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**154**

National  
Forests

**20**

National  
Grasslands

**193**

Million  
Acres

**43**

States

# WORKING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

## FORESTRY

The Forest Service cares for the health of America's forests and keeps them sustainably working.

PROVIDES **3 BILLION** BOARD FEET ANNUALLY

**\$5 BILLION** TO U.S. GDP

**\$190 MILLION** INVESTED IN **482** MILLS, MANUFACTURERS, AND ENERGY PRODUCERS\*

**51,200** AMERICAN JOBS



## WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

The Forest Service operates one of the largest wildland firefighting forces in the world.

**\$700 BILLION** WORTH OF HOUSING AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTED IN HIGH-RISK AREAS\*\*

**15.5 MILLION** ACRES TREATED TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES \*

**45+ MILLION** PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM LOWER FIRE RISK\*



## AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLY

National forests and grasslands provide 74 million acres of livestock grazing land, furthering an American heritage.

**\$645 MILLION** TO U.S. GDP

**6,000** GRAZING PERMITS

FOOD FOR  **MILLIONS** OF AMERICANS

**14,200** AMERICAN JOBS

\* Total since 2021. Other information is based on annual data.

\*\* Total from 2021 to 2023.

# CREATING AMERICAN JOBS AND GROWING THE ECONOMY

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

National forests provide access to critical minerals and energy.

2,844 OIL AND GAS LEASES PRODUCING

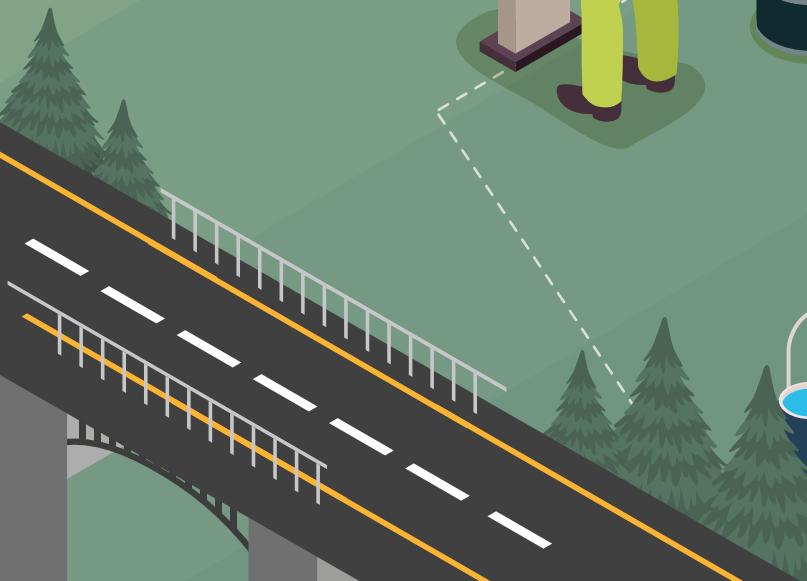
**43 MILLION** TONS OF COAL AND

**609 MILLION** GALLONS OF

LIQUID NATURAL GAS

**\$7.6 BILLION** TO U.S. GDP

**37,800** AMERICAN JOBS



## OUTDOOR RECREATION

Americans rely on national forests and grasslands for recreation and most live within 2 hours of access.

**160 MILLION** VISITORS

**\$16 BILLION** TO U.S. GDP

**167,300** AMERICAN JOBS



## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

National forests supply critical infrastructure and clean water to millions across the United States.

PROVIDING **80 MILLION** AMERICANS DRINKING WATER WORTH **\$8 BILLION**

**65,000** MILES OF ROADS FOR **13+** MILLION PEOPLE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

**3,000+** DAMS

