

## **WOOD SUPPLY NEEDED (as of 10-22-15) – fact sheet for landowners and foresters**

Reindeer Ranch (RR) is a Colorado company that uses Colorado trees and wood products to create holiday decorations. RR products are sold through a variety of retail locations, and also as fund-raising activities to organizations. RR product sales have continued to grow yearly and they anticipate continued needs for wood from Colorado forest management.

The company is looking to identify a continuing and expanded wood supply for their growing business. Wood is taken to their current manufacturing site in Greeley, Colorado. Their primary supply location has been from forest thinning of regenerating patch cuts, and salvage of pine beetle-killed trees, on the State Forest near Gould, an approximately 2.5 hour distance to Greeley. There is a year-round need and delivery for wood materials, but the company also tries to establish a supply at it's plant to prevent shortages due to snow, wet weather, etc...

RR utilizes the following wood products and volumes:

1 to 4 inch diameter green or standing dead trees, 10-20 feet tall and generally straight, preferably with few branches and small crowns. Lodgepole pine is the preferred species, but other conifer species may be suitable as well. The company currently utilizes about 400,000 linear feet of these size trees/year.

4 to 16 inch diameter green or standing dead trees are also used, with limbs and tops removed, but in smaller volumes. Lodgepole pine is the preferred species, but other conifer species may be suitable as well. Length of wood is variable, but preferred at 16 to 18 feet to minimize handling time.

RR is currently paying approximately 3 cents per linear foot for the 1 to 4 inch diameter wood that it harvests and transports to their plant. This price is based upon having access to harvesting sites on 2 or 4 wheel drive roads with a large pickup and 16-18 foot trailer (for 8,000 to 10,000 feet of logs). Some product can be moved by RR to road side using their UTV with a winch – but distances would need to be addressed in their planning before purchasing.

Prices and methods to obtain larger wood products are variable and need to be discussed with RR.

RR is open to different options to obtain wood products, particularly the 1 to 4 inch logs:

- RR can harvest and transport the logs themselves.
- RR can load and transport wood that has been cut and decked along access roads.
- RR can receive wood at its plant in Greeley, CO.

Landowners and foresters who may have suitable sites with these wood products should contact RR directly:

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# About Reindeer Ranch



All Reindeer Ranch products are Handmade. No two are alike and thus each is its own unique piece of art. We cut our wood under contract of the Colorado State Forest Service's program to mitigate and control the natural forests in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Our products are all made of recycled trees from this effort.

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