

Environmental Policies

Lazy S Lumber and Columbia Cedar

Lazy S Lumber, Inc. in Beavercreek, Oregon, has been supplying high quality Western Red Cedar products to its customers for over 30 years. It has been family owned and operated for all of those years and fully committed to providing the products with integrity of service expected by our customers.

Sister company Columbia Cedar Inc, in Kettle Falls, Washington, originated in 1998. The cycle was then complete, from the log to finished products in the marketplace, enhancing the availability and quality of products of both companies.

Lazy S Lumber and Columbia Cedar supply a wide range of WRC products that come from various wood sources. Our many patterns and sizes of home sidings, interior T & G paneling, outdoor decking materials, and classic cedar fencing are marketed throughout the United States. Lazy S Lumber and Columbia Cedar are committed to providing great quality products while respecting the increased emphasis on environmental concerns.

Log sources in the Inland Northwest can be broken into three groups: Public Lands – Larger Industrial Landowners – and Smaller Private Landowners. Columbia Cedar will also purchase ‘gatewood’ from these sources and depends on each of these individual sources with regard to their environmental responsibility. Columbia Cedar defines ‘gatewood’ as logs purchased from landowners, either large or small, that we had no prior contract for the logs. Columbia Cedar will then verify the issuance of the Forest Practices permits and write a log purchase agreement prior to receiving the logs.



Part of Columbia Cedar’s log supply comes from small private landowners. These landowners will hire either Professional Forestry Consultants such as Columbia Cedar, who are well versed in Federal and State Forest Practices Regulations, or work with private logging contractors to harvest and market their timber to the area mills. In all cases, compliance with stringent Forest Practice rules and regulations is mandatory within the state of harvest. In virtually every case, trees owned, managed and harvested by these small, private landowners are what is defined as “second growth” and not the usually larger and older “old growth” timber stands. The Inland Northwest states of Idaho and Eastern Washington require the management of all private properties to include wildlife habitat enhancement, replanting of harvested areas within a specified time frame, and protection of all waters and streams on the land.

Another part of Columbia Cedar’s log supply comes from publicly held lands including Federal, State and Tribal. Purchasers of Federal Forest Service Timber Sales will market the cedar to the mills in the area for market prices. On occasion, Columbia Cedar will purchase Timber Sales, and will hire qualified and certified logging contractors to comply with the requirements of the specifics in the sale. In these cases, timber other than WRC, (pine, fir, tamarack, birch, etc.) will be marketed to the other mills in the area. Another type of State log source, is, the State itself will hire the logging contractors to harvest the timber and market each species individually at market prices. Tribal landowners will most often hire their own logging contractors and market their logs to area mills.

Lazy S Lumber and Columbia Cedar have always been and continue to be committed to supporting the State and Federal regulations regarding timber harvest. Wildlife habitat and streams & waters health in the areas of re-plantation. We believe this is crucial to the growth of new timber crops for the future cycles of harvest.



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