The Forestry Side of the Firewood Industry

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What is Highest Use?
Sourcing Wood in the Urban/Suburban Forest
Forest Fragmentation & Parcelization

Graphic from: USDA Forest Service
Many eastern forest properties contain 10 ac or less

- Foresters and land managers often have a hard time finding service providers for small parcels
- There are opportunities for skilled operators to provide the needed services
- This requires much more than just a man with a saw.
Before they were developed, many of these properties were cut
The resulting stand is often lacking in genetic integrity and species diversity.
Course woody debris

Deadwood
Professional Loggers

• Alternative to pulpwood
• Have to make it easy
• Has to be profitable/advantageous for both parties
Thinning and TSI

- Bid standing (stumpage)
- Bid/buy logs
Insects and Disease
Crop Tree Management
Crop Tree Management Concentrates Growth on the Trees That Meet Our Preset Objectives
Crop Trees Are “Released” by Removing Trees With Crowns That Touch the Crown of the Crop Tree
Only Trees in Direct Competition With Crop Trees Get Cut
All Other Trees Remain in the Stand