TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Andy Kerr
RE: Contribution of Federal Logs to the Nation’s Wood Consumption
DATE: 5 July 2022

In CY 2017, wood consumption in the United States totaled 14,851 million cubic feet.¹
In FY 2020, the USDA Forest Service sold 596 million cubic feet of wood.²
In FY 2019, the USDI Bureau of Land Management offered for sale 50 million cubic feet of wood.³

The current total wood production from federal public lands is 646 million cubic feet, or 4.4% of total US consumption.

In 2017, 672 million cubic feet of unprocessed wood (logs and chips) were exported from the United States.⁴ Raw log exports were almost exclusively from non-federal timberlands, save for ~32 million cubic feet of federal logs exported overseas from the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.⁵

Each year, 1,152 million cubic feet of wood from urban forests is not made into useful wood products.⁶

(Excel worksheet available upon request).

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³ USDI Bureau of Land Management 2020. Public Land Statistics 2019. Table 3-12. Original data in thousand board feet and tons. Per table footnote, the conversion factors used were 1 MBF = 1.6 CCF = 6 tons.
⁴ See Note 1.