



## ARRA Project Update:

# Evergreen Forest Products Dry Kiln Wood-to-Energy Project

**Project Update:** Construction of dry kilns began at the Evergreen Forest Products site a couple of months ago. It's estimated that over 100 people have already benefited from employment opportunities associated with the construction of the dry kilns, manufacturing of steel and equipment for the facility, and even the town's service industries ~ motels and restaurants. Evergreen spokesman Rodney Krogh indicates they expect the cost savings from the efficiencies gained in drying and transporting lumber will be available to secure more raw timber supply and for increased wages for the additional people they anticipate hiring at the planer, in order to keep up with the mills' increased processing capacity.



*"Everybody was hungry... You don't know how appreciative folks are.. Motels and restaurants have had steady business for the summer. Businesses as far away as the steel source in Portland (OR) are benefiting from this funding." Rodney Krogh, Member of Family Owned Evergreen Forest Products*

**Project Description:** The Evergreen Forest Products ARRA project is answering the desperate need of unemployed construction and wood products workers while increasing forest industry efficiency & capacity ~ and thus forest health ~ in west-central Idaho.

Evergreen Forest Products produces lumber at this mill in Tamarack, Idaho. They currently need to haul the green lumber 112 miles to their other mill to dry and plane the boards before marketing them. Adding the dry kiln will reduce processing and overall trucking costs, providing more funds for purchase of raw material and for wages. The dry kiln will be heated with wood energy. The wood comes from treatment projects on private, state and federal lands, including the Payette and Boise National Forests. These treatment projects protect communities at risk from unplanned wildfires and improvement to forest health.

Adams county has a current unemployment rate of 10.4% and a net rate change between 2007 and 2008 of 6.6%.

Creates Jobs in  
Adams County while  
Improving Forest &  
Community Health and  
Generating Energy  
Benefits

### Economic Recovery Project Details

**ARRA Funding:**  
\$2,500,000

**Project Reference #:**  
WFM-0460-01 WTE

**Jobs Created:** 100 short-  
and long-term jobs are  
being created and  
supported in construction,  
lodging & restaurants,  
equipment manufacturing  
& sales, and mill &  
logging operations.



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