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Japanese export log prices have come off a bit for January. Most domestic log prices remained steady however, due to very good demand for lumber. In fact, some domestic log prices in the Willamette Valley are higher than Japanese export prices now, especially if you have a little bigger log to sell. Alder prices are slowly climbing as supply is limited. Poles prices remain strong. Cedar is almost at the \$2000 per mbf level....a record high.

For the bad news....fewer mills are wanting 5-7 inch small sawlogs and the prices are starting to get softer on those sorts. There seems to be plenty of small Douglas-fir logs being produced from the Oregon fire salvage operation. That will most certainly impact the market for the next year or two.

Douglas fir pulp logs are very hard to sell now as pulp mills are well supplied with fir chips they are receiving from the sawmills.. Hardwood pulp logs are still in good demand.

The long range forecasters predicted a wetter than normal winter this year, and boy are they right this time. 2021 started with another major rainstorm and there appears to be no end in site. Water is flowing everywhere making logging and hauling difficult.

Best wishes for the new year.