

Idaho Forest

Once upon a time, there were three little pigs who lived in Idaho. They all needed to build a house to live here. The first little pig wanted to build a house out of steel. Steel is weather resistant to all weather. It has greater strength to weight ratio than wood. That means it is light and strong. The first little pig soon found out, steel is not bendable which means you are limited in the shape it can be. It has a small resistance to fire. Worst of all, it ended up costing Piggy a lot more money. It is expensive to build with. (www.gensteel.com) Piggy was sad because he was swimming in debt from his expensive house.

The next little pig decided to build his house out of concrete. Concrete is great because it doesn't allow for insect damage and is used all the time in tropical places where hurricanes are a problem. It is very fire resistant. These are all good things, but Idaho doesn't have hurricanes. It also costs a lot more! It can cost 3-4 times to build a house out of concrete. (www.barbourproducts.com) Now little piggy is up to his snout in debt. So sad.

The last little piggy decided to build his house out of wood. He found out that wood saves a lot of energy. It costs less. Best of all, it is renewable. That means you can plant another tree to replace what you cut down. Idaho has lots of forests and it's locally sourced in our area. Idaho is covered 40% by trees! When we choose Idaho wood, we are supporting 30,000 families who have jobs related to Idaho forests. Idaho is smart about their forests. They only manage 31% of their forests in selective logging. That means there are plenty of forests to go around. (www.idahoforests.org). The piggy loved his house because it had high insulation, used less energy to produce, maintained heating and cooling, and regulates humidity levels and costs less! (www.wagnermeters.com)

The three little pigs each chose a house. The third little pig was happiest. He chose the best house because it was made out of wood. Forests are good for Idaho. Idaho wood builds good houses and is best for us!

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