

Joint statement of:

Alaska Lumbermen's Association

Alaska Logger's Association

Ketchikan Pulp Company

Alaska Lumber & Pulp Company

Alaska Banker's Association

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Governor of Alaska's Timber Task Force

The State of Alaska

On Log Exports From Alaska

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1. Long standing and historic policy of U.S. Forest Service and State of Alaska prohibiting export of round log spruce and hemlock from either National Forest or State lands in Alaska is responsible for the development of a stable, vigorous, and expanding primary manufacturing timber industry in Alaska presently based upon the manufacture of pulp, lumber, and other wood products.
2. Export of round logs from Alaska will wipe out the existing Alaska timber industry and will frustrate steps now being taken by industry to open Alaska's forests to their fullest development.
3. Contrary to popular belief outside of Alaska, there is no surplus of timber on National Forest lands in Alaska. If an additional 700 million board feet per year is available to the Alaskan timber industry on a sustained yield basis from these lands, the industry is prepared to absorb this cut into its primary manufacturing processes. In any event, the industry is willing to absorb and has long asked for the full harvest of the allowable cut on a sustained yield basis which looks to the highest and best use of these forests through the development of a fully integrated timber industry based upon primary manufacture.