

Forest Protection

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Improving Tomorrow's Environment Today

The forest products industry is committed to conserving America's forests for future generations. The industry has donated thousands of wetland,

The total U.S. land area is more than 2 billion acres. About one-third of the U. S. — or 747 million acres — is covered with trees. The National Forest System comprises 192 million acres of forestland; 144 million acres of the National Forest System — or 75 percent of this natural resource — is set aside for non-commercial uses including wildlife habitat and recreational activities.

Responsible environmental stewardship is good business.

mountain, and forest acres to conservation groups across the nation.

American Forest & Paper Association members work with leading environmental groups to identify and protect ecologically significant forests — Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV) — in the U.S. and around the world. 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. The SFI® Standard has explicit provisions requiring all program participants to help conserve identified FECVs.

Federal, state, and local governments own 37 percent of America's forests. The forest products industry owns 9 percent. The remaining 54 percent of America's forests are owned by private citizens.

FOREST CONSERVATION

- ➔ The amount of U.S. forestland has increased over the past century.
- ➔ About one-third of the United States — 747 million acres — is covered with trees.
- ➔ The SFI® program works with NatureServe and other conservation programs in North America to identify and protect Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value.

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