



## Natural Resources and Environment: Weaknesses Found in Timber Sale Practices on the Plumas National Forest: Ced-82-88

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO reviewed certain aspects of Forest Service timber operations in northern California. The request was made due to complaints made by small loggers and mill operators alleging mismanagement of timber sales at the Plumas National Forest. GAO found that some problems existed regarding: (1) preparation and administration of timber sales, (2) accountability over Government logs stored at purchasers mills, and (3) treatment of small companies purchasing Forest Service timber. Experienced timber staff were not detailed to Plumas to handle an increased timber sale workload caused by an epidemic insect infestation and droughts in 1976 and 1977. In the absence of effective sales supervision and clear instructions on marking trees for harvest, some questionable tree-marking (designation) and cutting occurred. There was also some question as to whether the proper logging systems were used on some sales as specified in the sales contracts. Some purchasers of Plumas timber have special arrangements whereby the Forest Service retains ownership and incurs the financial risks and losses for logs it stores at the purchaser s mill until it...



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