

Wood-Mode Cares About...

RESPONSIBLY MANAGED FORESTRY RESOURCES



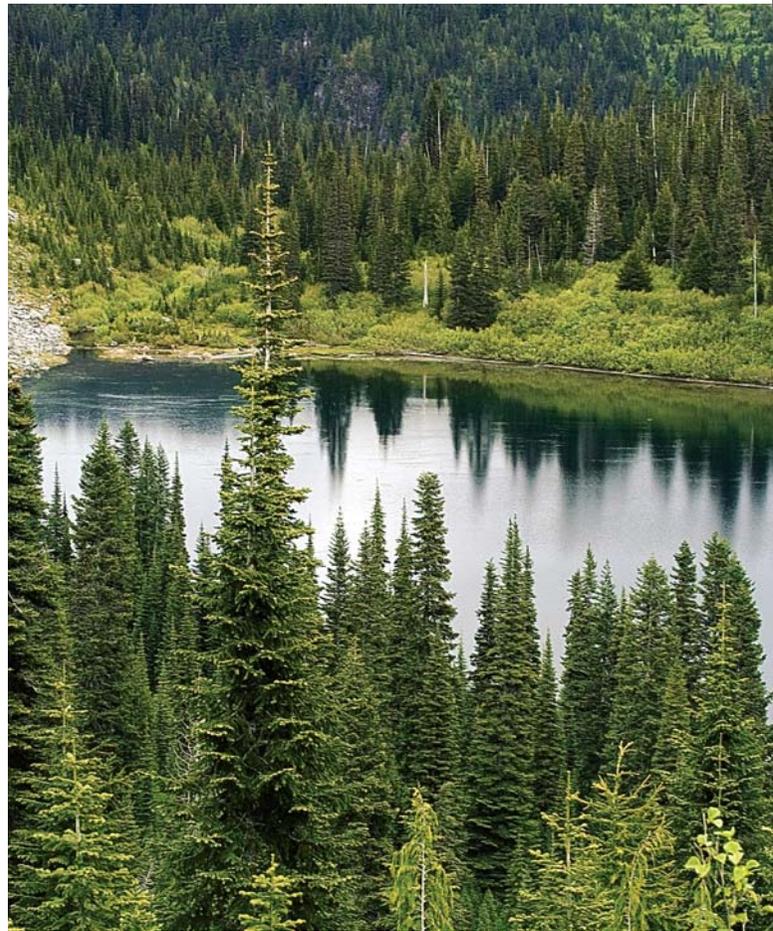
The lumber which yields the solid Appalachian Hardwood used for Wood-Mode Cabinetry is harvested primarily from the northeast United States and Canada. In this region, hardwood stocks are growing twice as fast as they are being harvested, and forest lands are increasing in size each year. According to the Department of Agriculture, hardwood stocks in the United States have increased more than 98% between 1953 and 2002.

Hardwood lumber is a valuable economic resource. It would cease being valuable if it was not periodically harvested, as the land would be converted to other uses.

The harvesting of mature trees results in additional light, water and nutrients for smaller trees, allowing them to grow more quickly. It also encourages low-level plant growth, providing food and cover for forest animals.

Since a hardwood forest is harvested only once every ten to twenty years, disturbances to the ecosystem are kept to a minimum.

By purchasing locally and regionally grown lumber from vendors dedicated to responsible forestry management, Wood-Mode insures the continued economic viability of our precious hardwood resource.



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

For more than sixty-five years since its founding, Wood-Mode has maintained a firm commitment to sound environmentally-protective policies and practices in the manufacture of its custom cabinet products.

The company has taken pride in producing the industry's highest quality cabinetry in a manner that demonstrates its genuine concern and care for the environment.



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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Wood-Mode has been certified by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA) as meeting the standards for its "Environmental Stewardship Program" (ESP).

This program was created to recognize industry manufacturers who use environmentally friendly materials and production processes. To qualify for and maintain certification, manufacturers are evaluated annually on compliance in **five categories**, including **air quality**, **product resource management**, **process resource management**, **environmental stewardship** and **community relations**, as well as energy conservation and recycling programs.



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