000-2001: People and Ecosystems" - United Nations Environment Programme; "An Assessment of Lawful Harvesting and Sustainability of U.S. Hardwood Exports" - AHEC in 2008 from Seneca Creek Associates LLC

⁴ "Deforestation Canada: What are the Facts" - Natural Resources Canada; "State of the World's Forests 2011" and "2010 Global Forest Resources Report - United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization



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