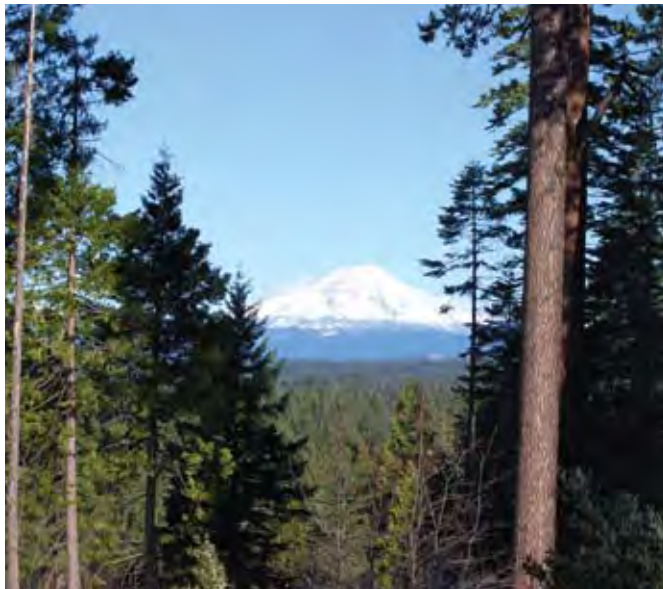


OUR STORY

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Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation, family-owned and operated forest products company based in northern California. With nearly 2 million acres of forestland in California and Washington, Sierra Pacific is the largest private industrial forestland owner in North America.

Sierra Pacific operates 15 sawmills, 8 cogeneration facilities and 4 wood remanufacturing plants in California and Washington, as well as one of the fastest growing wood window companies in the Western United States. We employ nearly 4,500 people.

At Sierra Pacific, we believe that healthy trees, good water quality and enduring wildlife habitat are the natural result of sound forest management practices. Our forest harvesting philosophy is based on extensive scientific research. We have undertaken exhaustive planning to guarantee that we meet or exceed the environmental protection standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) and forestry regulations in California and Washington — the highest standards in the world.

With Professional Foresters and Wildlife Biologists managing our lands on a “sustained yield” basis, Sierra Pacific plants more trees and grows more wood than is harvested every year and ensures protection of wildlife habitat, watercourses and plant life.

Sierra Pacific currently plants over six million conifer seedlings each year on company land. In fact, we will nearly triple the amount of wood growing on our lands in the next 100 years and our average tree diameter will almost double in that time.

Sierra Pacific is an industry leader in technological advances. We use state of the art computerized scanning equipment to assure we are getting the highest yields from our raw materials. Whether in our sawmills or millwork plants, innovative equipment run by highly-skilled operators ensures that we utilize all available wood fiber.

The fiber remaining from one operation becomes the raw material for another, guaranteeing minimal waste. Shavings and chips are pressed into particleboard. Bark is used for various forms of landscape material or converted into boiler fuel for dry kilns and electricity generating plants.

Our 8 cogeneration facilities produce over 150 megawatts of electrical power to operate our mills. The balance is sold to local public utility companies in an effort to reduce our nation's dependence on scarce fossil fuels.

Sierra Pacific is a vertically-integrated company

- We own the forestland and manage it for sustainable growth
- We process the wood in our sawmills
- We convert the shop grade lumber from our sawmills to moulding and millwork (including window and door components) in our millwork facilities
- We assemble the components from our millwork plants into top quality wood windows and doors in our window assembly plants
- We ship the windows and doors to your jobsite on our trucks

Sierra Pacific prides itself on being a good neighbor. For almost 30 years, the Sierra Pacific Foundation has provided scholarship grants and financial support to charitable organizations in the communities where we operate. The Foundation contributes approximately \$500,000 annually to scholarships, educational and community programs.

