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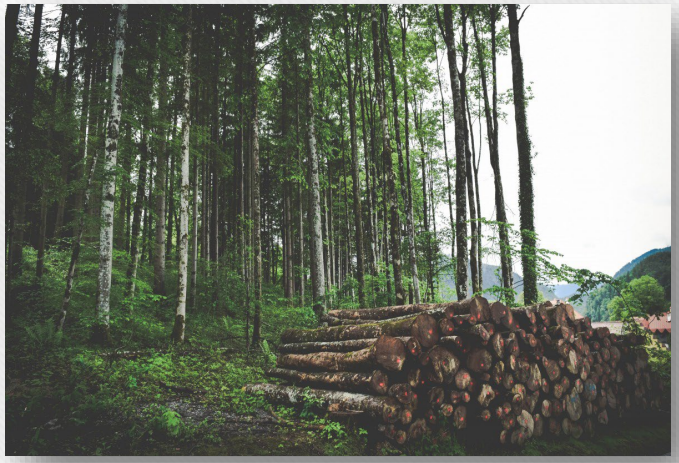
Mission Statement

We are dedicated to the practice of sustainable forestry, which provides the goods and services we demand without compromising the opportunity to provide the same goods and services for future generations.



Objectives

Offer programs that reduce operating costs to improve the profitability of member firms.

Acquire greater exposure and understanding of the issues and yet untapped economic potential of Michigan's forest industry.

Provide Michigan's forest industry effective representation with legislators and government officials to favorably influence public policy and legislation.

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Member Support Services

Business growth – connections, networking

Succession planning

Public relations / storytelling

Benefits and discounts

Master Logger program

Scholarship programs and educational outreach

2025 Ice Storm – Industry Impacts and Priorities

Support and funding for storm cleanup and replanting of red pine plantations.

- The ice storm caused catastrophic destruction of red pine plantations, a core component of Michigan's forest economy.
- Large volumes of slash (tree tops, limbs) left on the ground may significantly complicate or delay replanting efforts without coordinated cleanup and support.

2025 Ice Storm – Industry Impacts and Priorities

Coordination with mills to manage oversupply issues and reduce State timber sale abandonment

- Mills are nearing capacity to accept salvage timber. If mills stop accepting wood, producers may still be obligated to harvest timber sales they cannot move, putting them at financial risk.
- Timber sale extensions are necessary in other parts of the state in order to allow for greater flexibility. The DNR has pledged to work with the industry in this regard.

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Development of long-term red pine management strategies to stabilize the market and protect jobs.

- Downed timber is deteriorating more quickly than forest producers can Without a contingency plan, producers may be forced to abandon sales, leading to contractual, environmental, and economic problems.
- The future availability of red pine sales is uncertain. A drastic reduction in red pine offered for harvest would have major impacts on mills, contractors, and forest products businesses who depend on steady supply.
- Michigan's timber industry needs to be confident that Red Pine and other commercially managed species will be available over the next 50 year in order to continue investing in Michigan.

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Industry Priorities – What do we Need?

- Industry needs to be actively involved in recovery and reforestation decision-making to ensure the long-term health of Michigan's forest economy and to guide private investment decisions.
- Substantial replanting funding for the DNR, specifically focused on Red Pine across both peninsulas, due to the substantial ice storm losses.
- A continued effort to strengthen the woody biomass energy and residuals market, our renewable energy resource.