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Port Orford Cedar has earned a reputation for its strength and decay-resistance throughout time. The strongest of all the cedar products, historically it has been the preferred wood for building boats, railroad ties, and fence posts. Because of its strength, durability and natural decay-resistance, POC is the ideal wood for timbers. Known for beauty and structural integrity, POC is useful for both indoor and outdoor applications.

POC is a lightly colored wood, allowing it to accept stains nicely. And with a fine texture, straight grain, and pleasant, sweet-spicy scent, it's an excellent choice for interior woodwork. Port Orford Cedar is exceptionally strong for a softwood. In tests for crushing strength, bending, shear strength and side hardness, Port Orford outperformed all other cedars and Redwood. Port Orford is specifically 45% stronger than Redwood or Western Red Cedar in impact bending and 30% stronger in crushing strength.



Top: 4x16 Port Orford Cedar Timbers ready to be shipped from our Yard. Bottom: Port Orford Cedar Timbers Clear Grade detail.

Bear Creek Lumber has on inventory this hard-to-find specie in sizes ranging from 2x6 to 2x12, 4x6 up to 4x12, and some 6x timbers in limited availability. Call us at 1.800.597.7191 and talk to one of our salesman to get pricing and shipping quotes. Buy today at winter prices and we will hold your order at no charge, for delivery in the spring.

Left: The Kilroy Home In Hawaii has POC timbers and POC tongue and groove siding.



Witkowski Remodel

Thank you to our building partners:

Desert Dog Designs - WSA Construction 509.997.0606

Cascade Concrete 509.996.2435

North Cascades Building Supply 509.996.2251

Cascade Foam Coatings 509.996.2803

Individual Thanks to:

Jim Laskey, Peter Wallis, Don Willson, Paul Parsons,
Dave Dunn, Wayne Reece, Paul White

List of Bear Creek Materials used:

Ipe - decking and railing

Western Red Cedar - siding, trim, posts

Hemlock - railing

Engleman Spruce / Lodgepole Pine - roof decking

Douglas Fir - timbers, posts, rafters and doors

Sapele - stairs

Port Orford Cedar - paneling

Alaskan Yellow Cedar - rail cap



Visit our website to see more pictures:
www.bearcreeklumber.com/featured/

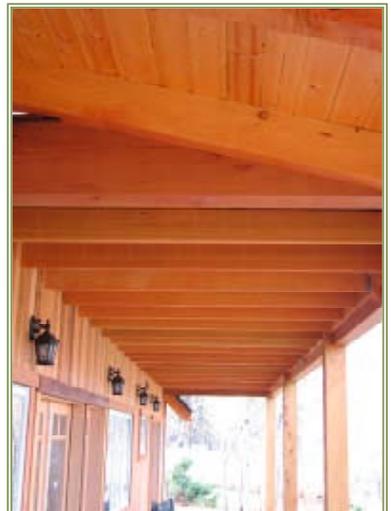




Left: Douglas Fir Posts and soffit. Center: A Hemlock rail cap, with Ipe railing connects to a ~~Western red cedar Post.~~
 Top Right: Port Orford ~~cedar Interior~~ paneling. Middle: Generous porches that wrap around with Ipe decking.



Opposite page: Before and after pictures of what Bear Creek Lumber can do for your remodel. Below: Ipe hardwood decking is beautiful and is one of the hardest decking materials available. It is also fire and rot resistant, making it an excellent investment. James finished the Ipe with a couple coats of Seafin. Right: Douglas Fir rafters.



New Web Site to ~~launch~~ January 1st, 2007

Bear Creek Lumber is proud to announce the launch of its new website, coinciding with its 30 Year Anniversary. Hector Bianchi, our webmaster has been busy redesigning and adding features to our site. Easier navigation, a search box to help you find what you are looking for, and more pictures of products and projects are among the new features. We are adding a blog to keep you up-to-date on industry news, new inventory and specials. Please feel free to send us your comments at hector@bearcreeklumber.com. We hope you enjoy our new site!



Lumber Industry: Reflecting on the last 30 years.

The timber industry has weathered many changes over the last three decades; from clear cut logging in the 1970's to shutting down forests to protect endangered species. The practices of logging have seen many debates. As Bear Creek Lumber enters into its 30 Year Anniversary, we take a look back at some of the issues that sculpted the timber industry to where it is today.

In the 1970's, the logging and timber industry was at an all time high, with one logger out of California, reporting to have harvested 13,300,000 board feet in one year. The majority of the lumber harvested during this time period was done so by clear cutting. Congress and other environmental groups saw the potential devastation that these clear cutting practices were causing, and implemented the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976. The NFMA was created to place a system for better forest management, resulting from debates over the legality of clear-cut logging. In an effort to help protect the national forests from excessive logging, congress order the U.S. Forest Service to create regulations that would limit the size of clear cut swaths, protect streams, restrict the annual rate of cutting and ensure prompt reforestation and replanting. The NFMA also required the Secretary of Agriculture to review forest lands, and develop a management program based on multiple-use, sustained-yield principles and to implement a resource management plan for each of the units within the National Forest System.

"The days have ended when the forest may be viewed only as trees and trees viewed only as timber. The soil and water, the grasses and shrubs, the fish and the wildlife, and the beauty of the forest must become an integral part of the resource manager's thinking and actions." ~ Senator Hubert Humphrey, 1976

By the mid 1980's and early 1990's, organizations that supported Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act began showing interest in protecting both public and private forestlands. During this time the timber industry was still going strong, harvesting around 12.6 billion board feet, while replanting nearly 2.5 million acres. In 1999, 2,663,569 acres had been replanted on both public and private lands with 1.7 billion seedlings being replanted on U.S. forestlands. By 2000 there were 81,365,552 tree farms, which companies like Boise Cascade and Weyerhaeuser harvested from. Today, companies like these take a strict stand on replenishing and managing timber as a natural resource, and many have joined efforts with the EPA in protecting air and water quality, as well as promoting reusing and recycling wood products.

While we look ahead toward the future of the timber industry, its important to remember that we are all working toward the same common goal; providing a safe and beautiful place to recreate, while managing a renewable resource that will help the economy for years to come.

Check back next month for our reflection on Bear Creek Lumber's thirty years in business anniversary.





If you would like to order any of these products simply indicate quantities and mail or fax this form to us. Our fax number is 1-509-997-2040 . A salesperson will contact you with a shipping quote and arrange payment options to complete the order.

Your Information - please complete so we can contact you to finalize the order.

Full Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ State _____
Comments _____



Tongue and Groove Roof Decking, Paneling, Siding and Single Wall construction

- 2X6 PORT ORFORD STANDARD AND BETTER T&G V2E \$1.49 LF _____ BF
- 2X6 INCENSE CEDAR STANDARD AND BETTER T&G V2E \$.89 LF _____ LF
- 2X6 WESTERN RED CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT T&G V2E \$2.49 LF _____ LF
- 2X6 ALASKAN YELLOW CEDAR STANDARD AND BETTER T&G V2E \$1.69 LF _____ LF
- 2X6 ALASKAN YELLOW CEDAR CONSTRUCTION COMMON T&G V2E \$.90 LF _____ LF
- 2X6 SPRUCE/PINE #2 & BETTER T&G V2E \$.65 LF _____ LF
- 2X6 DOUGLAS FIR SELECT DECK T&G V2E \$1.35 LF _____ LF
- 1X6 WESTERN RED CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT T&G V4E SANDED FACE \$1.20 LF _____ LF
- 1X6 WESTERN RED CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT T&G V4E SAWN FINISH \$.80 LF (8' & 10') _____ LF
- 1X6 PORT ORFORD CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT T&G V4E SMOOTH FACE \$1.30 LF _____ LF
- 1X5 ALASKAN YELLOW CEDAR CLEAR T&G V4E SMOOTH FACE \$1.60 LF _____ LF
- 1X4 WESTERN RED CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT T&G V4E SMOOTH AND SAWN FINISH \$.50 LF _____ LF

Bevel Siding

- 5/4X8 WESTERN RED CEDAR CLEAR SAWN FINISH RABBETTED BEVEL \$1.33 LF _____ LF
- 3/4X10 WESTERN RED CEDAR CLEAR SAWN FINISH BEVEL \$1.99 LF _____ LF
- 11/16X6 WESTERN RED CEDAR SELECT TIGHT KNOT SAWN FINISH BEVEL \$.58 LF _____ LF
- 1/2X8 WESTERN RED CEDAR CLEAR SAWN TEXTURE \$1.13 LF _____ LF

Flooring

- 1X3 DOUGLAS FIR CLEAR VERTICAL GRAIN T&G \$3.99 SQFT _____ SF
- 1X6 DOUGLAS FIR CLEAR T&G \$3.50 SQFT _____ SF
- 1X3 JATOBA CLEAR T&G E/M \$4.95 SQFT _____ LF

Rough Cut Clear Timbers

PORT ORFORD CEDAR 4X6 THROUGH 4X12 SOME 6X PLEASE CALL FOR PRICES.
WESTERN RED CEDAR 4X4 UP TO 11X11 STARTING AT \$4.00 PER BOARD FOOT.



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Left: Sapele Boards. This hardwood is excellent for flooring and paneling.

Above: S2S Mahogany slabs.

Right: Rough Cut 8/4 and 4/4 Teak boards, ready to ship.