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## Bunks boost efficiency of wood handling and transport

Multi-Modal Wood Bunks for Small Diameter Roundwood enable efficient transport of wood from forest thinning programs and provides labor-efficient handling of smallwood at community-based forest product firms. The all-steel bunks are designed to hold approximately 1.5 cubic meters (1/2 ton) of roundwood. A pallet jack or forklift can move the bunks at a production facility. The design facilitates tipping by automated equipment to feed roundwood onto a log deck or into a processing line. The bunks also can be lifted from the top by a log

loader for easy stacking, placing, or loading in the forest. The bunks can be hauled on a self-loading flatbed trailer, conventional flatbed truck, and small trailers. The bunks are designed to nest when empty so they may be efficiently stored or transported back to the forest from town.

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