

Gem Chain Bar / Aqua Jet

Gem Chain Bar and Aqua Jet are owned and operated by Rick and Kim Peterson. Their business is located at 93 Hwy. 95 North in Grangeville.

Gem Chain Bar was started in Kooskia in 1989 and moved to Grangeville in 2005. They just expanded their facility by 1,900+ square feet. Gem Chain Bar makes bars for automated logging systems. Their primary market is harvester cutting. Rick said they employ three full-time and two part-time employees. They plan to expand their operation and hire at least one additional full time employee.



The Aqua Jet portion of their business is a CNC water jet that cuts materials to precise dimensions. The CNC water jet has allowed them to cut a far greater number of bars to a more exact dimension, which increases their ability to assemble the bars more quickly. The CNC can cut a multitude of flat surfaces and will allow them to increase their manufacturing to include industrial, signage and decorative items. With the new CNC system Rick says they are ready to accept jobs from other manufacturers that need water jet cutting.