## Our Resource-Based Economy

Always +/- in Balance!



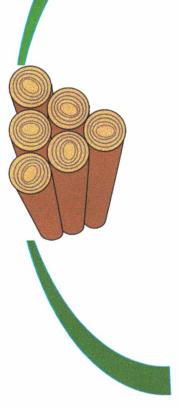
"Certainty" on **Forest Products** Industry needs

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Log Supply

sell their Logs & Fiber **Forest Landowners** need "Markets" to





# Why North Idaho Private Forestlands are Important to our Economy and our Communities

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Mill Data included in this Chart

1) IFG - Moyie

British Columbia State (ID,WA,MT)

Federal

100.0%

12.8%

7.9%

Small PVT Industrial Forest Ownership

235 105 37 60 33

50.0% 22.3%

Total Employees: 822

Total Log Volume: 470 mmbf

2) IFG - LaClede3) IFG - Chilco4) Alta - Naples

5) Stimson - Priest River

6) Stimson - Plummer

#### Conservation Easements

- CE's <u>restrict</u> commercial development, subdivision, mining.
- Landowners continues to <u>own</u> the land
- All traditional uses are <u>allowed</u> (Ag, Forestry, Livestock, cottage industries, rentals, gravel pits). "Working Resource Lands"
- Homes/shops/barns/outbuildings are permitted on each parcel if the owner desires.
- Property taxes do not change. Yield taxes do not change.
- Conservation easement is <u>perpetual</u>.

#### Forest Legacy Program

- Protects Private Working

   Forestlands -- Provides certainty to the
   Forest Products Industry.
- A voluntary program using Conservation Easements
- At-risk private forestlands are the focus (risk of conversion to non-forest uses).
- within each state and between states.
- Annual application (May 31st)

- Idaho Dept of Lands is the administrator and easement holder
- A Land Trust is required to be the program sponsor.
- Funding comes from the <u>Farm Bill</u> (Land & Water Conservation Fund)
- Funding pays for Conservation Easements (75% payment)
- 25,000 acres: currently in Boundary County within the Forest Legacy Program

### The Nature Conservancy



- A non-profit Land Trust
- Largest conservation organization in the U.S.
- We work with private landowners to put conservation projects on the ground.
- We own land in Idaho (Ball Creek Farm, Hall Mtn, Cougar Bay)
- We are funded by private donations and public grants
- What we don't do: we don't hire lawyers, we don't spend time in court, we don't appeal or stop public forest management activities.