

# Forest Health & Management

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*Responsible  
environmental  
stewardship is  
good business.*

## Stewards of the Forest

Trees are vital to the forest products industry, and the industry knows the importance of respecting the forests and continually working to maintain them.

AF&PA's forest and paper companies are committed to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program, an independent standard balancing the manufacture of forest products with a commitment to protect and conserve our environment. A vibrant forest products industry requires conservation of the nation's forests.

### SFI® PROGRAM FACTS

- ➔ The SFI® program has more than 200 participants.
- ➔ More than 130 million acres are certified to the SFI® Standard.
- ➔ The SFI® program is endorsed by more than 36 conservation, outdoor, and professional organizations.

The industry uses responsible harvesting techniques and the latest scientific advances to ensure a steady supply of raw materials, while reducing overall environmental impacts. This includes thinning and other techniques that mimic natural forest disturbances and help reduce the threats from wildfires, insect infestations, and disease.

The industry continues to make the products that America needs while remaining sensitive to shared environmental concerns.

America's forest products industry demonstrates its dedication to environmental stewardship by employing forestry practices that meet or exceed environmental protection standards, and by working to increase recovery of paper for recycling.

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