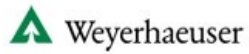

WEYERHAEUSER TO LAY OFF 480 IN SIX STATES



Federal Way, Washington-based forest products manufacturer Weyerhaeuser will indefinitely close four mills and permanently close five service centers, affecting about 480 jobs. The mills are in Evergreen, Alabama; Dodson and Simsboro, Louisiana; and Chavies, Kentucky. The service centers are in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio; and Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. Demand for wood products continues to decline due to the housing market, and the company's facilities are operating at reduced levels.

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