

## Florida Forest Facts

- Forestlands cover almost half or 47% of Florida's total land area—more than 16 million acres
- More than 300,000 private (non-industrial) landowners own half of Florida's forest lands, including more than 200,000 Floridians who own less than 9 timbered acres
- Florida has three National Forests and 34 state forests
- Florida's forest and forest products industries have a total economic impact of \$16.5 billion, including 133,000 jobs
- Florida is one of top four tree-planting states in the nation—more than 82 million trees are planted each year, with five trees planted for each one harvested. (In the past 80 years, more than 6 billion trees have been planted)
- Over the next 15 years, Florida is predicted to grow by 30 percent—4.5 million people, bringing the state population to over 18 million. Land use will grow by 40 percent during this same time
- Florida loses 1200 timbered acres per week to accommodate population growth
- Since 1980, 1.3 million acres of Florida's forestland has been lost to urban sprawl and other non-forest uses
- Florida's forests shelter more than 100 species of animals including threatened and endangered species such as the Florida Panther, Black Bear and Red Cockaded Woodpecker
- Florida's forest and forest products industries own and manage 27 percent of the state's timbered lands
- Private landowners claim over half of Florida's raw timber supply
- On the average, each American will use approximately 3 pounds of wood products per day. Each American uses the equivalent of one 100-foot tree every year
- Florida's forests provide wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water, recreation, and more than 5,000 consumer products that we use daily



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## ***Florida Forest Facts cont'd.***

- Florida's forests provide a water filtering system that improves the drinking water of 90 percent of the state's population
- Putting the trees back is important to landowners and to Florida's future
- Major Florida forest types include longleaf-slash pine, loblolly short-leaf pine, oak pine, oak-hickory, and oak-gum cypress
- Florida's Division of Forestry has 44 foresters in 15 districts whose job it is to help private (non-industrial) landowners manage their land
- The area from central Florida to the panhandle claims 80 percent of the state's total forestland
- Landowners contact their forester by visiting the Forester page of the Division of Forestry web site: [www.fl-dof.com](http://www.fl-dof.com)

