



National Forests and Grasslands

Economic Contributions

Economic contributions describe the role Forest Service natural resource management plays in the local market economy as measured by jobs and gross domestic product (GDP).

Jobs supported by national forests and grasslands are often in small, rural communities and are an important contributor to economic and social sustainability across the Nation.



Scan to learn more about each forest and grassland's contribution to jobs, labor income, and more by exploring the Forest Service Economic Contributions Dashboard.

Forest Service natural resource management contributes to the Nation's economy:

Agency Operations

Forest Service investments in restoration, forest health, infrastructure, and workforce salaries support national economic activity.

Minerals & Energy Production

Production of minerals and energy such as crude oil and natural gas benefit the economy and provide jobs for local communities.

Forest Products

Timber harvest provides forest products, contributes to local economies, and supports jobs in logging and wood products manufacturing.

Payments to States & Counties

Payments support schools, road maintenance, stewardship management projects, and county government operations.

Livestock Grazing

Rangelands on public lands provide a variety of forage and habitat for grazing livestock and wildlife, supporting agricultural jobs.

Recreation Visitor Use

Recreationists spend money on supplies, lodging, gas, food, and services, benefiting local communities and generating jobs.

392,000 Jobs



*GDP values in billions of dollars

Employment and GDP data from Fiscal Year 2023.