



Western Forest Products
DEFINING A HIGHER STANDARD™

OUR COMMITMENT TO COASTAL B.C. OLD GROWTH FORESTS



Old growth forests
are a magnificent
and vital part of
British Columbia.

At Western Forest Products, we respect coastal forests and commit ourselves to ensuring their legacy and longevity. Our commitment to safeguarding forests for future generations is embedded in everything we do.

We respectfully practice a balanced approach to old growth conservation that considers the entire coastal ecosystem. The care we take is reflected in the vast network of areas that we conserve to support healthy and robust ecosystems.

We also know B.C.'s forest industry provides for families, communities, and generates 140,000 jobs employing British Columbians in rural and urban communities. It's a vibrant industry that produces sustainable wood products that are valued around the world.

That is why we practice responsible, sustainable forest management that balances the social, economic, environmental and cultural roles forests have. ■



Conserving & Protecting Coastal B.C. Forests



8,400,000

Total hectares
of forest land

5,800,000

Total hectares of forest
not available for harvest

Only about 30% of
public coastal forests
is available for harvest.

Since 1990, the total amount of coastal forests available for harvesting has decreased by 30%. This is primarily due to land use decisions and increased forest protection. ■



Adapting for the Future

Western Forest Products has made significant investments in manufacturing to produce forest products from the full range of tree species and sizes. As the forest transitions over time to include a sustainable supply of second growth trees, our manufacturing facilities will require further investment to adapt to the new log profile.

This structured transition over the long-term protects forests for generations to come and will sustain community stability, lumber production, and ensure our coastal industry continues to be part of the global carbon solution. ■



B.C. forestry supports nearly 7,000 B.C. businesses



\$1.4 billion is generated provincially each year which supports health care, education and infrastructure



Forestry generates 140,000 jobs in B.C.

Providing the World's Most Sustainable Building Material

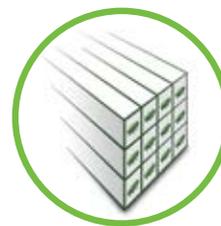
Wood products play an important role in mitigating climate change.



Growing trees absorb carbon from the air and release oxygen.



As trees mature the rate of carbon removal decreases.



When trees are harvested, the carbon remains stored in wood products.



New trees are planted and the cycle of carbon removal continues.



Stewardship & Community Engagement

Responsible, sustainable forest management requires participation, collaboration and support from communities and stakeholders.

In addition to adhering to the most stringent environmental practices in the world, we regularly engage, collaborate, and consult with First Nations, communities, and independent researchers, to responsibly care for the forest.

Protecting the biodiversity that creates healthy and robust ecosystems is crucial to our operations. Western has collaborated with researchers and scientists to develop a practice—known as Variable Retention—to maintain the complexity of forest structures found in the coastal forest. Areas of rare ecosystems, wildlife habitat and important biological features, such as bear dens, bird nests, wildlife trees and big trees, are retained across the forest. ■

