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The Quarter Round



Upcoming Event
Mark Your Calendar!

Wildland Urban Fire Summit
October 14 – 16
Silver City, NM
Learn the latest techniques, strategies, and resources for wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and recovery.

Albuquerque Fall Home Show
Oct 17-18, 2026 10am to 4pm
https://abqhomeshows.com/
At EXPO New Mexico
New Mexico State Fairgrounds
300 San Pedro Dr. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

2026 REGENERATE Stewardship in Action Conference
When: October 28 th -30 th
Where: the Santa Fe Convention Center
The conference will highlight how people are responding to and igniting change through transformative land management practices for resilient ecosystems, land, and communities.

Source Verified Good Wood® - An opportunity to put your name on what you believe.

Source Verified Good Wood offers an opportunity for individuals and businesses to align their name with their beliefs. Through source forest verification and tracking chain-of-custody, the *GoodWood®* program empowers its members to endorse something they truly stand for. We are a collaborative community of open-minded leaders committed to forest stewardship, community well-being, and local economies. GoodWood membership is open to anyone who shares this commitment! Our source-verified branding initiative is accessible and affordable, and we are also the only program that verifies wood from National Forest System lands.

Our **members** gain visibility for their products and their commitment to supporting forests and communities. Our **consumers** demonstrate support for healthier forests and mindful choices with each purchase. Together, we are a committed community finding harmony between forests and commerce. To become a member or find out more about *Source Verified Good Wood* and *GoodWood* products, please visit our website: ***www.goodwoodverified.com***.

GoodWood is eligible to accept donations to support our mission of *Creating healthier, more resilient forests through verification of sustainably harvested and managed products.* To join us in putting your name on what you believe in, make a donation today!

A note from Rachel



As we welcome fall, I'm excited to share another edition of *The Quarter Round*. Each year, Good Wood members make the choice to continue to participate, support the mission and vision of SVGW, and put their name on what they believe! Thank you to our renewing member, Walatowa Timber Industries.

In this edition we share recent activities and news, including a new 20-year Shared Stewardship Agreement between the U.S. Forest Service and the State of New Mexico, insights from Dovetail Partners' recent report on the environmental impacts of data centers, and the growing momentum behind mass timber construction highlighted by the planned University of New Mexico School of Medicine project. We also feature a new LEED pilot credit for Tribally sourced wood and celebrate GoodWood member W.H. Moore Cash Lumber of Hernandez, New Mexico.

GoodWood®: Good for our forests, good for our businesses, good for our communities!

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Recent Activities & News

U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico sign agreement to strengthen long-term partnership

In July, the US Forest Service and the State of New Mexico signed a 20-year shared stewardship agreement aimed at expanding forest restoration, increasing timber production, supporting new wood product markets, and reducing wildfire risk across the state. This agreement builds on the success of the original 2019 agreement by aligning federal and state resources to accelerate restoration efforts in priority landscapes and improve the health of New Mexico's forests.

The agreement recognizes the important connection between active forest management, community protection, and economic opportunity. The partnership seeks to support healthier forests and strengthen rural economies by increasing fuel reduction treatments and create greater opportunities for wood utilization. It also emphasizes protecting critical watersheds, reducing wildfire threats to communities, and expanding the use of wood. Read more here.

Dovetail Partners' Data Centers Reports

Check out Dovetail Partners' report on "Big Data, Data Centers, and their Environmental Impacts". The report examines current and projected environmental impacts of cloud computing and large data centers, highlights technologies for mitigating impacts, and identifies management strategies that businesses and individuals can utilize to reduce their electronic footprints.

The report highlights opportunities to reduce impacts through greater energy efficiency, expanded use of renewable energy, improved cooling systems, and more effective water management. Communities can support thoughtful siting decisions, encourage investment in renewable energy and water-efficient technologies, and engage in planning discussions about data center development. Businesses and individuals can contribute by improving data management practices, reducing unnecessary digital storage, extending the life of electronic devices, and being more mindful of their electronic footprint. These actions can help balance the benefits of a growing digital economy with the need to manage energy and water resources responsibly.

They also released a commentary that builds on the findings from the Data Centers report. You can read the commentary "Big Data, Data Centers, and Their Environmental Impacts - What is the best path forward?" here.

New Mass Timber in New Mexico



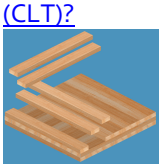
Courtesy of ZGF and McClain + Yu Architecture & Design

A major mass timber project is coming to New Mexico. The University of New Mexico is planning a new 330,000 square foot School of Medicine building in Albuquerque that is expected to use cross-laminated (CLT) as a key construction material.

The project was announced in 2025 and is currently in the planning and design phase, with construction starting in 2027. Earlier this fall, regional partners gathered in Taos, NM to discuss the project. Rachel Wood and four GoodWood member organizations attended. The discussion revolved around opportunities for New Mexico's forest products industry in large-scale construction projects.

Designed by ZGF Architects and McClain + Yu Architecture & Design, the facility will bring together education, research, and training functions within a single campus hub. As one of the largest and most visible mass timber projects in the region, the new medical school has the potential to raise awareness of CLT and demonstrate its viability for large institutional buildings.

What is Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)?



Cross-laminated timber (CLT) is an engineered wood product made by layering dimensional lumber in alternating directions and bonding the layers together. The resulting panels are strong, stable, and capable of serving as walls, floors, and roofs in large buildings. CLT is one of the primary products used in mass timber construction.



As shown in the WoodWorks Innovation Network map, mass timber projects are being developed across the United States and Canada in schools, offices, multifamily housing, and civic buildings. The UNM School of Medicine project adds New Mexico to this growing network and demonstrates the expanding use of mass timber in large institutional construction.

LEED pilot credit for Tribal wood

The Tribally Source Wood pilot credit, published as part of the US Green Building Council (USGBC's) LEED v5 program in July 2026, creates a new pathway for building projects to recognize and support wood products sourced from Tribal lands and Tribal forestry operations. The credit was developed to encourage the use of wood products with environmental benefits and provide meaningful economic and social value to Tribal communities.

According to USGBC, the credit is intended to move beyond traditional certified wood programs by connecting building projects directly to Tribal communities and forest management efforts. The credit defines Tribal Wood as wood sourced from lands owned or managed by federally recognized Tribes or First Nations, including trust lands, Tribally owned lands, and federal lands managed through Tribal co-stewardship agreements.

Projects pursuing the credit must document the source of the wood and complete a case study describing how the procurement of Tribal wood positively impacted the Tribal community where the material originated. The case study includes information on the wood supply chain, project team, sourcing process, and lessons learned, highlighting the importance of transparency, relationship building, and demonstrating real community benefits.

The pilot credit offers one point when at least 25% of a project's wood products are verified as Tribally sourced and two points when that figure reaches 50%, measured by cost, volume, or weight. Project



teams must provide detailed documentation throughout the supply chain, from the Tribal forest source to the final installed product.

For Tribal forestry and wood product manufacturers, the new credit represents a significant opportunity to gain greater visibility within the green building marketplace. The LEED Tribally Sourced Wood pilot credit helps create new market opportunities while supporting sustainable forest management and resilient Tribal communities.

Read more here: https://www.usgbc.org/credits/new-construction-core-and-shell-commercial-interiors/v5/mrpc197?return=%2Fcredits%2FNew%20Construction%2Fv5

W.H. Moore Cash Lumber in Hernandez, NM

W.H. Moore Cash Lumber has been serving customers in northern New Mexico for more than 40 years. Located in Hernandez, New Mexico, the family-owned company is led by Bill Moore and produces a variety of lumber and timber products for residential, commercial, and specialty projects. For the past 20 years Andrea Moore (Bill's daughter and business partner) is the kind voice people hear on the phone and in the office. She gives pricing, time frames, availability and other information a person might need. Her system helps tremendously to make things flow. She also keeps the books, payroll and all other tasks needed to keep the office in order. Without her the company wouldn't function.

As a GoodWood member since 2024, the company is part of a network committed to supporting locally sourced wood products and responsible forest management.

The business was established in 1981 after the Moore family relocated to New Mexico and built a sawmill in Hernandez. They developed an operation that combined timber harvesting and wood processing. Over the years, the company expanded its capabilities and product offerings to meet changing customer needs. Today, W.H. Moore Cash Lumber produces lumber, beams, vigas, and custom-cut timber, and firewood for both wholesale and retail customers. The company added viga production in 2009 and later invested in firewood processing equipment to make use of additional material brought into the mill.

The company sources timber through logging operations that follow environmental regulations and sustainable harvesting practices. By processing locally sourced logs into products used throughout the region, W.H. Moore Cash Lumber supports forest management activities and contributes to the local economy.

As a GoodWood member, W.H. Moore Cash Lumber reflects the program's focus on responsible sourcing, local manufacturing, and supporting markets for wood products produced in New Mexico.



To learn more about W.H. Moore Cash Lumber visit their website: https://www.whmoorelumber.com/

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