

Hunt's Timbers, Inc.

St. Ignatius, Montana

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Hunt's Timbers mill, in St. Ignatius, Montana, is a family owned & operated business. Four generations of experience provide the company with a strong working knowledge of the lumber and timber industry. Ernest (Ernie) and Jacqueline Hunt founded the company in 1978, and the facility stands in the same location today. Their children Robert, Julie & Rusty all worked hard to establish the family business in the early years. Over the decades Hunt's Timbers' growth and success exceeded Ernie's expectations. In 2008 Ernie Hunt passed away but left behind a legacy of integrity and family values which is integrated into all of Hunt's Timbers' quality products and employee relations today. Ernie was always very proud of what Hunt's Timbers became. Now owned and operated by brothers Robert & Rusty Hunt, the company continues the wood traditions established by their father.



*Welcome to Hunt's Timbers,
producing authentic circular sawn lumber.*



Sawing wane edge pine.

Hunt's is one of the few lumber sawmills remaining who use an authentic circular saw to cut its wood and authentically hand hew its beams and timbers with an adze. Many modern mills have switched to using the band saw and other machinery to cut back on costs and must use a simulator to mimic the look of circular sawn wood and hand hewn timbers. Hunt's Timbers assures the quality and authenticity of hand crafted products. The end result is a superior product.

Hunt's Timbers currently employs up to 15 employees including, its first original employee, Joe Ross. Joe has been with Hunt's for over 35 years and continues to be the head sawyer. Joe is the most skilled and experienced sawyer there is in the country according to the Hunt's staff.

Hunt's produces many different lumber and wood products including: rough or surfaced timbers, beams, planks, siding, paneling, decking, circular sawn flooring and most any custom cut. Products also included treated and untreated posts, rails, barn poles, timbers and specialty logs. The by-products of the milling process provide bark, mulch and livestock bedding for landscape and agricultural purposes.

A special and unique feature of the sawmill and products is the authentic circular sawn cut wood. It's how Hunt's started and how it continues today.

Hunt's sells retail and wholesale so, no matter what the project, from the grandest size building to only a single board, the company can accommodate any and all lumber needs with expertise. The smallest order completed was for one piece of



Freshly harvested logs headed to the mill.

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rough sawn blue stain pine (2" x 8" x 8") that the customer needed to mount a ceiling fan. Customers who stop in during business hours enjoy the friendly atmosphere as experienced staff members help fill their orders. The customer can view the quality wood products and enjoy the customer service or on the "right day" they may even get a plant tour!

Delivery to the project site is also available. The company takes extra special care handling all products to ensure that they arrive at their destination in the condition they were meant to.



Very special logs and timbers were needed for this outstanding entry.

turn of the 19th Century. The cool waters have preserved these historic specimens for more than 100 years. Today the logs are being recovered by Northwest Management Inc., and although Hunt's Timbers is not doing the actual log recovery, it has had the privilege to custom cut many of these logs into wood products. Reclaimed materials such as these have several advantages, the first being the unique beauty of reclaimed



Circular sawn timbers create a dramatic effect.



This Beaver Lake, Arkansas home features circle sawn fir beams and decking.

From the beginning process of logging the trees, to delivering the final quality product to the customer site, Hunt's Timbers knowledge and expertise is provided. Shipping premium quality products is also available to any state. One of the most interesting and challenging deliveries developed during a couple of snowstorms, the driver had to meet a helicopter to fly the units of lumber to 9,500 feet up the mountain to its final destination.

Hunt's Timbers has the opportunity to work with Northwest Management, Inc. to harvest many giant logs that were cut down and sank to the bottom of Flathead Lake during the



This impressive Montana archway, built by Greg Bain and Company, features 18" X 18" Fir timbers.

wood. Time, markings from the past, weather and wear create patina, depth and history unlike any other material. In addition to their beauty, antique woods make any project a living piece of history.

If you are in the St. Ignatius area, be sure to stop by and visit with Rusty and Robert and their team.

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