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BBER OFFERS DIRECTORY OF MONTANA WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS

MISSOULA --

Despite closures of several large Montana sawmills, the number of timber-processing mills in the state has actually increased in the past five years, reports a researcher at The University of Montana - Missoula.

Most of the increase can be attributed to Montana's log home industry, where 20 new log home businesses have been established since 1992, according to Charles Keegan, director of forest industry research at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and one of the authors of "The 1995 Directory of Montana Wood Products Manufacturers."

The directory, recently published by the bureau, lists 190 processors of timber and mill residues in the state, including sawmills, log home plants, post and pole producers, wood fuel pellet producers, cedar products manufacturers, a pulp and paper mill, a particleboard plant, and a medium density fiberboard plant.

"The 1995 Directory of Montana Wood Products Manufacturers" includes information on mill locations and mailing addresses, contact persons, phone numbers, species of timber used, products manufactured, and annual production capacity. The products available from these manufacturers include lumber, timbers, railroad ties, plywood, particleboard, medium density fiberboard, house logs and log homes, fence posts and rails, utility poles, grape stakes, split-rail cedar fencing, wood fuel pellets, and paper products.

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"This directory is particularly useful to people who wish to buy products produced by Montana's wood products manufacturers and to people marketing timber," Keegan said.

The directory is available for \$10 from the BBER. To order contact: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; (406) 243-5113, fax: (406) 243-2086.

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