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Innovative Fence Designs from Small Diameter Timber: Adding Value through Design

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Executive Summary

The marketplace has demonstrated repeatedly that design can be used to increase the economic value of low value industrial materials and consumer products. The fence designs developed for this design book represent an effort to increase the economic value of small diameter timber derived from the thinning of overly dense forests.

By increasing the value of a traditionally low (or negative) value material, we hope to provide an economic incentive for thinning over-mature, over-crowded and unhealthy forests, resulting in healthier forests that are more resistant to insect attack and devastating forest fires. In addition, we hope that providing unique and innovative fence designs incorporating small diameter timber can provide the basis for economic development in rural timber dependent communities.



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