

# MICHIGAN TIMBER INDUSTRY STATISTICS

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Forest Products Council

### MICHIGAN HAS ROUGHLY **20.2 MILLION ACRES** OF FOREST LAND ABOUT 56% OF THE STATE'S LAND BASE





Sawmills, veneer mills, pulp and paper mills, and engineered board manufacturers



Companies that use lumber to make finished goods

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 2023

The forest products industry in Michigan:



TOTAL JOBS SUPPORTED STATEWIDE 88,275



According to the Michigan Secretary of State

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 2023

The forest products industry in Michigan:



in direct business taxes which encompass sales, excise, and property taxes as well as fees, fines, licenses and permits





Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 2019. Forest Products Industries Economics Contributions, Michigan.

According to the House Fiscal Agency



#### FUNDING REFORESTATION OF COMMERCIALLY VIABLE TREE SPECIES — SPECIFICALLY RED PINE — IN MICHIGAN

• Without regrowth, these forests will suffer for decades to come. This is a concern statewide, but has been exacerbated in those areas that were most affected by the ice storms in northern Michigan.

#### **OVER-WIDTH LOGGING EQUIPMENT HAULING DURING ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

- Loggers are struggling to survive equipment moves during the spring when road restrictions are in place, due to disparate county rules, timelines, permit denials, etc., related to moving over-width equipment.
- Log trucks are generally acceptable, but Lowboy trailer movement is getting fined at the county level when moving into and out of work sites. MDOT restricts overweight vehicles but does not restrict over-width on Class A roads during road restrictions. We believe the county roads should be treated the same.

#### PUTTING PARAMETERS ON ANY FUTURE SOLAR OR WIND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON STATE LAND

• The Timbermen oppose industrial-scale solar developments that drive deforestation because they undermine sustainable forest management, displace working woodlands, and threaten rural jobs tied to renewable forest products.

## CREATE A FOREST DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR LOGGERS THAT PROVIDES ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR JOB RETENTION AND JOB GROWTH

• This is a direct result of the \$200 million the state planned to invest to the Billerud paper plant that they gave back after reversing course on their facility upgrades. This money NEEDS to stay within the industry.

