

A View from the Forest Products Sector



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- What does this all mean?
  - ATC's northern umbrella plan was important to stable delivery of power in the U.P.
  - It's on-going collaborative planning process should help provide new economic growth
  - Uncertainty over RPS, Cap'n Trade, and carbon sequestration delay important decisions
  - Failure to aggressively manage forests, particularly public forests
  - Dollars and cents matter so does common sense



# \$12.8 Billion – Shipments



154,000+ Jobs



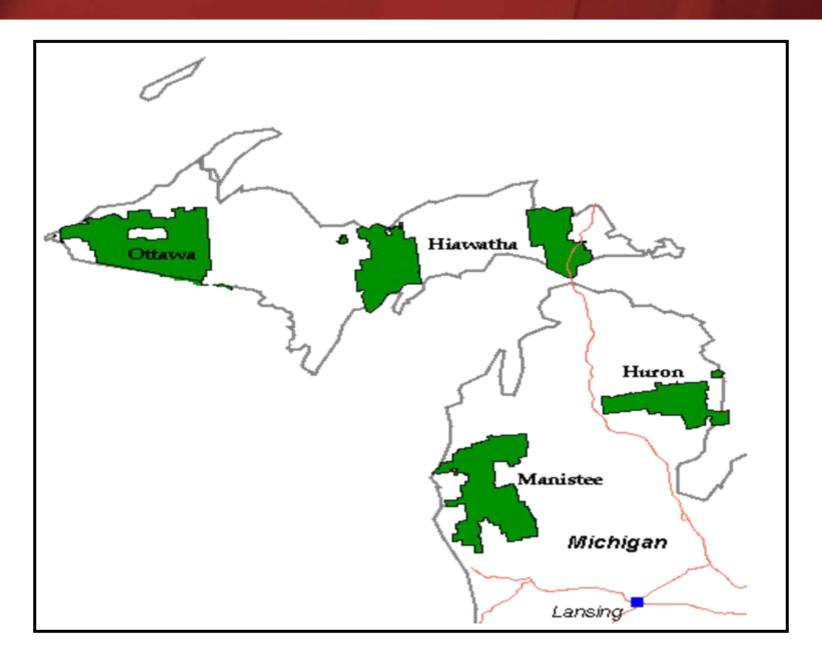
### \$51 Billion + Direct/Indirect

Employment	154,000+
Wages	\$2.9 Billion
Value of Shipments	\$12.8 Billion
Direct + Indirect Economic Impact	\$51 Billion+
# Business Units	3,098

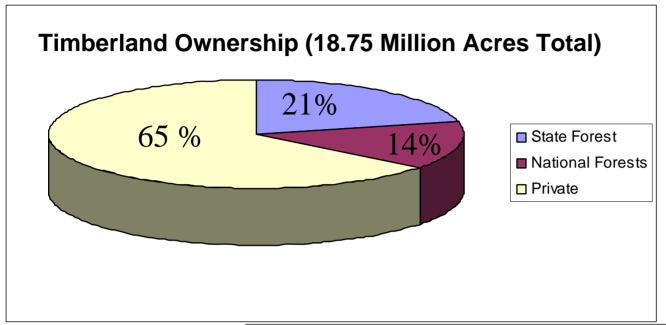
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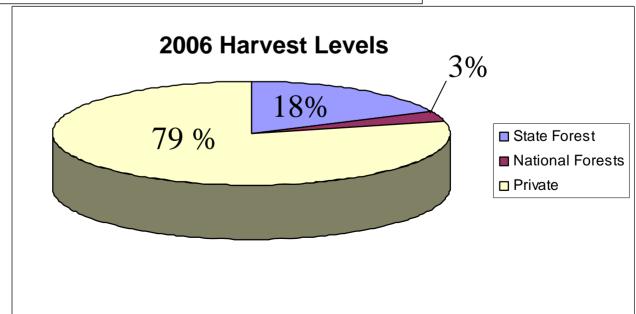
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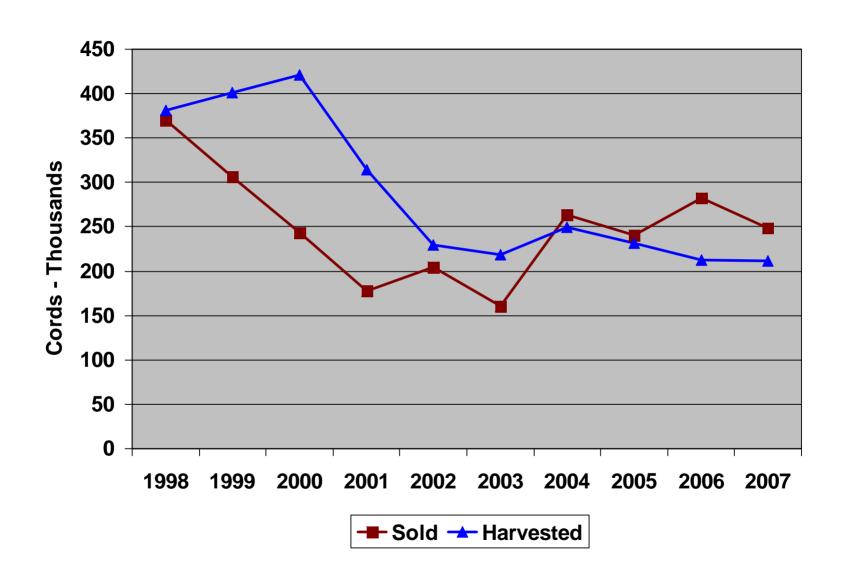


# **Ongoing Fiber Supply Crisis**



- Declining public timber sales
- Increasing competition
- RPS driving biomass conversions / new construction
- Government incentives driving other alternatives
- Forest Management is deteriorating
- We are losing suppliers and will be challenged to replace them

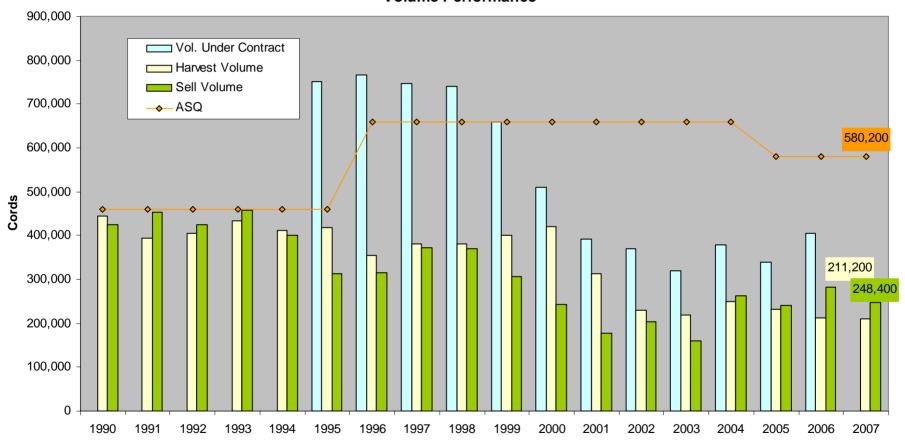




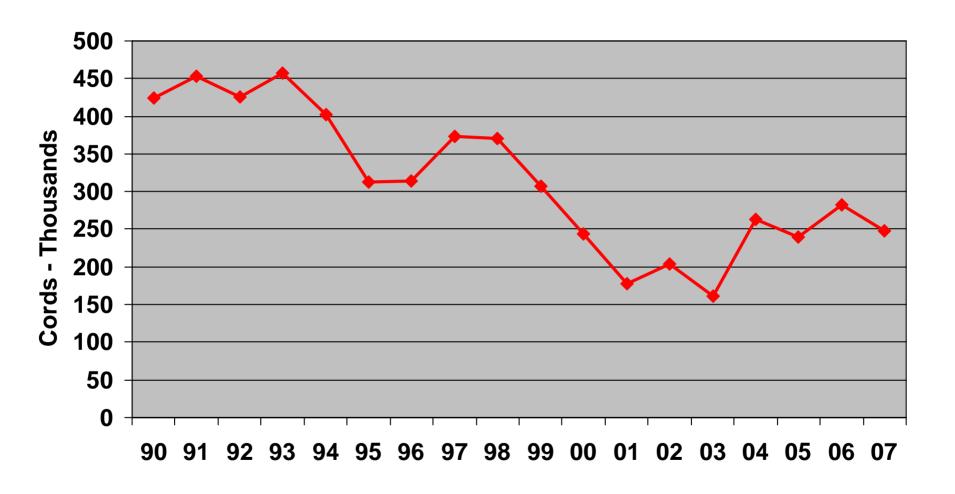
### Michigan National Forest Volume Performance











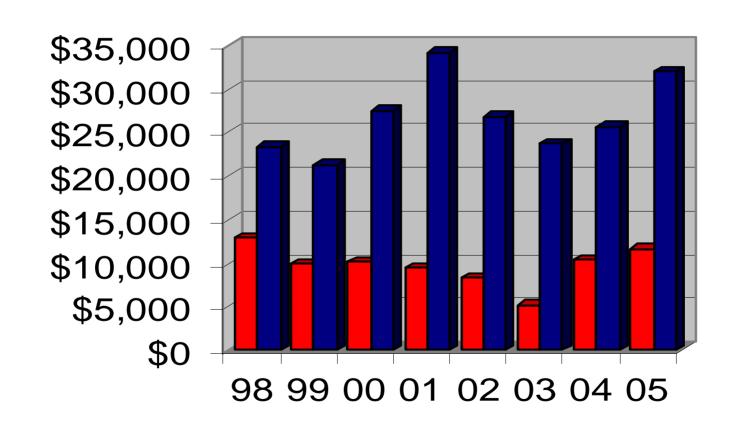
# Why Does This Matter?



- It's the economy, stupid!
- Utilities, industry being forced to meet RPS, have REC's
- Simultaneously, federal and state governments reduce a hold steady on fiber and biomass' availability
- Long-term, good economics trump poor incentives or bad mandates
- Playing field must be level

■ Potential \$ at ASQ





■ Sold