



University of Alaska

Land Management Business

Timber - Fact Sheet

Land Endowment Management

The University of Alaska (UA), a Land Grant Institution established by Act of Congress in 1915, received federal lands to support its educational mission. This includes development of timber sales, oil, gas, mineral leases; as well as recreational, research, and commercial land use. Revenue from these activities supports UA's Land Grant Trust Endowment. The endowment has helped provide an education for thousands of Alaskan students.

Forest Resources Key for University

Alaska's forested lands are a renewable asset that help sustain our university. Forestry has provided over \$50 million to the trust since 1987, and generates a great return on investment for UA. Timber sales are driven by market conditions, and have even included second growth harvests in southeast and interior Alaska. Through UA's stewardship, its forest stands regenerate and are an important sustainable asset for the University.

Successes - Edna Bay, Kosciusko Island

Initially many locals opposed area timber harvests. Working with the community created a strong partnership. Residents ultimately gave strong support, and have become advocates of university forest management. The university's leadership on timber sales enabled other partners to participate and share assets. In 2017, the Edna Bay Community hosted a "Logging Picnic" in appreciation for timber harvests. Now three years later, Edna Bay is a model for positive stewardship, partnerships, and local benefits, including:

- Added 20% More Jobs
- Roads Improved
- New Bridge Funded
- Less Unemployment
- Became 2nd Class City
- Dock Infrastructure
- Harvest Shore Buffers
- Picnic Day Use Area
- Firewood for Elders
- 1st Alaska Good Neighbor Authority Enabled Many Sustainable Partnership

UA Investment Designated Properties w/Fee Simple and Surface Rights

Highest/Best Uses	Acres	Number of Properties	% Holdings
Timber	24,954.0	65.0	18.0%
Land - Remote Recreation	24,683.8	169.0	17.8%
Material	19,118.1	18.0	13.8%
Land - Residential	17,571.0	1,389.0	12.7%
Mitigation - Wetlands	14,366.9	48.0	10.4%
Oil & Gas	12,476.8	41.0	9.0%
Mineral	8,844.4	16.0	6.4%
Firewood	6,595.6	16.0	4.8%
Land - Commercial	5,411.4	82.0	3.9%
Land - Waterfront Development	2,026.9	32.0	1.5%
Land - Commercial Recreation	1,255.3	10.0	0.9%
Land - Restriction	572.8	6.0	0.4%
Mitigation - Conservation	500.0	1.0	0.4%
Revenue Commerical Property	77.3	4.0	0.1%
Total:	138,454.2	1,897.0	100.0%

South Mitkof, Wrangell Narrows

Located near Petersburg, this timber sale added local jobs and protected a public boat launch and road. UA's selective harvest also preserved existing view-sheds.

Blank Inlet, Ketchikan

UA's timber sale utilized helicopter logging at the Gravina Island South. This enabled the Ketchikan Gateway Borough to harvest their timber and gain needed revenue. The combined efforts provided local jobs, benefits to local businesses, and helped the region economy.