

The Benefits of Family Forests



Forestry in Idaho

Landcover: Nearly 41% of Idaho’s landcover is forestland.

Ownership: Over 1.18 million acres of Idaho’s forestland are owned by 34,000 family forest owners.

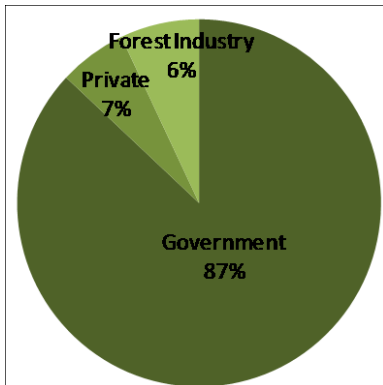
Certified Tree Farms: There 420 are certified American Tree Farms for a total of 201,825 acres.

Jobs: The forest industry, which is the second largest manufacturing sector, employs 21,172 workers with an annual payroll of \$571 billion.

Sustainability: Each year, over 18 million seedlings are hand-planted in Idaho's forests, and even more are grown from natural regeneration. Idaho grows 60 percent more wood in its forests than is harvested each year.

Recreation: Over 1 million sportspersons and wildlife watchers benefit from Idaho’s forest system and contribute nearly \$1 billion to the local economy.

State Timberland Ownership



Acres & Ownership of Forestland by District

Congressional District	Total	Family Owned	Public	Private Industry
ID 01 Raul R. Labrador (R)	14,388,664	1,072,126	11,974,851	1,341,686
ID 02 Michael K. Simpson (R)	7,000,957	351,473	6,603,938	45,545

National Statistics and Facts

Landcover: More than half (56%) of the nation’s forests are privately owned.

Jobs: Every 1,000 acres of private forests supports eight well-paying jobs.; each job created in private forests creates an additional 2.95 jobs.

Carbon: Wood building materials—the majority of which are from private forests—reduce energy use and carbon emissions in manufacturing from 70% to 88%.

Wood: Family forests are the economic lynchpin of small towns and rural areas around the nation.

Water: More than 25% of our drinking water originates in private forests.

Wildlife: 60% of all at-risk species rely on America’s private forests.



American Forest Foundation

The American Forest Foundation is a non-profit organization that gives people the tools they need to be effective stewards of America’s natural heritage. We work with educators, family woodlands owners, and partners in every state to keep our forests healthy and our children well-prepared for the future they will inherit. We grow stewardship every day.