

What we believe

1. The weight of the scientific evidence indicates that global warming is primarily the result of the build-up of greenhouse gases (GHG), contributed to by human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels and land use change. Science also indicates that it is likely that man can mitigate its impact on climate change through actions.
2. The USA is the largest economy in the world and currently the second largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world. As a significant greenhouse gas emitter and as the richest and most innovative economy in the world, the USA has a special responsibility to act and to lead the world to stop global warming.
3. All stakeholders (individuals, businesses, governments, and other institutions) have a responsibility to review their activities and to take actions to reduce and, if possible, eliminate our negative impact on climate change.
4. The forest products industry is uniquely positioned to contribute to the mitigation of climate change. The industry is a leading producer and user of renewable biomass energy, produces products which sequester large amounts of carbon, and provides value to landowners, which encourages sustainable management of timberlands to limit land conversion out of forestry. Vigorous, actively managed forests act as an enormous carbon sink.
5. Climate change is a global problem that calls for global solutions – state-by-state solutions are not viable, and any U.S.-based solutions must consider global competitiveness and trade to ensure we do not push the problem (and the jobs) offshore.

What we're doing about climate change

1. Boise Inc. supports conservation and the thoughtful development, deployment, and extension of renewable energy technologies such as the use of biomass and the cogeneration of power to replace fossil fuel use. During 2002-2010, Boise Inc. has decreased our use of purchased fossil fuels in our paper mills by 34% while decreasing production by 13%.
2. Boise Inc. was a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Leaders Partnership. While EPA has discontinued the Climate Leaders program, Boise remains committed to using the Climate Leaders GHG inventory protocol in conjunction with EPA's new mandatory GHG monitoring rules, where applicable, in measuring its progress in achieving GHG reductions. Boise had committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions an additional 10% by 2014 from a 2004 baseline. We met the goal with 27.6% reduction through 2010. We are evaluating further GHG emission reduction commitments.
3. Boise Inc. supports production and use of materials that result in a net reduction of atmospheric carbon. Furthermore, wood-based materials sourced from sustainably managed forests provide economic incentives to landowners to ensure that forests will continue to act as large carbon sinks. Boise Inc. is a proponent of sustainable forest management practices and third-party certification. We are certified under Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification, and Forest Stewardship Council standards.
4. Boise Inc. supports sustainable management of forests. Sustainable forest management can provide climate friendly construction materials, a renewable source of energy, and funds to help maintain public lands. Sustainable forest management also limits the risk of catastrophic fires, which emit large amounts of carbon dioxide, negate the forest as a carbon sink, and damage other critical resource values.
5. Boise Inc. will continue to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and continue to increase its use of renewable biomass energy beyond its current 60%+ level.
6. Boise Inc. will educate employees and other stakeholders on ways they can reduce their impact on global warming through better commuting practices, home construction, and maintenance practices.