

Introduction to the Wood Carbon Seminars

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 - Over 15 years professional experience
 - Past ten years focused on integrating LCA and practice





Buildings and the Climate Crisis

Global CO₂ Emission by Sector

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Building's Climate Impact

Total Building Material Impacts?



Adapted from 2019 Global Status Report, Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GABC) and Architecture 2030.

 The building and construction sector has a vital role to play in eliminating carbon, as it is responsible for at least 39% of global carbon emissions.



Operating and Embodied Carbon



Embodied Carbon

Manufacture, transport and installation of construction materials

Operational Carbon Building Energy Consumption

Image: S. Smedley Skanska

Total Carbon = Embodied Carbon + Operational Carbon

TC = EC + OC





Embodied Carbon Estimates

Busy, Busy Town and What Do People Do All Day? By Richard Scarry





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Wood Carbon Seminars – Preliminary survey

82 respondents





Wood Carbon Seminars - Preliminary survey

Total score by topic







Trees, Forestry, and Carbon 101

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How do we explain the role of forests and forest products in relation to GHG emissions?

U.S. Forests and Wood Products carbon sinks are equivalent to 12%–19% of





Carbon CCSP, 2007. The First State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR): The North Leadersh American Carbon Budget and Implications for the Global Carbon Cycle.

First, why are people interested?

Summary:

 Concerned about carbon emissions and effects on climate
Interest in using management to sequester carbon (i.e. Mitigation) and reduce carbon loss where appropriate (i.e. Adaptation)



Further reading:

- Issues in Ecology Ryan et al. 2010 ESA synthesis for policy and managers (available:www.esa.org/science_resources/issues.php)
- McKinley, Duncan C.; Ryan, Michael G.; Birdsey, Richard A.; Giardina, Christian P.; Harmon, Mark E.; Heath, Linda S.; Houghton, Richard A.; Jackson, Robert B.; Morrison, James F.; Murray, Brian C.; Pataki, Diane E.; Skog, Kenneth E. 2011. A synthesis of current knowledge on forests and carbon storage in the United States. Ecological Applications. 21(6): 1902-1924.

Understanding the relationship of forests, forest management & use, forest products is like an elephant....

Sometimes you make the wrong conclusions when you don't look at the whole...



G. Renee Guzlas, artist





Differing perspectives on how to conceptualize the forest system is the greatest source of confusion and conflict!



Deforestation and forest management activities (harvests, thinning, prescribed fires) release carbon to the atmosphere.

Growing forests and tree planting (afforestation/reforestation) take up and store carbon from the atmosphere.



How

most

people

forest

. . .

But, we know there is A LOT more to the story...





Forests are dynamic biological systems capable of regenerating unless there is a major interruption





Photo by Dan Kashian

Photo by Mike Ryan







The larger the landscape considered, the more accurate the representation of the forest and the more stable the carbon seems





To look at the complete picture of forest carbon:

Look across an appropriate ecological time scale

Include a complete accounting of all carbon pools in the closed biogenic carbon cycle







USDA United States Department of Agriculture

The Change from a Wood-based to a Fossil Fuel-based Economy Stocks

Carbon

The United States lost 60% of its pre-European forest carbon stocks during settlement and into the industrial revolution.

Wood-based

About 40% of the carbon lost during the industrial revolution has been recovered via re-growth.

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1915 **Fossil fuel-based**

Keeping Forests as Forests is the major concern with respect to carbon

- Carbon cycle does not close, effectively making the impact of biogenic emissions the same as fossil fuels
- Development, conversion to agricultural or other use. Important for U.S., not just tropics
 - 2000-2005 gross deforestation rate in U.S. was 600,000 ha/yr, but about 1,000,000 ha/yr of non-forested land reverted to forest during this same time.
 - Globally, deforestation releases 1,400-2,000 million tonnes of C per year
 - 156,000 million tonnes of C have been released globally due to land use change (1850-1998)







Loss of forest land is primary driver of forest carbon loss in the future

Projections of U.S. carbon stock changes, including transfers associated with land-use change





Area of U.S. forest land use



Net sequestration: forest carbon stock change minus

land-use carbon transfers

RPA assessment 2016

What happens to carbon with no regeneration? Main concern for NFS lands

Example: Hayman Fire, Colorado, 2002







Carbon Communication Tools



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This graphic illustrates the open cycle of fossil fuel emissions to the atmosphere and the biogenic, closed loop of

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When we think of a renewable resource, the first thing that usually pops in our head are the solar panels on our neighbor's roof or perhaps the water that flows from the mountains. Rarely does a stand of trees root in our idea of a renewable resource.

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The Wood Product and Carbon Connection

Posted by Aurora Cutler, Alexa Dugan, and Duncan McKinley, Office of Sustainability and Climate, USDA Forest Service in Forestry

in the ATMOSPHERE Emissions

The longevity of CARBON

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But the cycle of seed, plant, grow, and harvest makes trees a natural renewable resource and this is something we, at the USDA <u>Forest Servics</u>, would like everyone to know. This is because while trees grow in the forest, they store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in their trunks, branches, stems, leaves, roots and soil.

forest carbon in the atmosphere. (USDA Forest Service graphic)

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So, when trees are sustainably harvested, wood continues to store carbon in the thousands of products we use every day, from paper products to lumber to energy generation. Trees then regrow, repeating the



The Forest Carbon Cycle

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Boom and Bust

Facets are dynamic systems that naturally undergo fluctuations in concentratings and emissions as they antabilih and grow, die through natural aging compatition processes or distributions (og, from, macht), and re-extra bit naturations. When these and other segment and is, carbon is transferred from living carbon pools to dead pools, which.





The story of "This Old House"











Additional slides

Forestland Ownership:




Carbon in Harvested Wood Products

Baseline Estimates of Carbon

(AS) Citation: USDA Forest Service, 2015, Baseli Harvested Wood Products for National For http://www.fs.fed.us/climatechange/docu

- Baseline report
- Regional scale
- Cut & sold reports
- Net increase in recent years C sink
- Monte Carlo uncertainty
 - Model uncertainty
 - Commodity proportions
 - Product decay rates

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Product Type

1980

2000

Products in SWDS Products in use

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Manufacturing and the Forest Products Industry

Speaker Background

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 - Ph.D. in Marketing, University of Texas at Austin
 - 33 years forestry industry experience, including 26 years with Weyerhaeuser Company
 - Career focus has been predominantly market development and plantation operations
 - Lived and worked in Tokyo for six years, Shanghai four years, and Dubai one year
 - Managed timber and bamboo plantations in China, Indonesia, Ghana, South Africa and Nicaragua







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"Peace is a natural effect of trade." —Charles de Montesquieu





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We believe that using sustainably sourced wood is good for the environment and for humanity

The Center for International Trade in Forest Products.



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Forest Certification

- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
 - Umbrella organization that endorses ~50 national forest certification systems developed through multi-stakeholder processes and tailored to local priorities and conditions.
 - For example, in the U.S. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- In the U.S., many small private forestland owners manage sustainably and are also strictly regulated, but do not certify their forests simply due to economic considerations.





PEFC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION





Here's How American Uses Its Land (Merrill and Leatherby 2018)



Source: **Bloomberg**, "Here's How America Uses Its Land," Dave Merrill and Lauren Leatherby, July 2018, available at https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2018-us-land-use/





Source: US Endowment for Forestry and Communities, produced by Mila Alvarez, available at https://usaforests.org





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Industry is Located Where the Trees Are

- Most wood products produced in the U.S. depend on private timber
- Private timber owners manage their land on a variety of objectives, but those prioritizing industrial production prefer:
 - Climate conditions conducive to growth
 - Geography conducive to low cost harvesting
 - A variety of potential buyers within an economic haul distance

U.S. Forest Products Industry



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2011) (http://www.epa.gov/sectors/sectorinfo/sectorprofiles/forest/map.html)









http://www.metz-furniere.de/uberfurng.htm

https://cdn.newsapi.com.au







Lumber



Veneer







Wood Products Taxonomy





Laminated Veneer Lumber



Oriented Strand Board (OSB)



Particleboard (low density fiberboard)



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Carbon Leadership

Forum



- The forest products industry is the largest producer and user of energy from biomass of any industrial sector.
- The creation and use of biomass energy in wood products mills is integral to the manufacture of lumber, wood panels and engineered wood products.
- Using forest and mill residuals for power reduces reliance on fossil fuels and the accompanying greenhouse gas emissions

Source: American Wood Council, https://www.awc.org/publicpolicy/biomass





Wood Utilization

- Lumber processing yields have improved tremendously, from 35-39% in the 1940s to more than 52% today.
- Wood science technology has developed many innovative products to use sawmill and veneer mill waste; now accounting for 36% of the log.
- Waste that cannot be used as a raw material for other products is burned to provide heat for kilns and boilers, and electricity for operations.
- The entire log is utilized.



Source: **Dovetail Partners**, "Utilization of Harvested Wood by the North American Forest Products Industry," Dr. Jim Bowyer, Dr. Steve Bratkovich, Kathryn Fernholz, October 2012, available at https://www.dovetailinc.org/upload/tmp/1581627196.pdf



Utilization of Harvested Wood by the North American Forest Products Industry, 1940 - 2005

U.S. Softwood Lumber Production,

Imports, and Exports in 2018

Million Board Feet Source: Western Wood Products Association

- 90.0% of U.S. softwood lumber imports are from Canada; amounting to 49.7% of Canada's total production.
- Another 7.4% of imports are from Europe, Chile, and New Zealand... countries with good forestry practices and a high proportion of certified, sustainable suppliers.



 54% of U.S. softwood lumber production is in the South; 41% in the West.



U.S. Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and Softwood Plywood in 2018

Billion Square Feet 3/8" Source: APA, The Engineered Wood Association





 99.2% of U.S. OSB imports are from Canada; amounting to 73.7% of Canada's total production.



U.S. Softwood Lumber Consumption by End Use in 2018 Source: Western Wood Products Association



Half-Life for Products by End Use

End Use or Product	Years
New Single-Family Home	100
New Multi-Family Apartment Building	70
Residential Repair & Remodel	30
Furniture	30
Paper	3

Source: USFS Northeastern Research Station, "Methods for Calculating Forest Ecosystem and Harvested Carbon", James E. Smith, Linda S. Heath, Kenneth E. Skog, and Richard A. Birdsey, General Technical Report NE-343, December 2005



New Housing Starts by Region



The Southern Region accounts for half of U.S. housing starts.

- Ten years after the housing crash of 2007-2009, we are not yet back to the same level of construction.
- Canadian owned-capacity has recently migrated to the U.S. South.

NE = Northeast, MW = Midwest, S = South, W = West

US DOC does not report 2 to 4 multi-family starts directly, this is an estimation (Total starts – (SF $+ \ge 5$ MF starts).

Source: Virginia Tech & USFS Housing Commentary, https://www.woodproduct\$.sbio.vt.edu/housing-report/casa-* Percentage of total starts. 2019-12a-december-main.pdf





Slides for Discussion Session Wood Carbon Seminars

Cynthia West April 30, 2020

US Forests Net Carbon Flux Over Time

Forests and Carbon



Net Carbon Flux of US forests 1635-2000



USFS prediction of net carbon flux under different scenarios through 2060

From: USFS, 2012: Future of America's forest and rangelands: 2010 Resources Planning Act assessment. General Technical Report WO-87. 198 pp., U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C. <u>URL</u>

Southeastern plantation forests and biodiversity

Species Richness in US Forests



The map shows the occurrence of vascular plants and vertebrates associated with forest habitats.



Map: Nature Serve 2014, Nelson 20

Click on an area to see its number of species.

Source: State of America's Forests. 2019. https://usaforests.org/

Articles:

Greene et al (2016) A meta-analysis of biodiversity responses to management of southeastern pine forests- opportunities for open pine conservation. *Forest Ecology and Management*

Loehle et al (2009) Achieving conservation goals in managed forests of the Southeastern Coastal Plain *Environmental Management* Demarais et al (2017) Tamm Review: Terrestrial vertebrate biodiversity and intensive forest management in the U.S. *Forest Ecology and Management.*









Disturbances in regional context: management dominated










Disturbances in regional context: natural disturbance dominated



Narrow view of the forest system



- Concerned with emissions on shorter time scales and limited geographical extent
 - Source/sink trends main way to view impacts of management activates
 - Considers narrower range of activities that influence carbon positively

E.g., timber harvesting would have an immediate negative impact.

Complete View of the Forest System



- Concerned with emissions on longer time scales and broader geographical extent
- Impacts of management activates are considered more holistically – closer to what the atmosphere actually "sees."
- Considers broader range of activities that influence carbon positively

E.g., timber harvesting would have a positive impact right away.



Carbon neutrality and its connection to the substitution effects of forest products (5/21/2020 version)

Reid Miner, Retired NCASI

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Carbon neutrality of forest products

- "Carbon neutrality" implies net zero emissions of biogenic carbon from the product system
- No agreement on the definition or calculations (as you will see)
- Best to avoid the term and refer instead to the net emissions of biogenic carbon
- Carbon neutrality does not consider substitution effects and is focused only on biogenic emissions (e.g., CO₂ from biomass)



We will describe 4 general approaches to the calculations: <u>These are not comprehensive</u> but are intended to capture some of the key elements of the debate about how to characterize biogenic carbon fluxes



- Approach 1: CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere before harvesting while the tree is growing
 - Approach 2: CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere after harvest by the trees that replace the tree that was harvested
- Approach 3: CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere in the year of harvest by non-harvested trees growing across the landscape
- Approach 4: Any of the previous approaches adjusted to account for foregone sequestration



Emissions of biogenic C = net flow across system boundaries





Approach 1: CO₂ is removed from atmosphere by the growing tree before it is harvested





Approach 1: CO₂ is removed from atmosphere by the growing tree before it is harvested





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So the answer to the question is..... it depends



- The traditional LCA approach (Approach 1) results in biogenic carbon being "neutral" in most circumstances
 - but can miss deforestation unless constraints are added
 - The landscape or supply area approach (Approach 3) is best aligned with wood procurement practices
 - Where supply area carbon stocks are stable over time, biogenic carbon is "neutral".
 - It includes the effects of deforestation, although the impact depends on the scale used to define the supply area
 - It may be difficult to isolate the C uptake due to our product
- Other approaches are highly dependent on assumptions
 - They can yield useful insights for some circumstances but should be used with a clear understanding of the limitations
 - Often include hypothetical alternative scenarios

And never forget landowner response

For forest areas, we identified the rise in timber net returns as the most important factor driving the increase in forest areas between 1982 and 1997. (Lubowski, et al. 2008)*

> "...forest land [area] responds positively to increases in pine stumpage prices and negatively to increases in timber production costs . (Hardie, et al. 2000 **)

- Common assumption: The only response of landowners to increased demand is increased harvesting
 - and there is a perception that this causes deforestation
- But the empirical evidence and modeling studies of the U.S. indicate that demand for wood...
 - Increases forested area
 - Encourages more productive forest management

*What Drives Land-Use Change in the United States? A National Analysis of Landowner Decisions, Land Economics **Responsiveness of Rural and Urban Land Uses to Land Rent Determinants in the U.S. South, Land Economics Leadership



Landowner response and carbon

- Landowner responses have important carbon implications
- In general, increased demand for sustainably produced wood leads to lower forest carbon stocks in the short term with stocks recovering in the longer term
 - This recovery may take stocks to higher levels than existed before demand increased
 - The recovery trajectory varies by location and market

"In all cases [for the US South], ... higher prices yield somewhat higher levels of carbon stored in forests when compared to the lowprice futures." (US Forest Service, Wear et al. 2013. Forecasts of Forest Conditions in U.S. Regions Under Future Scenarios)



Landowner Response: One Example

Results for pine non-sawtimber from one study of increased demand for pellets* Other examples will look different depending on the specifics.



document supporting the Forest Service 2010 RPA Assessment. Gen. Tech. Rep. SRS-202. U.S. Forest Service.

Substitution effects vs. carbon neutrality



Substitution effects vary depending on the products being considered



- Substitution effects include much more than an analysis of biogenic GHG emissions
- A bio-based fuel or product can have significant substitution benefits even if the life cycle emissions of biogenic carbon from the bio-based product system are greater than zero (i.e., not "neutral")



Thank you



How LCA Handles Wood



James Salazar Coldstream Consulting

May 7, 2020

Outline of Presentation

LCA and EPD Methodology for Biogenic Carbon

Biogenic Carbon in LCA and EPDs



LCA and EPD Methodology for Biogenic Carbon



Life Cycle of a Construction Product





LCA Calculation



Total Global Warming Potential is 154.8 kg CO2eq


LCA Results



Global warming



Acidification



Eutrophication



Ozone depletion



Smog



Fossil fuel consumption



EPD Process





Standards Governing Wood Product EPDs





Biogenic Carbon Accounting in Wood EPDs ISO 21930: Section 7.2.7

- Biogenic C enters system: Global warming factor -1 kg CO2e/kg CO2*
 - Virgin wood
 - Recycled wood
 - Biofuel
- Biogenic C leaves system: Global warming factor +1 kg CO2e/kg CO2
 - Combustion emissions
 - Sold biofuel
 - Sold coproducts

-1 kg CO2e/kg CO2 only when "wood originates from sustainably managed forests"



"Sustainably Managed Forests" <u>for Biogenic C</u> ISO 21930: Section 7.2.11

- Option 1: Certified Wood Products
 - Canadian Standards Association CSA
 - Forest Stewardship Council FSC
 - Sustainable Forestry Initiative SFI
- Option 2: National Reporting per UNFCC
 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change National Inventory Reports
 - Stable or Increasing Forest Stocks



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UNFCC USA

Table 6-1: Net CO₂ Flux from Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Land-Use Category	1990	2005	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Forest Land Remaining Forest Land	(733.9)	(678.6)	(618.8)	(676.1)	(657.9)	(647.7)	(663.2)
Changes in Forest Carbon Stocks ^a	(733.9)	(678.6)	(618.8)	(676.1)	(657.9)	(647.7)	(663.2)
Land Converted to Forest Land	(109.4)	(110.2)	(110.5)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)
Changes in Forest Carbon Stocks ^b	(109.4)	(110.2)	(110.5)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)
Cropland Remaining Cropland	(23.2)	(29.0)	(12.2)	(12.8)	(22.7)	(22.3)	(16.6)
Changes in Mineral and Organic Soil							
Carbon Stocks	(23.2)	(29.0)	(12.2)	(12.8)	(22.7)	(22.3)	(16.6)
LULUCF Carbon Stock Change	(860.7)	(831.0)	(739.6)	(802.9)	(801.7)	(790.0)	(799.6)



UNFCC Canada

Tab	e 6–1 LULUCF Sector Net GHG Flux Est	imates, Sele	cted Years	5					
Sectoral Category		Net GHG Flux (kt CO ₂ eq) ^b							
		1990	2005	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Land	l Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry TOTAL ^a	-60 000	-13 000	-25 000	-25 000	-18 000	-19 000	-16 000	-13 000
a.	Forest Land	-200 000	-150 000	-150 000	-150 000	-140 000	-140 000	-140 000	-140 000
	Forest Land remaining Forest Land	-200 000	-140 000	-150 000	-150 000	-140 000	-140 000	-140 000	-140 000
	Land converted to Forest Land	-1 100	- 950	- 590	- 540	- 500	- 440	- 390	- 330
b.	Cropland	8 100	-11 000	-10 000	-9 500	-8 600	-7 700	-6 800	-6 200
	Cropland remaining Cropland	-1 300	-15 000	-13 000	-12 000	-11 000	-10 000	-9 700	-8 800
	Land converted to Cropland	9 500	3 900	2 700	2 800	2 700	2 800	2 900	2 700
c.	Grassland	0.6	0.9	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Grassland remaining Grassland	0.6	0.9	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
	Land converted to Grassland	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
d.	Wetlands	5 300	3 100	3 100	3 100	2 900	2 900	3 000	2 600
	Wetlands remaining Wetlands	1 500	2 600	2 400	2 400	2 500	2 600	2 600	2 400
	Land converted to Wetlands	3 800	480	670	710	410	330	350	210
e.	Settlements	2 100	2 100	2 300	2 300	2 200	2 100	1 900	1 800
	Settlements remaining Settlements	-3 900	-4 100	-4 100	-4 100	-4 100	-4 100	-4 100	-4 100
	Land converted to Settlements	6 000	6 100	6 400	6 400	6 400	6 200	6 000	5 900
f.	Other Land	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO	NE, NO
g.	Harvested Wood Products	130 000	140 000	130 000	130 000	130 000	130 000	130 000	130 000
	Forest Conversion ^c	21 000	16 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	15 000	14 000	14 000
	Indirect CO ₂ ^d	790	820	630	560	570	530	510	490
	Natural Disturbances ^e	-22 000	46 000	43 000	160 000	240 000	120 000	220 000	250 000



Approach 3: CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere in the year of harvest by non-harvested trees growing across the supply area



Biogenic Carbon Accounting per ISO 21930





Biogenic Carbon in LCA & EPD







Cradle-to-Gate Wood Product System



















Biogenic Carbon Removals



Cradle-to-Gate Biogenic Carbon Results

PARAMETER	Total	A1	A2	A3	A5	C3/C4
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	(2,052.87)	(2,052.87)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	1,868.67	0.00	0.00	1,025.02	0.00	843.66
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	(1.35)	0.00	0.00	(1.35)	0.00	0.00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combus- tion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production	184.80	0.00	0.00	184.80	0.00	0.00

Zero Net Biogenic Carbon Sequestration in Cradle-to-Gate LCA





A Deeper Dive into Wood Product LCA Forest Resource Accounting

CLF Wood Seminar Series May 7, 2020 by Elaine Oneil, PhD Director of Science and Sustainability, CORRIM



Well Established International Framework and Hierarchy







Scale Matters



Graphic representation of the spatial and temporal dynamics of C storage for a typical PNW forest managed on 45-year rotations presented as: the growth and harvest cycles of **one forest** stand (in turquoise), an average per ha for 10 forest stands harvested in sequential intervals (in teal), and an average for 100 stands harvested sustainably as part of a "normal" forest (in **brown)**. Adapted from McKinley et al. 2011 and Janowiak et al. 2017.









- 60 year old PNW Douglasfir ready for harvest
- This is the result of intensive forest management that happens to be SFI certified, under a spotted owl management plan, and still part of the company's active harvesting program.











Forest Growth without Management



Stand Level Carbon Sequestration Natural Regeneration vs Managed Forests



PNW Commercial Softwood Management PNW No Management/Natural Regen







Improved Forest Management aka High Intensity Forestry 70 14 year] × 12 60 Annualised yield [dry tonne hectare⁻¹ Clonal and biotech

50

40

30

20

10

[years]

age

Rotation

Tree improvement

Weed control

Site preparation

Natural stand

— Rotation age pulpwood [years]

Fertilization

Planting

Silvicultural developments over 8 decades that have led to increased pine plantation productivity, heightened C uptake and storage, and shortened time to harvest in the US SE. Adapted from Fox et al. 2004.

2000

1990

1980

1970



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1950

1960

1940

Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials A non-profit corporation formed by 20 research institutions to conduct cradle to grave environmental studies of wood products

2010



SE Region Forest Carbon Stocks and Cumulative Harvest



Image courtesy of Reid Miner, NCASI, 2014







CLF Carbon Leadership Forum

Management Matters



Growth, Mortality, and Harvest on National Forest Timberlands 1952-2016. Data provided by Oswalt et al. 2018.



EPD "Nutritional" Label WOOD PRODUCT

AMOUNT PER UNIT				
LCA IMPACT ASSESSMENT		TOTAL	Forestry Operations	WOOD PRODUCT PRODUCTION
Global Warming Potential	kg CO ₂ eq.	143	11	132
Acidification Potential	SO ₂ eq.	1.60	0.15	1.45
Eutrophication	kg N eq.	0.06	0.01	0.05
Smog	kg O3 eq.	25	5	20
Total Energy	MJ	7,425	165	7,260
Non-Renewable Resources	kg	6	0.01	6
Renewable Resources	kg	640	0.00	640
Water Use	L	1,061	11	1,050

Ingredients: Carbon

Puettmann et al 2018













Forest Management Cycle











Carbon Footprint per m³

	Reference Unit	Herbicide Treatment only	Herbicide plus Pile and Burn Treatment	*Broadcast Burn Treatment			
Standard TRACI methodology for the treatment of biogenic carbon							
Production Emissions	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	10.74	18.14	23.16			
co2 sequestered per m3 log	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	960.37	960.37	960.37			
Net sequestration	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	-949.63	-942.23	-937.21			
Modified TRACI methodology that includes biogenic carbon emissions							
Production Emissions	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	10.74	141.31	315.83			
co2 sequestered per m3 log plus residues	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	1615	1615	1615			
Net sequestration	kg CO ₂ eq/m ³	-1604.25	-1473.69	-1299.17			

Oneil and Puettmann, 2017, A Life-Cycle Assessment of Forest Resources of the Pacific Northwest, USA, Forest Prod. J. 67(5/6):316–330





Thank You

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Certification and Chain-of-Custody



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 - Consulting with NOAA, the World Bank, Trees for the Future
 - International work in Latin America







Presentation Outline

Introducing Certification Forest Management Certification Fiber sourcing and Chain of Custody Certification: Alignment with Climate Change





Introducing Certification

Certified sustainable forestry and forest products





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A Spectrum of Forest Benefits

Timber Products Sequestration

Non-timber + Recreational Uses

Biodiversity

Carbon Storage In Forest Pools

Plantation

- Less biodiversity
- Lower carbon storage on land
- Likely higher carbon sequestration rates
- High forest products production
- Could be targeted for high-risk (e.g., fire prone)



Selection Cutting

- Relatively high biodiversity
- Medium carbon storage on land
- Medium but consistent carbon sequestration rates
- Full range of ecosystem services
- Mix of timber and non-timber forest products



Old growth

- High overall biodiversity
- Highest carbon storage on in forest ecosystem pools
- Possibly lower sequestration rates
- Very limited timber products
- Could be targeted for low-risk areas
- Recreation, habitat, etc.



Climate-Smart Forestry (CSF)

- Targeted approach/strategy to increase climate benefits from forests and the forest sector
- Respects and embraces other needs related to forests
- Three pillars:
 - 1. Reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate change
 - 2. Adapting forest management to build resilient forests
 - 3. Active forest management aiming to sustainably increase productivity and provide all benefits that forests can provide







What is Certification?

Forest certification:

a mechanism for forest management, monitoring, tracing, and labeling of timber, wood and pulp products and non-timber forest products, where the quality of forest management is judged against a series of agreed standards. (WWF, 2018)

Important terms

Standard – the requirements against which certifiation assessments are made

Certification – the confirmation that the forest and its management conforms to a particular standard

- Assessed by third party, who reviews documentation, observes the forest, internviews mangagement and employees, and uses evidence from third parties
- Trained assessors following ISO practices

Accredidation – the mechanism for ensuruing that the organizations that undertake certifications are competent and produce credible results





Comparing Management

Short-term Thinking

- Easiest route into forest
- Emphasis on extraction and high financial return
- Not necessarily based on research, training, or best practices
- Damage to, and resulting mortality of, remaining trees
- Limited consideration of soil, water, and habitat impacts



Image: <u>https://hydrodictyon.eeb.uconn.edu/people/willig/Research/Brazil/Brazil.html</u>

Long-term Thinking

- Certification solidifies these practices in standards
- Research and data-informed decision-making
- Required considerations of waterways, sensitive areas, habitat
- Minimizing damage
- Move beyond legal minimums in many areas
- Examples of practices:
 - Reduced Impact Logging (in tropics)
 - Best Management Practices

Note: Possible to pursue best practices without certification, but certification encourages additional adoption





Certification provides:

- Facilitates climate-smart forestry/forestry BMPs
 - Technical guidance and support to working forests
 - Communication network of best practices
 - Education and engagement for deployment of improved practices
- Forest certification is based on principles that promote sustainable forest management
- A range of benefits in its guidance
 - Carbon benefits are just a one such benefit
- Assurances to a range of stakeholders including investors and donors, governments, shareholders and employees, and purchasers

Forest	Fiber
Management	Sourcing
Standard	Standard
Chain-of- Custody Standard	Core Principles





Certification Bodies

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
 - Housed under Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- American Tree Farm
 - Under PEFC





Certified U.S. forest area, by certification program, 2011-2016

Source: Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Forest Stewardship Council, and American Tree Farm System.

Source: State of America's Forests. 2019. <u>https://usaforests.org/</u>





Forest management certification





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Basics of forest

management certification

- How to become 'Certified'?
 - A forest owner must follow set guidance
 - Inventory, implementation of BMPs, monitoring
- Auditing by third-party verifiers
- Loggers required to complete training
- BMPs for that state are required
- Many of these have implications for carbon storage
- Additional activities
 - Community and outreach
 - Research







Best Management Practices (BMPs)

- Guidelines to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to soil, water quality, and riparian resources
- National core BMPs in 11 categories
- Not required in all states, certification bring more actors into alignment where they are not required
- Example topics and requirements:
 - Cleaning up fuel spills
 - Minimizing ruts left by heavy equipment
 - Installing properly sized culverts and bridges that allow fish passage
 - Minimizing soil disturbance
 - Water quality considerations
 - Biodiversity and Wildlife Habitat
 - Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value
 - Reducing forest impacts during harvest
- Michigan example: BMPs not required, certification boosts adoption



Michigan Department of Natural Resources www.michigan.gov/dnr

MICHIGAN FORESTRY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SOIL AND WATER QUALITY



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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Sources: USFS, State of MI





Fiber sourcing and Chain of Custody















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Fiber Sourcing and Chain of Custody Certification

- Chain of Custody
 - Refers to the entire path of **certified** products from forests through to the supply chain
- Fiber sourcing
 - Refers to **uncertified** wood entering the mill for processing
 - Emphasis on legal, responsible sources if not certified



Source: https://greenblue.org/module-2-the-role-of-forest-certification/





Chain of Custody (CoC)

- CoC traces certified materials through the supply chain
 - Verifies that certified material is identified or kept separate from noncertified material
- Allows for communication about certified forest products
- Direct data and linkages forest to product
- CoC picks up after Forest Management Certification



FSC, 2020





Responsible Fiber Sourcing/Controlled Wood

- Fiber sourcing refers to the wood entering the mill for processing, which may or not be from certified
 - Emphasis on "legal and responsible"
- SFI
 - Requires BMPs for the wood
 - Using trained loggers
 - Prohibits
 - Sourcing from areas without effective social laws
 - Illegal timber
- FSC Controlled Wood
 - Identified material from acceptable uncertified sources that can be mixed with FSC-certified material in products that carry the "FSC Mix" label
 - Prohibits
 - GMO Trees
 - Conversion to non-forest use
 - Threats to forests with High Conservation Values
 - Violation of traditional or civil rights
 - Illegal harvest



Example of fiber sourcing from a major timber company





Certification: Alignment with Climate Change

Pillars are in line with forest adaptation and mitigation





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Mitigation & Adaptation

- Harvested wood is part of the climate solution but ONLY if it is sustainable
- Certification can ensure sustainability in management and procurement (and in climate benefits!)



Obj. 2: Forest Productivity and Health

 to protect forests from economically or environmentally undesirable levels of wildfire, pests, diseases, invasive exotic plants and animals, and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health SFI Core Principles



Resilient, healthy forests = climate adaptation

Communication & Stakeholder Engagement

Clear Messaging

- Visible and recognizable logos
- Branding on labels and in stores
- Built a foundation that the climate change message can grow from
- Promotes investment in sustainable forestry
- Consumer purchasing decisions
- Foundation for lower emission products and materials







Low Risk of Deforestation In US And Canada

GOVEL, DUL GEGOUTE obal deforestation. The conversion of forest to I land is decreasing but it remains the largest to deforestation in Canada. The infinitesimal n the forest sector makes to deforestation is ng permanent logging access roads. Forest practices in Canada are tightly regulated to long-term sustainability of this important from building perm burce. harvesting practice ensure the long-ter natural resource. ncentrations of forest loss

ween 2010 and 2030.

CANADA

- 2016 State of the World's Forests Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

WWF has identified 11 places where the largest concentral

Source: Achieving Net Zero Deforestation. Sustainable Forestry Initiative. https://www.sfiprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/SFI_Deforestation2018_Mar27.pdf





Key Takeaways

Time for a paradigm shift in sustainable thinking and material use!

- 1. Working forests are a crucial solution in the fight against Climate Change
- 2. Forests can be managed sustainably to provide sustainable materials and carbon sequestration as part of a landscape approach
- 3. Climate and carbon benefits are quickly dissolved when converting complex forests to simpler forests, by degradation, and by any forest loss
- 4. Opportunities for continued improvement, transparency, and oversight
- 5. Certification is a central tool in ensuring sustainability





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 - National Climate Assessment, Lead Author
 - Second State of the Carbon Cycle, Coordinating Lead Author





Why is this important?



Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego



Context within the land sector





2020 NIR: (-753) MMT CO₂ eq.(14%)

National forest inventory (NFI)

- Designed to track change over time
 - Permanent sample plots
 - Remeasurement every 5-10 years
 - ca. 15% of plots remeasured annually
- Multiple approaches for assessing disturbance (e.g., disturbance code), and ecosystem variables (e.g., growth, mortality, removals)
- Observed land cover and land use attributes





Ecosystem C pools

- Aboveground live biomass
- Belowground live biomass
- Dead wood
- Litter
- Soil organic matter
 - Mineral
 - Organic



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2006. IPCC guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories. http://www. ipcc-nggip. iges



Carbon stocks by pool in the US

Carbon Pool ^a	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2017	2018	2019
Forest	51,527	52,358	53,161	53,886	54,663	55,746	55,897	56,051
Aboveground biomass	11,833	12,408	12,962	13,484	14,020	14,780	14,884	14,989
Belowground biomass	2,350	2,483	2,612	2,734	2,858	3,033	3,056	3,081
Dead wood	2,120	2,233	2,346	2,454	2,568	2,731	2,753	2,777
Litter	3,662	3,670	3,676	3,647	3,646	3,639	3,640	3,641
Soil (mineral)	25,636	25,636	25,637	25,639	25,641	25,637	25,637	25,638
Soil (organic)	5,927	5,928	5,928	5,929	5,929	5,926	5,926	5,926
Harvested wood	1,895	2,061	2,218	2,353	2,462	2,616	2,642	2,669
Products in use	1,249	1,326	1,395	1,447	1,471	1,505	1,513	1,521
SWDS	646	735	823	906	991	1,112	1,129	1,148
Total stocks	53,423	54,419	55,380	56,239	57,124	58,362	58,539	58,720

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Estimated emissions and removals

Emissions and Removals Category ^a	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2016	2017	2018
Forest land remaining forest land ^b	(610.1)	(598.7)	(572.1)	(572.6)	(556.2)	(565.5)	(552.0)	(564.5)
Non-CO ₂ emissions from fire	1.5	0.6	2.9	8.2	4.6	5.6	18.8	18.8
N ₂ O emissions from forest soils	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$Non-CO_2$ emissions from drained organic soils	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Forest land converted to non-forest land ^b	119.1	120.8	122.5	124.4	126.0	127.4	127.4	127.4
Non-forest land converted to forest land ^b	(109.4)	(109.7)	(109.9)	(110.2)	(110.4)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)
Harvested wood products	(123.8)	(112.2)	(93.4)	(106.0)	(69.1)	(92.4)	(95.7)	(98.8)
Woodlands remaining woodlands ^c	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.0
Urban trees in settlements ^d	(96.4)	(103.3)	(110.4)	(117.4)	(124.6)	(129.8)	(129.8)	(129.8)
Total Emissions and Removals	(813.9)	(797.2)	(755.0)	(768.4)	(724.7)	(760.6)	(737.3)	(752.9)

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Emissions and removals, 2018



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Aboveground live carbon by ownership





Harvested wood products estimation



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Final thoughts



- Forest Service continues to expand role in GHG estimation and reporting
- FIA data serves as the foundation
- Developing more spatially and temporally resolved information
- Continue to improve and expand capabilities collaboration and partnerships are essential
- Inform policy and land management practices across scales





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Wood in LCIs and LCA Tools

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 - LEED GA
- Key experiences
 - LCA Practitioner for 7 years
 - Provided background data for the Tally tool
 - Contributed to LCA data in Quartz
 - Former researcher at Concrete Sustainability Hub





Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)

Materials Production

Flow	Quantity
Electricity	100,000 MWh
Fuel oil	100,000 MJ
Emissions	100,000 tons

Manufacturing

Quantity

100,000 ft³

100,000 MWh

100,000 tons

Flow

+

Natural Gas

Electricity

Waste

Distribution

	Flow	Quantity
+	Diesel Fuel	100,000 gal.

- Translate to natural resources and emissions to air, water, and soil
- Primary and secondary data sources (e.g., LCI databases)

	Resources	E	Emissions				
0.5 MJ	Crude oil	6.5 kg	CO ₂ , to air				
0.9 MJ	Hard coal	0.03 kg	NO _x , to air				
200 kg	Ground water	0.03 kg	Nitrates, to water				

= elementary flows/exchanges



Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)





Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)





Topics

LCA Software	LCI Databases	LCA Tools	LCIA Databases
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LCI Software

- Software
 - GaBi
 - SimaPro
 - Open LCA
 - Umberto
- Characteristics
 - Can use multiple LCI Databases within each software
 - Requires an experienced LCA practitioner
 - Methodological decisions are up to the practitioner



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LCI Software (GaBi screenshots)

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≓ Fresh water [Water]	Mass	454	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
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≓ Ground water [Water]	Mass	28.8	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
≓ Hard coal (in kg) [Hard coal (resource	Mass	27.3	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
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2-chloro-1-phenylethanone [Halogena	Mass	3.39E-010	Kg	0%	(No statement)	
2-hexanone [Organic emissions to free	Mass	7.4E-007	кg	0%	(No statement)	
Acenaphthene [Group NMVOC to air]	Mass	6.01E-009	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
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Acetochlor [Pesticides to fresh water]	Mass	7.18E-010	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
Acetochlor [Pesticides to air]	Mass	1.68E-008	kg	0 %	(No statement)	
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kg CO2 eq. GWP	IPCC AR5 GWP20, excl biogenic carbon, incl Land Use		•	Global Warming Incl Lar	✓
kg CO2 eq.	CML2001 - Dec. 07, Global Warming Potential (GWP 10	l	•	OUTDATED CML 2001 -	✓
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- Provides life cycle inventories by elementary flows/exchanges
- Can apply any impact assessment methodology to obtain LCIA results
- Typically include details on carbon contents of products



LCI Databases

- LCI Databases
 - GaBi
 - Ecoinvent
 - US LCI / Federal LCA commons
- Characteristics
 - Emissions to air
 - Carbon dioxide, non-fossil/biogenic [To Environment]
 - Methane, non-fossil/biogenic [To Environment]
 - Natural resource inputs
 - Carbon dioxide from air
 - Carbon, organic, in soil or biomass stock
 - Elemental composition as a property of reference flow/exchanges (i.e. carbon content both fossil and non-fossil) does not contribute to final impacts but can be used to ensure carbon balances









Biogenic Carbon Modeling in LCA Software

- Challenges in modeling biogenic carbon
 - Biomass feedstock carbon contents may vary
 - Not all carbon-containing flows and emissions may be tracked throughout manufacturing of the final product
 - If multi-output processes are allocated using any other allocation key than the carbon content, the carbon balance will not be closed → either too many or too little inputs of carbon-containing flows
- Pragmatic solution
 - Find out the biogenic carbon content of the final product
 - Add a process inventory that makes sure that the cradle-to-gate carbon balance matches the biogenic carbon content of the product



Biogenic Carbon Modeling in LCA Software

- Biogenic carbon is only 'carbon neutral' if all of the CO₂ that was removed from the atmosphere is released as CO₂ again, i.e. not transformed to CH₄
- Without the proper accounting of biogenic carbon flows, the contribution of bio-based materials to climate (net source or sink) may be inaccurate or omitted
- Accounting for 100% of all biogenic carbon flows in the product system can be challenging
- 'Back-calculating' the carbon removals from the carbon content of the material in question is a pragmatic way to close the carbon balance



GWP100 Characterization Factors

Emission	TRACI 2.1 (IPCC AR4)	IPCC AR5			
LIIIISSIOII	Incl. biogenic	Excl. biogenic	Incl. biogenic	Excl. biogenic		
Carbon dioxide, fossil	1	1	1	1		
Carbon dioxide, biogenic	1	0	1	0		
Methane, fossil	ethane, fossil 25		30	30		
Methane, biogenic 25		22.3	30	28		
Nitrous oxide	298	298	265	265		



LCA Tools

ΤοοΙ	Data Source	LCIA Methodology (North America)	Treatment of biogenic carbon
Tally	GaBi, EPDs conducted using GaBi data	TRACI 2.1	GWP including and excluding biogenic carbon
Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings	Primarily from LCAs conducted by the Athena Institute	TRACI 2.1 (though LCI also presented)	GWP including biogenic carbon
One Click LCA	Various public and private sources (both generic data and EPDs) using a variety of background data sources	TRACI 2.1	Unclear, may depend on selected EPDs
EC3	Publicly available EPDs (manufacturing impacts only)	Likely TRACI 2.1 but dependent on EPDs, GWP only	Estimates to include biogenic carbon where not provided by the EPD



LCA Tools

- LCA Tools for Buildings
 - Tally
 - Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings
 - OneClick LCA
 - EC3
- Characteristics
 - May present impact assessment results only (though Athena does present LCI results)
 - Impact categories are selected by the tool creator or the source of data (i.e., EPD)
 - Where LCI is presented (i.e. Athena) the user could manually apply other impact category methodologies if desired
 - Interpretation of results is up to the user of the tool











Additional Comments

- Inclusion or exclusion of things like forest management and land use change (direct and indirect), etc. will depend on the details of the background data
 - ISO 21930 allows for wood from sustainably managed forests to be counted as having zero emissions from land-use change (incl. CSA, FSC, SFI standards)
- Selection of GWP indicator including or excluding biogenic carbon is up to the LCA practitioner in EPDs
 - ISO 21930 mandates the declaration of emissions and removals of biogenic carbon if included in the GWP calculation



Conclusions

- LCA Software and LCI Databases allow the practitioner to choose whether to include biogenic carbon or not
 - Ensuring you've accurately modeled the carbon flows in your model is crucial
- System boundaries for LCI Data will vary and the practitioner should review the assumptions of the background data selected
- LCA Tools have often made the decision for the user, though tools like Tally still allow for distinction between GWP including and excluding biogenic carbon





Additional Slides

Biogenic Carbon Modeling in LCA software





Biogenic Carbon Modeling in LCA software



GWP excl. bio CO2 – GWP incl bio CO2 \equiv C content of product



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Economics of Wood Products

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Forest Change in the US South



Clemson Experimental Forest Photo Archives





South Platte 2002

Cheesman Lake 1900

Prescribed fire/stocking issues



Office of the Colorado State Forester, 2003-4







Denver Water



Sabrina Hall



Wood Carbon Seminars, Pat Layton

Who Owns the Nation's Forest



FORESTLAND OWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES

Data Source: FIA 2012

- Private entities own and manage 445 million acres
- Private corporate ownership 147.4 million acres
- Private non-corporate ownership 297.6 million acres
- More than 10 million private owners
- Highest % is family and individual ave.
 22 acres or less
- Private owners have differing goals for forest management



Area of Forest and Woodlands for Selected Regions, Types, Ownerships and Origins – Who Plants Trees



US Forests are data-rich. The USFS, States and others provide these data to all.

Internet searches can provide many analyses, but look closely as not all data are equal, i.e. time frame or measured the same. Changes through decades may be significant, e.g., the change in corporate landownership from the 1990 to 2010.



SC Landowners - Managed Forests

Private Corporate







Photos by Pat Layton



Prescribed Fire Use for Forestry Objectives by State in 2017





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Economics of the system

- Transportation of water and air is expensive.
- Logs when harvested are half water
- Logs are often merchandized on site
- Products are transported to mills
- Merchandizing on site may vary by the type of mills that are close
- Reducing embodied carbon begins by reducing hauling distance

Photos by Pat Layton





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"Wood Baskets" for Mills



SC Forestry Commission

- A wood basket is the area around the mill from which logs are received
 - In the SE most logs with 50 miles
 - More than 75 miles is rare for pine
- Wood baskets can overlap
 - Different types of mills
 - Competition
- Distance from the mill impacts
 - Price paid to landowner
 - Carbon emitted in transportation



Washington State Wood Processing Facilities by Timbershed





Modern Softwood Sawmills – What Logs Are Harvested



Courtesy of Collum's Lumber Products, LLC

- ≅ 10% or fewer mills in the SE take logs with butt diameters ≥ 28"
- Only 8 mills take these sizes in the PNW $(\cong 9\%)$ (source Forest2Market)
- Size matters to the efficiency of sawmills
- Markets drying up for big logs
 - Export Markets
 - Pole/Pilings



Grading and Sorting

- Every log is processed into multiple products depending on log quality and size
- All boards from each log are sorted by size and then dried
- Dried stacks are then planned, graded to standards, trimmed to enhance grading, restacked by size, packaged and shipped
- Shipping dried, well-stacked lumber to distribution centers reduces costs and fossil-based carbon





Grade Marking Southern Pine

Grade Mark Key

- 1. Registered Trademark
- 2. Grade of Lumber
- 3. Moisture Content
- 4. Mill Identification Number
- 5. Heat Treated for Pest Pasteurization

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Grade Marking Western Wood Products



- WWPA certification mark
- 12 Mill ID
- Stand Grade Identification
- Species
- Seasoning
 - Includes type of drying and moisture content




Distribution Centers and Softwood Dimension Lumber Mills





Vancouver 0 0 Victoria Sea*le NORTH 0 WASHINGTON DAKOTA Quebec City/ NEW MONTANA 0 RUNSW O MINNESOTA Portlan Montreal 0 Minneapolis 0 8 Ottawa-MAINE WISCONSIN SOUTH VEEMONT DAKOTA Toronto OREGON MICHIGAN NEW 33 ۲ IDAHO . HAMPSHIRE WYOMING NEW YORK . Detroit MASSACHUSETTS • Chicago IOWA CT . RI NEBRASKA York PENNSYLVANIA OHIO Philadelphia ILLINOIS INDIANA **United States** NEVADA 0 MARYLAND Kansas City Indianapolis UTAH . Sacramento 0 COLORADO . VIR KANSAS Washington 0 San Francisco MISSOURI 0 CINIA? KENTUCKY 0 San Jose Las Vegas Nashville CALIFORNIA OKLAHOMA TENNESSE ARKANSAS Los Angeles ARIZONA NEW MEXICO MISSISSIPPI Phoenix Dallas San Diego ALABAMA GEORGIA El Paso 0 CO Tucson On TEXAS BAJA Jacksonville CALIFORNIA Austin SONORA 0 Houston New Orleans CHIHUAHUA. San Antonio Orlando Tempa COAHUILA FLORIDA NUEVO LEON Mismi Gulf of BAJA SINALOA DURANGO Monterrey Mexico The Bahamas CALIFORNIA SUR TAMAULIPAS

Distribution Centers, Plywood (squares) and OSB (diamonds) Mills



Distribution Centers to Building Suppliers to Job Sites



Photos by Pat Layton



Mass Timber – Sawmill to Secondary Manufacturer



Structurlam Mass Timber Products

Photos by Pat Layton



Manufacturer to Mass Timber Buildings

UMASS: Total SQ FT: 76,030 76 Truckloads delivered to jobsite 1,025,808 bd ft of Mass Timber: 245,136 Glulam Beams + 780,672 CLT.

Interestingly, for this project, which used HBV connectors to create composite floor slabs, the steel accounted for 20% of the material structural cost (not accounting for labor)

Platte 15: Total SQ FT: 128,410 70 Truckloads delivered to jobsite 1,013,940 bd ft of Mass Timber: 559,680 Glulam Beams + 454,260 CLT

Quattlebaum: Total SQ FT 16,500 354,000 bd ft of Mass Timber: 72,000 bd ft Glulam Beams + 282,000 bd ft of CLT (885 -- 20" dbh trees)









Quattlebaum Building -Wood Sources

LEGEND

SmartLam (SL) - CLT

- C = Canfor (60%)
- R = Rex Lumber (20%)
- I = Interfor (15%)
- H = Harrigan Lumber (5%)

% = percentages of lumber used in CLT

Structural Wood Systems (SWS)

 All glulam lumber provided by Canfor in Fulton, AL





Influencing Carbon in Wood Products

- Use certified wood sources, C of C for mills, distributors, secondary manufacturers
 - Carbon being incorporated into the standards
- USFS wood is not certified but does need markets
- Private landowners and wood production
 - Landowner objectives differ significantly
 - All ecosystem services are critical water, air, habitat, diversity
- Not all lumber is equal, even from a single tree
- Wood selection
 - Local or not?
- Off-site/premanufacturing
- Design for reuse/deconstruction



Understanding Trees and Embodied Carbon

- Live trees sequester carbon up to a certain age
- Not all US forests produce wood for buildings
- Ecosystem services from managed forests are important
- Deforestation is not "sustainably managed forestry"
- Using wood in building, consider the whole life of the building
- Fossil fuel prices dominate the economics of wood/lumber



Cooper Carry





Going beyond neutrality in embodied carbon accounting for forest products

...and why carbon-friendly forestry is <u>not</u> always climate-smart forestry

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FORESTRY CHOICES MATTER

- Forest carbon balance exerts a significant influence on our global climate.
- Choices around how forests are treated and where we source wood products from are moving to forefront of business decisions amidst our climate crisis.
- Forests provide fundamental benefits including food, clean water, and shelter, in addition to economic development opportunities.





Climate mitigation potential in 2025 (Tg CO₂e year-1)

FORESTS <u>DOMINATE</u> NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Reforestation, forest protection, conservation <u>and</u> "improved" management in both natural forests and plantations can be expanded to yield millions of tons of CO₂-equivalent mitigation.
- Not an accident that forests were the first type of carbon offsets introduced in the 1990s.



Fargione et al. (2018). Science Advances 4(11)



Millions are being invested into forests that go beyond carbon neutrality

The Seattle Times

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Microsoft buys carbon credits in forest near Rainier to offset pollution

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Why Amazon's commitment to working forests matters

By Heather Clancy

April 30, 2020



Susan Benedict, right, whose family owns 2,087 acres of forest near State College,



FOCUSING ON EMBODIED CARBON



Embodied Carbon Manufacture, transport and

installation of construction materials

Operational Carbon Building energy consumption

SKANSKA



4 General Approaches to Forest Product LCA Calculations

CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere before harvesting while the tree is growing

CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere after harvest by the trees that replace the tree that was harvested

CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere in the year of harvest by non-harvested trees growing across the landscape

Any of the previous approaches adjusted to account for foregone sequestration



How much Bio CO_2 is my system emitting?

So the answer to the question is..... it depends

How much Bio-CO₂ is my system emitting?



The traditional LCA approach (Approach 1) results in biogenic carbon being "neutral" in most circumstances

- It can miss deforestation unless constraints are added
- It can miss forests that gain carbon over time

The landscape or supply area approach (Approach 3) is best aligned with wood procurement practices

- Where supply area carbon stocks are stable <u>non-declining</u> over time, biogenic carbon is <u>can be conservatively simplified as</u> "neutral".
- It <u>can</u> include effects of <u>deforestation</u> <u>carbon gains and losses</u>, although the impact depends on the scale used to define the supply area
- It may be difficult to isolate the C uptake due to our product



MOVING BEYOND NEUTRALITY

A basic formula for adding non-zero forest carbon balance to existing LCAs

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Goodbye to carbon neutral: Getting biomass footprints right

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Keywords: Carbon accounting Biofuels Sequestration credits Carbon footprinting LCA Most guidance for carbon footprinting, and most published carbon footprints or LCAs, presume that biomass heating fuels are carbon neutral. However, it is recognised increasingly that this is incorrect: biomass fuels are not always carbon neutral. Indeed, they can in some cases be far more carbon positive than fossil fuels. This flaw in carbon footprinting guidance and practice can be remedied. In carbon footprints (not just of biomass or heating fuels, but all carbon footprints), rather than applying sequestration credits and combustion debits, a 'carbon-stock change' line item could be applied instead. Not only would this make carbon footprints more accurate, it would make them consistent with UNFCCC reporting requirements and national reporting practice.

There is a strong precedent for this change. This same flaw has already been recognised and partly remedied in standards for and studies of liquid biofuels (e.g. biodiesel and bioethanol), which now account for land-use change, i.e. deforestation. But it is partially or completely missing from other studies and from standards for footprinting and LCA of solid fuels.

Carbon-stock changes can be estimated from currently available data. Accuracy of estimates will increase as Kyoto compliant countries report more land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) data.

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A basic formula for adding non-zero forest carbon balance to existing LCAs

1. Calculate carbon stock change in the forest

Account for carbon gains and losses from an area of interest over a specific timeframe.

2. Calculate timber output

Total output of industrial roundwood from same area and timeframe.

3. Calculate "upstream" embodied carbon

Divide #1 by #2 to calculate "upstream" embodied carbon for the area of interest over a specific timeframe.

This "upstream" embodied carbon is cleanly separated from "downstream" stocks and fluxes which are comparatively well-reflected in existing LCIs, LCAs, and EPDs for forest products.



UTILIZE OBSERVATIONAL DATA

Time series of forest conditions and timber outputs



The Landtrendr approach is applied in a project funded by NASA Carbon Monitoring System to provides wall-to-wall (30x30m) biomass estimates from 1986-2018.



Coincident annual timber harvest records exist at the county-level by owner group (Industry, NIPF + Tribal, State, USFS, BLM)

Periodic reporting available by broader owner groups across every state.



A basic formula for adding non-zero forest carbon balance to existing LCAs

1. Calculate carbon stock change in the forest

Using NASA CMS data, convert biomass (Mg) to carbon (kgCO₂e) and subtract total carbon stock in at the end of the period from carbon stock at the beginning.

2. Calculate timber output

Using independent timber output reports, calculate total timber produced over specified timeframe, convert Scribner boardfeet to cubic meters of industrial roundwood (assuming 0.1395 MBF per m³).

3. Calculate "upstream" embodied carbon

Divide #1 by #2 to calculate "upstream" embodied carbon (kgCO₂e /m³) for that area of interest over the specified timeframe.

> The following example covers non-reserved forests of Washington State from 1990-2016.



DATA IN HAND *How the sausage gets made*

OWNERSHIP

from RTI, PADUS, and US Census data



COUNTIES

to indicate "woodsheds"



FOREST COVER

in 2000, 2005, 2010, or 2015



Sexton et al. (2013). "GFCC30TC" https://cmr.earthdata.nasa.gov

BIOMASS

from Landtrendr 1986-2018





WASHINGTON OWNERS SHAPE CARBON BALANCE

Benchmarking carbon stock change against 1990 levels



Note: These graphs illustrate the distribution of proportional carbon stock change among counties. The dark line represents the median county for that owner type in that region. Moving away from the median, shaded areas correspond to the 40-60th percentiles, 30-70th, etc.



UNPACKING GLULAM'S EMBODIED CARBON

Contextualizing the magnitude of emissions and sequestration from a smattering of EPDs and LCAs



Glue-Laminated Timbers Production from the Pacific Northwest

> Maureen Puettmann, Woodlife Environmental Consultants, LLC Elaine Oneil, University of Washington Leonard Johnson, Professor Emeritus, University of Idaho January 2013

Cradle-to-Gate Life-Cycle Impact Analysis of Glued-Laminated (Glulam) Timber: Environmental Impacts from Glulam Produced in the US Pacific Northwest and Southeast*

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With 1 m³ of industrial roundwood, we can produce ~0.42 m³ of glulam (58% of roundwood meets another fate).

Per 1 m³ of industrial roundwood used for glulam, we get the following embodied carbon footprint:

5 kgCO₂e / m³ roundwood - <u>Forest Operations</u>

+20 kgCO₂e / m³ roundwood - <u>Lumber Production</u>

+20-40 kgCO₂e / m³ roundwood - <u>Glulam Production</u>

-375-455 kgCO₂e / m³ roundwood - <u>Retained in Product</u>



OWNERS SHAPE EMBODIED CARBON

Looking back on Washington's non-reserved forests from 1990-2016

EAST SIDE		<u> "upstream" embodied carbon (kgCO₂e/m³ roundwood)</u>						
county percentiles	0 (min)	5	25	50 (median)	75	95 100 (max)		
USFS	-1,567	-1,524	-744	-234	+1,861	+6,417	+9,028	
State & Local	-457	-448	-271	+137	+335	+1,070	+1,473	
Non-Industry Private	-1,058	-677	-105	-20	+18	+644	+1,069	
Industry	-700	-624	0	+138	+298	+424	+485	

Note: Percentiles indicate distribution among counties, not adjusted/normalized by timber output.

WEST SIDE	<u>"upstream" embodied carbon (kgCO₂e/m³ roundwood)</u>						
county percentiles	O (min)	5	25 50 (median)		75	95	100 (max)
USFS	-27,565	-18,036	-8,360	-7,751	-4,634	-2,256	-616
State & Local	-3,859	-1,652	-504	-131	-61	+157	+200
Non-Industry Private	-910	-694	-143	-111	-88	-63	-47
Industry	-250	-223	-119	-40	+86	+153	+178



OWNERS SHAPE EMBODIED CARBON

Looking back on Washington's non-reserved forests from 1990-2016

										Averag	e Annual	
										Timber Output		
	<u>"upstream" embodied carbon (kgCO₂e/m³ roundwood)</u>									(2012	2 - 2017)	
timber supply percentiles	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	%	MMBF	
Industry	-238	-208	-149	-54	-24	-1	+73	+159	+181	40%	1,665	
Non-Industry Private	-162	-134	-114	-101	-94	-86	-68	-51	+5	29%	1,203	
State & Local	-364	-195	-178	-116	-89	-81	-64	+48	+150	24%	988	
USFS	-7,163	-5,021	-4,725	-3,521	-1,190	-896	-221	+1,974	+3,390	3%	133	
Other Federal	-1,100	-916	-916	-71	-71	-71	-71	+699	+4,111	1%	43	

Note: Percentiles indicate distribution across counties weighted by timber output.



GOING NATIONAL

Embodied carbon disclosure will be coming to US forests soon





"All models are wrong but some are useful." -- George E.P. Box

If you're trying to guide a decision about an individual action you should take or not take (e.g., what materials to use in a building project), then attributional LCA may be "good enough" (*if you're comfortable with your simplifying assumptions*)...

... but if you're trying to make sweeping (policy) decisions that will impact broader social, economic, and ecological systems, attributional LCA is <u>probably not</u> "good enough."

To identify and address relevant (policy) questions and tradeoffs, you need to enter the realm of counter-factual (or "what if...") scenario modeling to, however crudely, interrogate how market, policy, and social and environmental interactions and impacts would occur with and without certain interventions.





...and why carbon-friendly forestry is <u>not</u> always climate-smart forestry













Carbon is the tail, not the dog

These photos, taken over a 45-year period, document the spread of western juniper in the mainstream John Day River valley near Dayville.



Credit: Sustainable Northwest. https://greatnorthwestwine.com/2016/05/11/a-to-zwineworks-puts-western-juniper-use-vineyards/



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Bird Responses to Removal of Western Juniper in Sagebrush-Steppe ☆

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"This study demonstrates that conifer removal projects designed to retain shrub cover and structure can have benefits to multiple species of ground and shrub nesting birds, including several species of conservation concern."



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Ecosystem Water Availability in Juniper versus Sagebrush Snow-Dominated Rangelands 🛠

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"...juniper-dominated catchments have... earlier snow melt, and less streamflow relative to sagebrush-dominated catchments....

The delayed water input... has wide-ranging implications for available surface water, soil water, and vegetation dynamics associated with wildlife habitat..."





Credit: Marcus Yam/Los Angeles Times. https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/watchdog/story/2019-12-22/how-new-utility-law-shifts-13-5-billion-of-futurewildfire-damages-to-consumers



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Carbon is the tail, not the dog

DENVER WATER

From Forests to Faucets

A Watershed Management Story

https://dw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=5fadefb8803d44a3b3ef128528e38ea



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 - Work on projects for industry, non-profits, and governments in climate and forestry world, ranging from policy to research to protocol development
 - 4th generation family forest tree farmer







Lots of forests in US, owned by different landowner types. Ownership patterns different in different regions of the county

Total US= 765.5 million acres

Private non-corporate (family forests) = 287.7 million acres Federal = 237 million acres Private Corporate = 155.7 million acres State= 70.5 million acres

County = 13.7 million acres

Source: US Endowment for Forestry and Communities, produced by Mila Alvarez, available at https://usaforests.org



Manufacturing where the trees are. Building materials (lumber, engineered wood) from PNW and US South.

Volume of roundwood harvested, by region, 2016



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Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2011) (http://www.epa.gov/sectors/sectorinfo/sectorprofiles/forest/map.html)

Data from Oswalt et al 2018, displayed in Alvarez 2018 State of America's Forests, <u>https://usforests.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=6d3076faddfb4b8c8</u> b6933cfcf4963cb









Forests and Carbon

Net Carbon Flux of US forests 1635-2000



USFS prediction of net carbon flux under different scenarios through 2060

From: USFS, 2012: Future of America's forest and rangelands: 2010 Resources Planning Act assessment. General Technical Report WO-87. 198 pp., U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C. <u>URL</u>



Webinar 3 and 4- LCA and Wood

Lots of Terms!!! Carbon Neutrality Attributional LCA Consequential LCA

- Something is "carbon neutral" when there is zero net emissions biogenic C from a product system.
- Different methods for accounting
- Start with growth, start with harvest, look at from a mill perspective

"Sustainably Managed Forests" <u>for Biogenic C</u> ISO 21930: Section 7.2.11

- Option 1: Certified Wood Products
 - Canadian Standards Association CSA
 - Forest Stewardship Council FSC
 - Sustainable Forestry Initiative SFI
- Option 2: National Reporting per UNFCC
 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change National Inventory Reports
 - Stable or Increasing Forest Stocks



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Webinar 5 and 6: Carbon and Sustainability Tracking

Emissions and Removals Category ^a	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2016	2017	2018
Forest land remaining forest land ^b	(610.1)	(598.7)	(572.1)	(572.6)	(556.2)	(565.5)	(552.0)	(564.5)
Non-CO ₂ emissions from fire	1.5	0.6	2.9	8.2	4.6	5.6	18.8	18.8
N_2O emissions from forest soils	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$Non-CO_2$ emissions from drained organic soils	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Forest land converted to non-forest landb	119.1	120.8	122.5	124.4	126.0	127.4	127.4	127.4
Non-forest land converted to forest land ^b	(109.4)	(109.7)	(109.9)	(110.2)	(110.4)	(110.6)	(110.6)	(110.6)
Harvested wood products	(123.8)	(112.2)	(93.4)	(106.0)	(69.1)	(92.4)	(95.7)	(98.8)
Woodlands remaining woodlands ^c	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.0
Urban trees in settlements ^d	(96.4)	(103.3)	(110.4)	(117.4)	(124.6)	(129.8)	(129.8)	(129.8)
Total Emissions and Removals	(813.9)	(797.2)	(755.0)	(768.4)	(724.7)	(760.6)	(737.3)	(752.9)

Annual Flux MMT CO2e

	Total stocks 53,423	54,419	55,380	56,239	57,124	58,362	58,539	58,720
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Emissions and removals, 2018



Domke, Grant M.; Walters, Brian F.; Nowak, David J.; Smith, James, E.; Ogle, Stephen M.; Coulston, J.W.; Wirth, T.C. 2020. Greenhouse gas emissions and removals from forest land, woodlands, and urban trees in the United States, 1990-2018. Resource Update FS-227. Madison, WI: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. 5 p. <u>https://doi.org/10.2737/FS-RU-227</u>.



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Third Party Sustainable Forest Management Certification/ Chain-of-Custody/ Third Party Fiber Sourcing/Controlled Wood Certification

- Fiber sourcing refers to the wood entering the mill for processing, which may or not be from certified
 - Emphasis on "legal and responsible"
- SFI
 - Requires BMPs for the wood
 - Using trained loggers
 - Prohibits
 - Sourcing from areas without effective social laws
 - Illegal timber
- FSC Controlled Wood
 - Identified material from acceptable uncertified sources that can be mixed with FSC-certified material in products that carry the "FSC Mix" label
 - Prohibits
 - GMO Trees
 - Conversion to non-forest use
 - Threats to forests with High Conservation Values
 - Violation of traditional or civil rights
 - Illegal harvest



Example of fiber sourcing from a major timber company



Wood Products and Building Industry



Continuation of Discussion of this week

The FAQ document! Will answer the questions you have submitted to date in writing.





