

BRAIN STORM

LITTLE STEMS?

Small diameter trees are a common by-product of fuels projects. Although not useable for dimensional lumber, there are other uses for this type of material. (from many states)

- **Fence Posts/Poles**

In the past it was not uncommon for range fences to use all type of materials for fence posts. Today, the small diameter trees from fuels projects can be used for the same purpose. Either by contract saw crews or mechanical thinning machines, these materials can be turned into pole and post type products.

- **Other Wood Products**

Not all wood use operations need dimensional lumber. Furniture, molding and other processes can use small diameter trees. Both hardwoods and softwoods can be used to produce specialty wood products on large-scale and small-scale production lines.

- **Home Heating**

Burning wood is still one method used for home heating. Allowing the public to burn this material can be an appropriate, and cost effective program. This use can be on either an individual or commercial basis.