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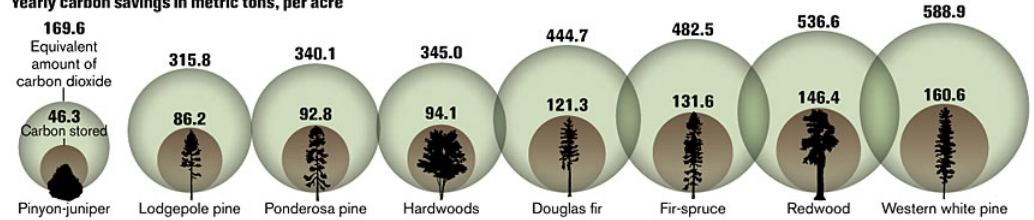
**Forests break green ground by selling offsets**

Carbon counts (John Blanchard / The Chronicle)

**Carbon counts**

Forests store varying amounts of carbon, based upon the size, type, density and growth rate of their trees. Here's how much carbon is stored, on average, in one acre of different kinds of privately owned California forests:

**Yearly carbon savings in metric tons, per acre**



A metric ton equals 1,000 kilograms, or 2,205 pounds. One metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> is the amount that would be emitted by using 114 gallons of gasoline.

Sources: *Journal of Forestry*, EPA

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