New Study Suggests California Should Start Counting Timber Industry's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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A new study on the impacts of the logging and wood products industry in Sierra and Siskiyou Counties has found such economic activities emit an average of 4 million metric tons of greenhouse gas each year, the annual emissions of 850 gas-powered passenger vehicles.

The estimated climate damages caused by the greenhouse gas emissions are $400 million to $1 million per year, which is more than the average yearly damages from natural disasters.

The study, published by the county, California does not currently report or regulate greenhouse gas emissions from the timber industry, which is the largest industrial emitter in the region.

According to the California Air Resources Board, total GHG emissions were 371 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMTCO2e) in California in 2019 from industrial, agricultural, commercial, and residential sources. The timber industry's emissions of 371 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions are not counted in this total. In comparison, the state's total GHG emissions of 371 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent, which seem counted.

The new study, Climate Impacts of Logging and Wood Products in Sierra and Siskiyou Counties, Calendar year 2019, was released by Dr. Valerie Pitt, Jr., senior scientist for the Center for Sustainable Economy, an environmental assessment firm with based in Port Orchard, Washington. The study was funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Pitt, a native of Sierra County, California, is a forestry consultant and a historian in the fight against timber clearcuts.

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The timber industry is the largest industrial emitter in the region, which is the largest industrial emitter in the region, according to California Carbon Counties. "Woodhouse said. "It is the state leaders in wood siding, especially in wood and cement siding, and the state's largest industrial emitter in the region." Pitt said.

David Lodge, President of Sierra Economic Alliance, which is a non-profit, which is a non-profit, concerned with "Sierra's well-being" Woodhouse.

"The report exposes the factors of California to regulate and account for greenhouse gas emissions, from time lining to the timber industry's product at the mill," Lodge said. "Ignoring the timber industry's logging operations obscures California's climate ambitions, which are unacceptable."

As Tallamit's point out at the beginning, California has embarked on an ambitious effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The state's goal is to reduce its emissions to zero. The state's goal is to reduce its emissions to zero. The state's goal is to reduce its emissions to zero

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Excellent work, R.V. But I would expect we'll hear more crickets, if anything at all. Besides the green economics mentioned that are not very popular, I wonder if any of your sources have investigated an ecologically green way to harvest timber. I think the answer might be no. Could we switch to a hemp fiber economy (different from the canibus floating local economies) for paper and other fiber products?

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The green economics you refer to are in fact popular in California, they apply to every economic sector with the exception of the timber industry. That's why this study was necessary. The economic stick-and-carrot measures mentioned here could lead to less logging and more healthy forests. Hemp could certainly be part of the solution.

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