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Being Part Of a Forester's Family

My Grandpa is a logger and recently I was able to watch him working. It was so amazing to see how the giant trees we saw tall in the sky, soon fall to the ground so quickly.

As we looked around the landing I saw the giant log piles that the skidder would grab logs from, and take them to the machine that takes all the limbs off by going up and down the log, and then it would cut the tree into the log length needed and put them into different piles depending on species. Grandpa would then get into the log loader and pick up the logs and load the logging truck. The log truck driver would then tie the logs down, and was quickly on the road to our local saw mill.

From the mill, this is where our local lumber yards get their supply of lumber for you and I to build our chicken coops, pig pen and horse fences.

If trees were not renewable resources, then the Foresters would no longer have jobs! In the spring, I really enjoy helping my Grandpa replant the areas he has logged. It's rewarding to see how much they have grown over the past few years. If we didn't have trees we would not have paper, pencils or a SCHOOL!! I would not learn about trees. Trees are a renewable Resource, meaning the cycle never ends. They are part of our ecosystem here in Idaho.