

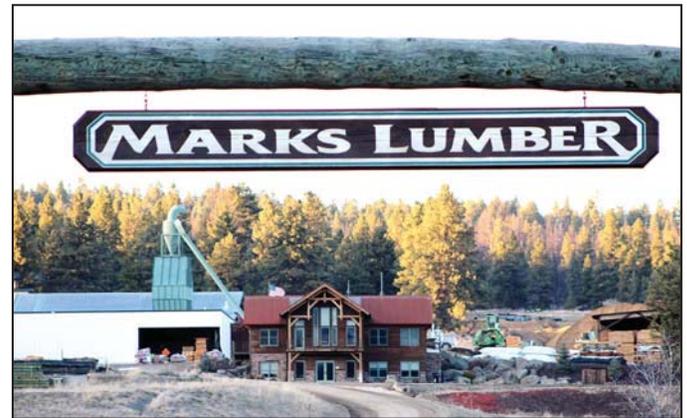
Marks Lumber

Clancy, Montana

TPM Member since 2006



Marks Lumber is a longstanding, family owned sawmill in Clancy, Montana, where owner/operator Steve Marks and his wife, Laura, are proud to carry on over 75 years of Marks family tradition. Marks Lumber has carved out a niche by producing and marketing specialty lumber products including beams, timbers, rough lumber, flooring, siding, paneling, and other planed products. Marks Lumber also constructs timber frames, log archways, and other specialty log projects. They will even do the installation! From project design to developing accurate estimates; from providing material to providing guidance for maintenance of that material - the Marks Lumber team is with you every step of the way.



Marks Lumber produces quality, specialty forest products including timbers, rough-sawn boards, circle-sawn flooring, and natural wood siding products.



At work on a custom grinding project, the whole log is utilized to develop commercially viable products.

Marks Lumber capitalizes on “the Montana look,” making the most of distinctive wood grain and coloration to please customers who regard Big Sky Country as something to be reflected in their individual tastes and homes. Their signature piece is circle-sawn, end-matched Douglas fir tongue and groove flooring. Customers seek the soft red tones of the Douglas fir and the patterns that the circular saw method creates. Marks Lumber grew its reputation turning out tongue-and-groove flooring, massive beams, and a variety of accent pieces that continue to be popular in log and timber frame homes and businesses. When the

company built its new headquarters, the building served as a showcase for the type of products Marks Lumber could deliver. Steve and Laura’s son, Cody, who they regard as a true artisan, did the building’s design and construction, incorporating the Montana look throughout. Cody works with his Dad in many aspects of the business and is especially valuable in the timber framing and specialty log projects.

In addition to providing top quality lumber products, Marks Lumber provides quality jobs for their team and works with quality foresters using Best Management Practices to harvest timber in a sustainable and ecologically friendly fashion.



Big beautiful sky over the Marks Lumber yard.

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Marks Lumber utilizes every part of the log, producing commercially viable products that include firewood, colored mulch, bark, sawdust, planer shavings, hog fuel, and certified engineered wood fiber. Much of the product is ground in the woods from Marks' logging projects and shipped to a ready-and-waiting market. There is an insurmountable pile of the 'red and dead' and Marks Lumber capitalizes on that. Marks Lumber has a B66 grinder and other equipment that makes the company versatile. New opportunities keep coming along and Marks Lumber just keeps reinventing itself, adapting to the changing times and fickle markets.



Durable circle sawn Douglas Fir flooring is perfect to provide that rugged western look.



Marks Lumber has deep Timber Frame experience.

Marks Lumber is just one small mill trying to continue to support responsible forestry that makes all our lives better. Quality Forests can mean different things to different people, but Marks Lumber believes in multiple use. Members of the Marks Lumber team are avid outdoors people who enjoy hiking, biking, back country skiing, fishing, and hunting, to name a few. Modern harvest techniques allow timber to be harvested in a fashion that provides economic opportunity in the form of beautiful timber products and useful by-products, but leaves behind healthy forests for all of us to live and play in. As the third generation of his family to work in the timber industry, Steve combined the work ethic of the

past century with the thinking, practices and equipment of the 21st century to keep his valuable 22-person work crew working despite the economy's wild ride.

Part of the Marks Lumber success story is its original business plan. Although his father and grandfather had operated small mills to supplement ranching, Steve set out in 1989, to make wood products his first priority when ranching turned sour. He went into this as a full-fledged business, not wanting to get into commodity type production but to operate as a specialty mill. Those specialty products are now a part of many homes and businesses in Montana, and many other states as well.



Board and Batten Siding provides the "Montana Look."

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