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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 (most recent year available).¹

In FY 2021, the USDA Forest Service *sold* **544** million cubic feet of wood.²

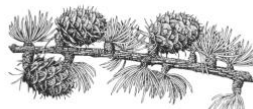
In FY 2022, the USDI Bureau of Land Management *offered for sale* the equivalent of **55** million cubic feet of wood.³

The current total wood production from federal public lands is **599** million cubic feet, or **4%** of total US consumption.

In 2017, **672** million cubic feet of *unprocessed wood* (logs and chips) were *exported* from the United States (latest available figures).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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¹ 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.

² USDA Forest Service. 2020. [Cut and Sold \(New\) CUTS203S: Cumulative FY 2022 Q1 to FY 2022 Q4](#). Original data in hundred cubic feet.

³ USDI Bureau of Land Management 2022. [Public Land Statistics 2021](#). Table 3-12. Original data in thousand board feet and green tons. Per table footnote, the conversion factors used were 1 MBF = 1.6 CCF = 6 tons.

⁴ See Note 1.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.