

A photograph of a dense forest. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous tall, slender, light-brown tree trunks that rise vertically, creating a 'wall of wood' effect. The ground is covered in a thick layer of vibrant green ferns and moss. The background is a deep, dark green, suggesting a dense canopy of evergreen trees. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of a forest interior.

“Wall of wood”
young growth
timber stands on
the Tongass
National Forest.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society



Strategic silviculture
investments on
Petersburg Ranger
District have set the
stage for innovative
young growth active
forest management,
timber harvest, and
economic development.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society



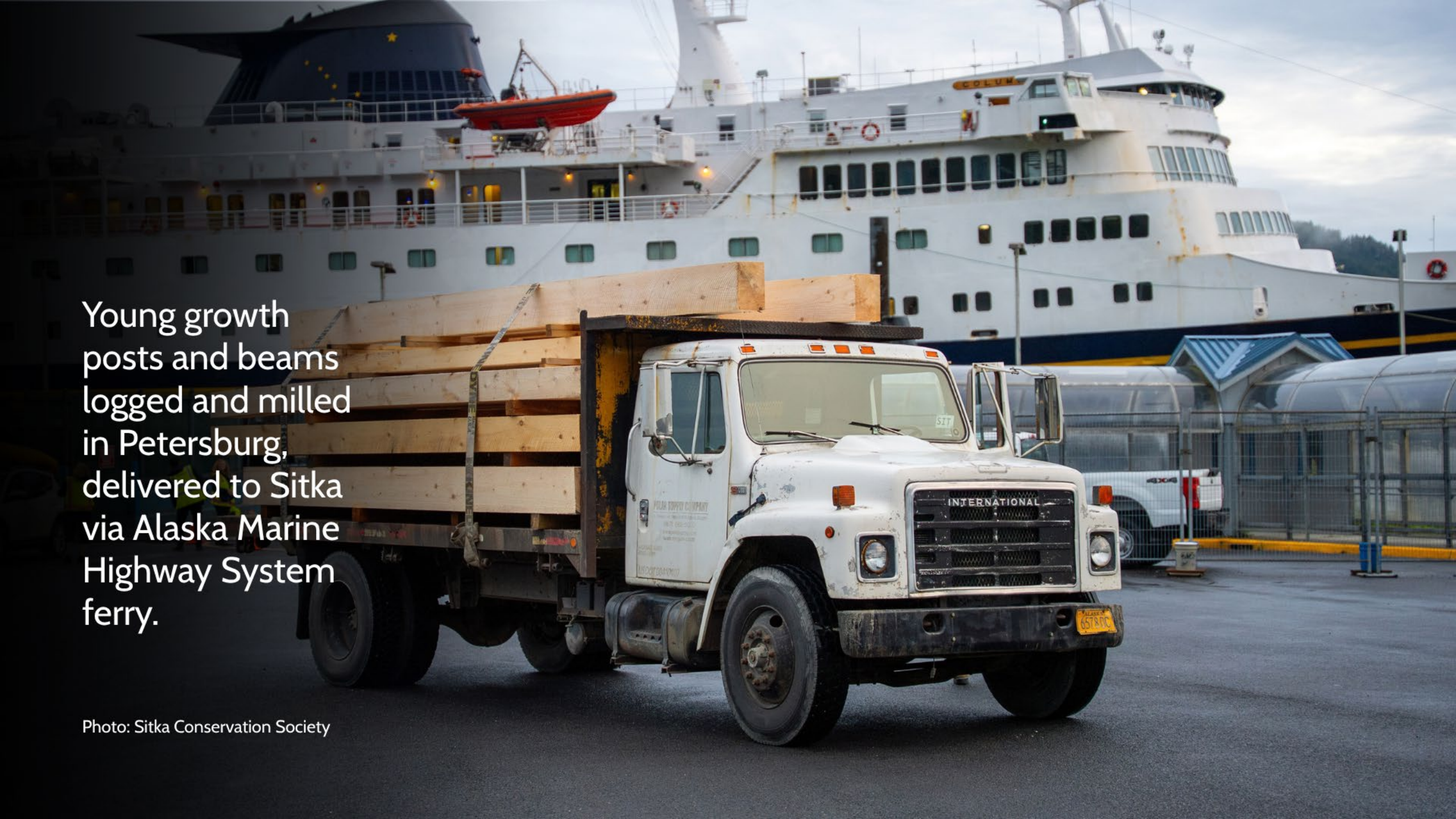
Through a USDA Wood Innovations Grant, Alaska Timber & Truss purchased a single pass mill that processes small diameter young growth logs down to three inches wide.

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Brett Martin, president
of Alaska Timber &
Truss, mills up a 12" x 12"
post from young
growth to be sent to
Sitka for constructing
an outdoor learning
shelter at the Pacific
High School garden site.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society

A white International dump truck is parked on a paved surface, its bed raised and filled with large, light-colored wooden beams. The truck is positioned in the foreground, angled slightly towards the right. In the background, a large white ferry with a dark blue hull is docked. The ferry has multiple decks with windows and a red lifeboat on the upper level. The name 'COLUMBIA' is visible on the side of the ferry. To the right of the truck, there is a fenced-in area with a blue-roofed structure and a white vehicle. The sky is overcast.

Young growth
posts and beams
logged and milled
in Petersburg,
delivered to Sitka
via Alaska Marine
Highway System
ferry.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society



Construction of the
high school learning
shelter utilizing
young growth sitka
spruce completed by
local contractors,
Hardrock
Construction

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society



Young growth
timber in action!
Local students learn
to process foods
under the learning
shelter, a space out
of the wind and rain
for multi-disciplinary
education at the
Pacific High School's
garden site.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society



High school students
building a tiny home
utilizing local young
growth lumber from the
Tongass National Forest
— part of a growing
initiative to supply career
and technical education
programs across the
region with local young
growth wood.

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Public-use cabin on
the Sitka Ranger
District, 95%
constructed with
young growth from
nearby restoration
treatments. 20 years
later, it remains sturdy
and tight with no
issues related to the
materials.

Photo: Sitka Conservation Society

A bike shelter in
Sitka, showing
community
infrastructure
made from local
young growth
wood.



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