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RE: Contribution of Federal Logs to the Nation's Wood Consumption  
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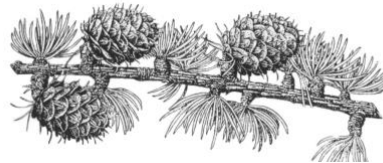
In CY 2017, *wood consumption* in the United States totaled **14,851** million cubic feet.<sup>1</sup>  
In FY 2020, the USDA Forest Service *sold* **596** million cubic feet of wood.<sup>2</sup>  
In FY 2019, the USDI Bureau of Land Management *offered for sale* **50** million cubic feet of wood.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup>

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

(Excel worksheet available upon request).



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<sup>1</sup> Howard, James. L and Shaobo Liang. 2019. [U.S. Timber Production, Trade, Consumption and Price Statistics, 1965-2017](#). USDA Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory. Original data in million cubic feet.

<sup>2</sup> USDA Forest Service. 2020. [Cut and Sold \(New\) CUTS203S: Cumulative 2020](#). Original data in hundred cubic feet.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> See Note 1.

<sup>5</sup> Daniels, Jean M., Michael D. Paruszkiewicz, and Susan J. Alexander. 2016. [Tongass National Forest Timber Demand: Projections for 2015 to 2030](#). USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station General Technical Report PNW-GTR-934.

<sup>6</sup> David J. Nowak, Erik J. Greenfield, and Ryan M. Ash. 2019. [Annual Biomass Loss and Potential Value of Urban Tree Waste in the United States](#). Urban Forestry and Urban Greening 46:126469. Original data in billion board feet. Converted using the factors noted in Note 3.