

High Cascade Forest, LLC

Carson, Washington

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As is with many companies, High Cascade Forest, LLC, Carson, Washington, is the result of the needs of its parent companies. High Cascade Forest is the sales agent for Wilkins, Kaiser & Olsen Inc. (WKO) and Mt. Hood Forest Products LLC. Located in Carson, Washington it is just 40 miles east of Portland.

Bill Wilkins, Sr. began his career as a logger with his father at Goldendale Logging near the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington. With logging in his heritage, Bill moved to Carson, Washington and began a logging company (WKO) in 1962. A few years later the company added a veneer mill. Today the company is 100 percent family owned by Bill Sr. and his two sons and daughter (Brad, Bill and Deborah).



Aerial view of Wilkins, Kaiser & Olsen Inc. (WKO).

Mt. Hood log buyers are constantly looking for and purchasing high quality saw logs ranging in diameter from 5" thru 40" and lengths from 16' thru 40'.

A second mill, Mt Hood Forest Products, LLC, was acquired in 2001 and retooled and modernized in 2004 and 2005. Mt Hood Forest Products, LLC is located south of Hood River, Oregon. The state-of-the-art facility produces high quality green Douglas Fir 2X4 and 2X6 dimensional lumber and produces 100 million board feet annually on a one shift basis.

Throughout the milling process, optimization of systems and controls are used to ensure the accuracy of each cut and full utilization of the entire log. At WKO the kiln drying process utilizes a wood fired boiler for steam production to be used in its four dry kilns. Throughout the process the



Aerial view of Mt Hood Forest Products, LLC.

Built in 1972, the WKO mill is state-of-the-art, with dry kilns and a planner mill that specializes in high quality kiln dried dimension lumber and green timbers. WKO runs a mix of specie of 50% Douglas Fir, 45 % White-Fir and 5% Ponderosa Pine. WKO produces 130 million board feet annually on a one shift basis.

WKO purchases Douglas Fir, White Fir and Ponderosa Pine, while Mt. Hood purchases 100% Douglas fir. All logs purchased are weighed and scaled by the Yamhill Scaling Bureau or the Columbia River Log Scaling Bureau, third-party, independent organizations. Logs purchases are paid weekly, complete with all sort and scale data. WKO and



WKO and Mt Hood Forest Products use state-of-the art equipment.

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steam and moisture enters the kilns to prevent the lumber from checking or warping, ensuring the highest quality lumber for customers.

By-products which include chips, shavings, sawdust and bark are sold to outside vendors for use in various products such as paper, wood pellets and beauty bark or used within the mills own system for hog fuel to fuel its dry kilns.

At the planer mill lumber is planed, then graded by Timber Products Inspection Bureau certified graders (who work under WCLIB rulebook #17), sorted to length and grade. Units of dimensional lumber are banded with plastic straps with bunks attached for ease of handling. All kiln dried lumber is wrapped with waterproof paper wrap for protection from



Peeled logs begin the processing.

rain and sun. The green lumber is sprayed with red end seal which protects the lumber and makes for a quality presentation of the product. All these processes combine to result in a high quality product that benefits its customers and in turn benefits their customers.

High Cascade products are produced from timber grown in the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington and Oregon. The Cascade Mountain Range is renowned for its extremely high quality logs with strength and appearance that set them apart from timber grown in other areas.

High Cascade has a highly qualified sales staff including



MT Hood products, ready for delivery.

Sales Manager Brad Buhman who started with High Cascade in 1975, Assistant Sales Manager Scott Cranfill who started with High Cascade in 1979 and Traffic and Accounts specialist Susan York who has been with the company for over 13 years. Brad and Scott both have vast knowledge of the inner working of the mills, thus giving them the ability to answer customer questions and help with any special projects.

In combination, WKO, Mount Hood Forest Products, and High Cascade employ over 150 men and women in their local area.

Adaptability to changing markets is a key component at High Cascade, they are willing to listen to the needs of customers and work to accommodate those needs. The quality of High Cascade products is of the utmost importance to its customers.



Measuring in the log yard.

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