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# 2017 Colorado Timber Industry Update

**Removing Dead Trees...**



**To Proactively Reduce Fuels**



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- **Processors = Over 70 small sawmills, wood working, post and poles, biomass power, & firewood companies**
- **Logging Contractors = over 60 companies**
- **Log Truck Drivers = over 50 companies**



## Forest products companies have a large economic effect

- Over 1200 direct employees and contractors are paid middle class wages, provided year round employment and benefits – health care
- Produce products valued at more than \$86 million annually
- Companies in 28 counties and are exceptionally important in our highest unemployment counties in Colorado



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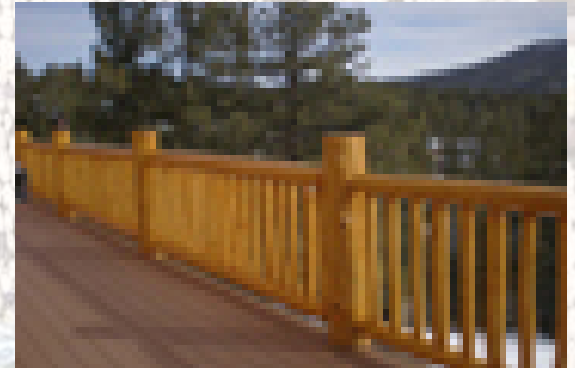
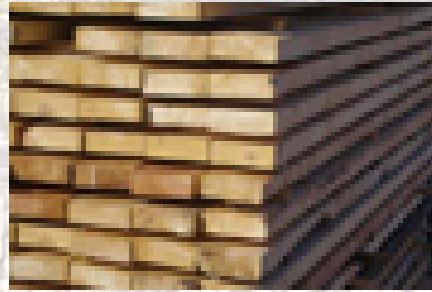
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## *Issues and Concerns*

- 1. Spruce beetle epidemic is far from over and it is critical that efforts are ramped up to salvage this dead material before it deteriorates and is no longer usable. This will help reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires such as the Beaver Creek fire in Jackson County and the Hayden Pass fire in Fremont County.**
- 2. Need to be taking a landscape-level approach to forest management (such as the Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response (SBEADMR) on the GMUG National Forest).**
- 3. 66% of timber used by Colorado forest products companies comes from national forests. We appreciate Region 2 of the FS for meeting their targets. We encourage continued use of the Good Neighbor Authority and the Farm Bill CE insect and disease authority.**
- 4. The continued mortality in the state from insects and disease highlights the need for age and size diversity across the landscape as well as species diversity.**



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cost effective long-term  
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