

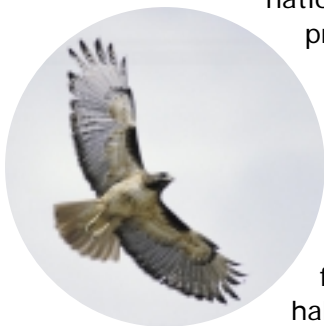
Working Forests

Working Forests—owned by individuals and families— provide most of the wood and paper you use every day. From the house you live in to the paper you write on, these forests help meet our nation's needs for wood and paper products.

Nearly 9.9 million individuals and families own working forests in America.

They are teachers, doctors, engineers, even presidents. In addition to the products you use every day, these forests also provide for wildlife habitat, clean

water and good soil. As a result of responsible management, **working forests offer food, shelter and nesting** for a growing number of wildlife species, such as **songbirds**, rabbit, **deer**, elk, moose and wild turkey.



Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)SM Program

Today, the people and companies that manage our nation's private forests recognize that trees are a valuable resource, and that it is in the best interest of each of us to conserve them. The U.S. is not running out of forests. In fact, our forests are actually expanding. And the SFISM Program is one reason why. The idea of sustainable forestry means trying to do what nature does on her own: keep

things in balance. The U.S. now has 747 million acres of forests, more than half of which are working forests, used to produce forest products. These forests also benefit wildlife, soil and water—

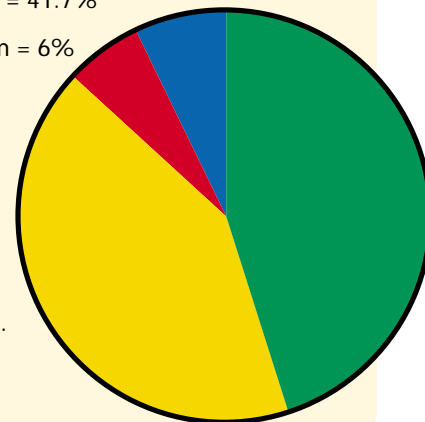
and provide fun for humans. **You can hike, camp, and explore in working forests.**



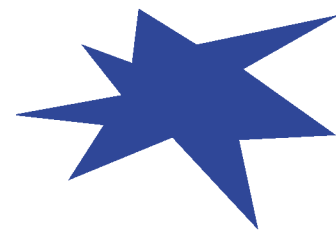
Who plants America's Forests?

- Forest Industry = 45.1%
- Non-Industrial Private = 41.7%
- National Forest System = 6%
- Others = 7.2%

Total Acres Planted Since 1930 = 64.5 million acres. That is equal to an area the size of North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland combined.



Protecting America's Forests



Reforestation is one key to keeping nature in balance. Under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)SM program, companies plant or grow more trees than are harvested each year. In fact, **over 1 million acres are reforested each year** under the SFISM program.



Thanks to hard work by the men and women working in our forests, **we now have more forests today than we did on the very first Earth Day in 1970.**

Each year, the forest community plants 1.5 billion tree seedlings in the United States — that's more than 5 new trees for each American, and nearly 2,000 for every bear.

Wild for Wildlife

Bears, chipmunks, deer, racoons, and bats are all mammals. So are you! There are more than 4,000 species of mammals on the earth. **While some mammals live in the desert or near wetlands, others, such as dogs, cats and gerbils may live with you.** Forests—young, old, large and small—are one of the primary habitats for mammals. There are over 850 species of trees in the U.S., and animals find some use for each of these species.

Forests also provide birds with food, nest sites and

protection. In turn, **birds help the forest by scattering seeds** and eating insects that may harm trees. Different birds live and seek food—seeds, fruit, insects and worms—in different layers of the forest.

Forestry research helps us understand and accommodate the habitat needs of wildlife. Through research, we know that oak and hickory trees comprise over 90% of the trees in many of the eastern forests of the U.S., and that **these forests are almost always home to blue jays, wild turkeys and squirrels.**



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Eye Spy Activity:

Hundreds of things you use every day are made from trees: furniture, books, boxes, brooms and paper grocery bags, just to name a few. **Can you think of more things that come from trees?** Use a dictionary if you need help, or just look around your house or classroom. What forest products does **your eye spy?**

Apples, **B**eds, **C**osmetics, **D**esks, **E**nvelopes,
Firewood, **G**rocery bags, **H**ammers, **I**ce cream
cartons, **J**igsaw puzzles, **K**ites, **L**ibrary books,
Magazines, **N**otebooks, **O**rnaments, **P**icture
frames, **Q**uiz sheets, **R**ocking chairs, **S**hampoos,
Tables, **U**pholstery, **V**inegar, **W**rapping paper,
Xylophones, **Y**o-yos, and **Z**ithers.

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