



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS



*Trusted Stewards of Idaho's Resources,  
From Main Street to Mountaintop*

## You used forest products today.

Trees provide more than 5,000 products that people use every day. From toilet paper to toothpaste to tires, tree-based chemicals and other wood by-products are all around us. [Read more here.](#)

It is **National Forest Products Week**, a time to recognize the many products and benefits that come from forests.

When trees are harvested to make the products that we need every day, **forests are renewed through reforestation** and a new forest cycle begins.

Rules of the **Idaho Forest Practices Act** - which the Idaho Department of Lands administers - **requires reforestation by planting new trees or allowing for natural regeneration after timber harvest.**

Idaho law requires **every harvested acre must be successfully reforested within five years of harvest** with a minimum number of seedlings growing per acre.

**Close to 3 million tree seedlings were planted on state endowment trust lands last year.**

People have depended on trees since the beginning of time to improve our lives. Through reforestation, forests will continue to benefit people, wildlife, watersheds, and ecosystems for years to come.

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*Trees are renewable, and Idaho forests are sustainably managed.*

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*Forests cover 21.5 million acres in Idaho - nearly 40 percent of the state.*

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*Idaho forest products contribute:*

*-- \$1.3 billion to Idaho's economy*

*-- 17,000 local Idaho jobs*

*-- \$2.67 billion in wood and paper product sales*

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*Each year, the average American uses the equivalent of a tree about 100 feet tall and 18 inches in diameter.*

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*Harvesting trees on endowment lands.*



*Western white pine seedlings growing strong and getting ready to plant.*



*After reforestation.*