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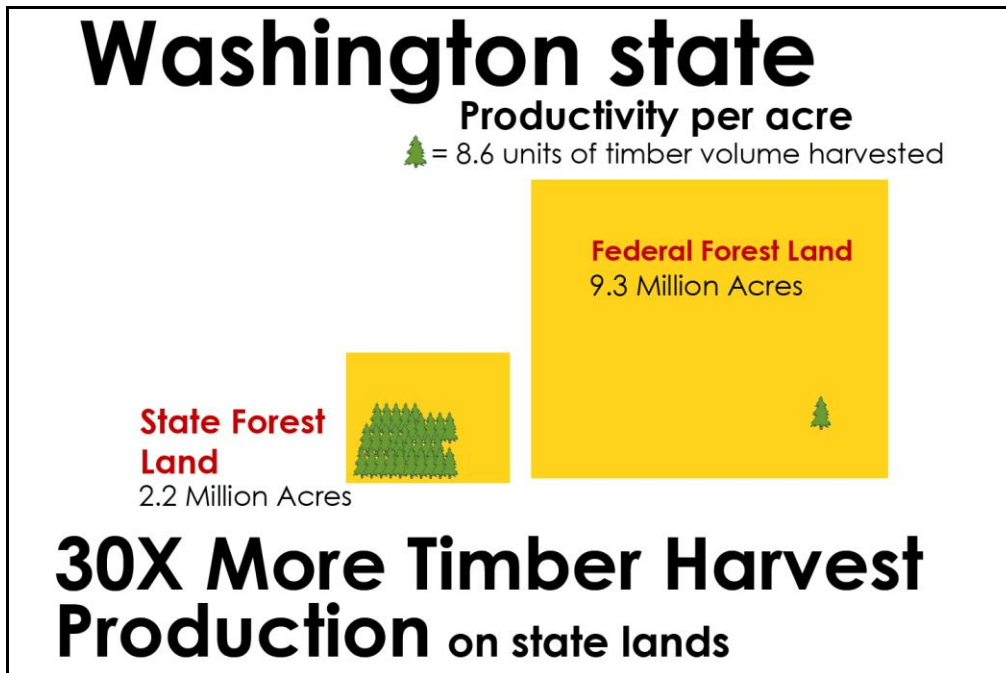
State vs Federal Forest Management

States Achieve Maximum Value from Active Forest Management

Tomorrow, the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation will hold a legislative [hearing](#) on the [Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act](#). This bill would renew the federal government's commitment to manage forest resources for the benefit of rural schools and counties by requiring active forest management.

This proposal follows an [oversight hearing](#) the Subcommittee held in February that examined why states are able to do a much better job of actively managing forest lands compared to the federal government and provided lessons for better management of federal forests. For example, Washington state produces 30 times more volume per acre than the U.S. Forest Service and produces 1283 times more revenue per acre, even though the U.S. Forest Service has 20 times the acreage in forest lands than the state of Washington.

Timber Harvests on Washington State Forest Lands vs Federal Forest Lands



Profitability of Washington State Forest Land vs Federal Forest Land



Washington is not the only state where state forest management is more productive and profitable. Montana produces 19 times more volume per acre than U.S. Forest Service and makes 178 times more revenue per acre. Idaho produces 52 times more volume per acre than the U.S. Forest Service and makes 917 times more revenue per acre.

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