G2: 1.2.a and 2.1.a Supplemental Report on the Forest Products Sector

Forest Products

Current Industry Statistics:

- There are over 1,900 forest products related businesses in Washington State
- 35,500 direct jobs, and another 70,000 indirect and induced jobs in 2013
- Gross business income approximately $28 billion per year
- $2 billion in annual wages for direct employees, $2.9 billion indirect/induced
- 3rd largest manufacturing sector in WA
- More that 10% of forestry-related jobs are “green” compared to state average of 3%
Forest Products

Percentage of County that is Forestland

Jobs by County - 2014

Forest Products

Work in progress/Goals:
- Establish Forest Products Sector Lead Position
- Work with industry stakeholders and key government officials to find common ground on carbon rules
- Assist with the formation of the Governor’s Wildland Fire Council and the implementation of their short-, intermediate- and long-term goals
- Reauthorization of B&O tax credit for biomass
- Restore Public Works Board Emergency Funding Response Initiative
- Assist with strategy to promote Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)/Mass Timber production and construction in Washington State
Cross Laminated Timber

A byproduct of forest health

- Wood grows naturally and is renewable
- Life cycle assessment studies show that wood outperforms steel and concrete in terms of embodied energy, air pollution and water pollution
- Wood products continue to store carbon absorbed by the trees while growing
- Presence of wood indoors promotes better health for a building’s occupants
- Thick, cross-section panels char slowly, at a predictable rate, maintaining significant structural capacity for extended durations when exposed to fire