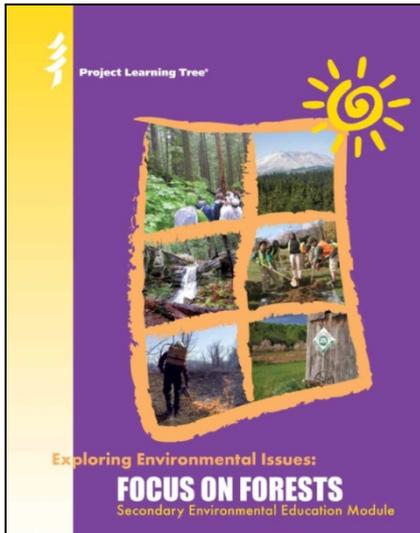




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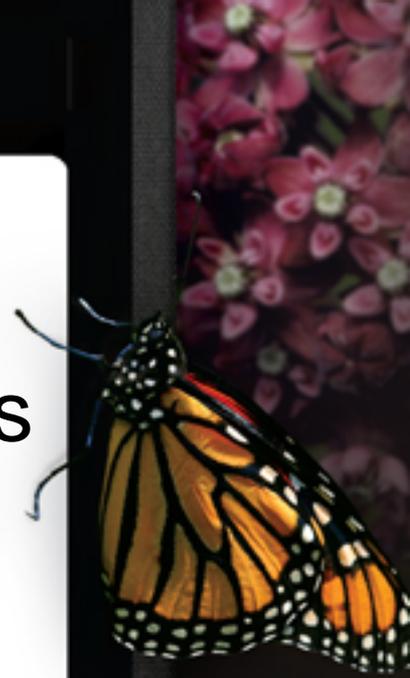


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"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

- *Aldo Leopold*



" Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from the land but instill in them even more respect for it, because educated people are in a position to understand what is being lost. As I told foresters you don't need a diploma to plant a tree. "

- *Wangari Maathai Unbowed*

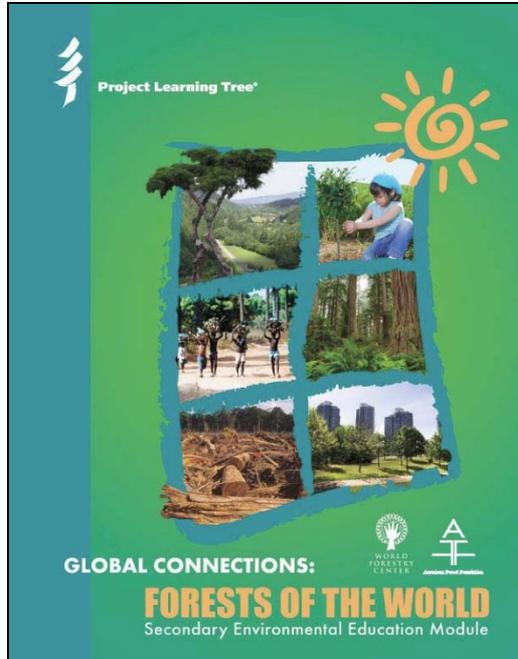


“I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?”

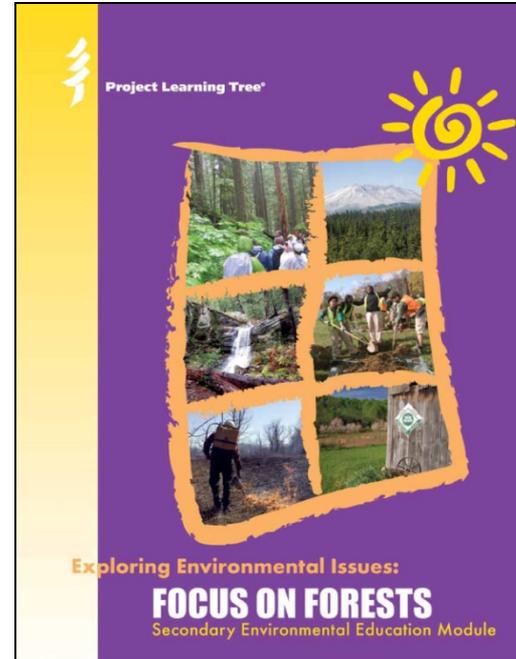
*- Robert Redford*



# Secondary Curriculum



- 2008
- 9 Activities
- World Forestry Center



- 2011
- 9 Activities
- USDA Forest Service



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# Ecosystem services provided by forests:

- Clean Water
- Oxygen
- Nutrient cycling
- Carbon storage
- Temperature Regulation and Rainfall
- Wildlife Habitat



Naugatuck State Forest



# Pressing issues that North American Forests face today:



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# Invasive Species



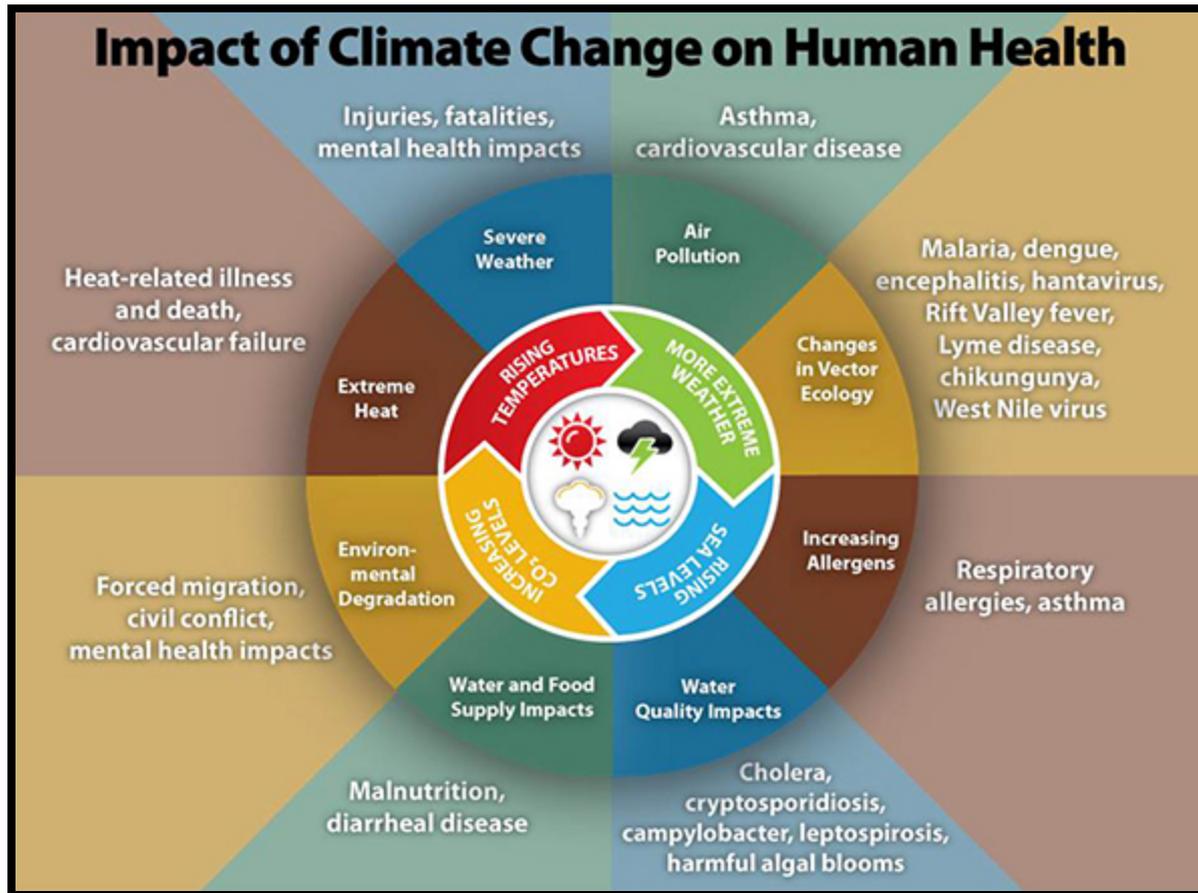
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# Fire



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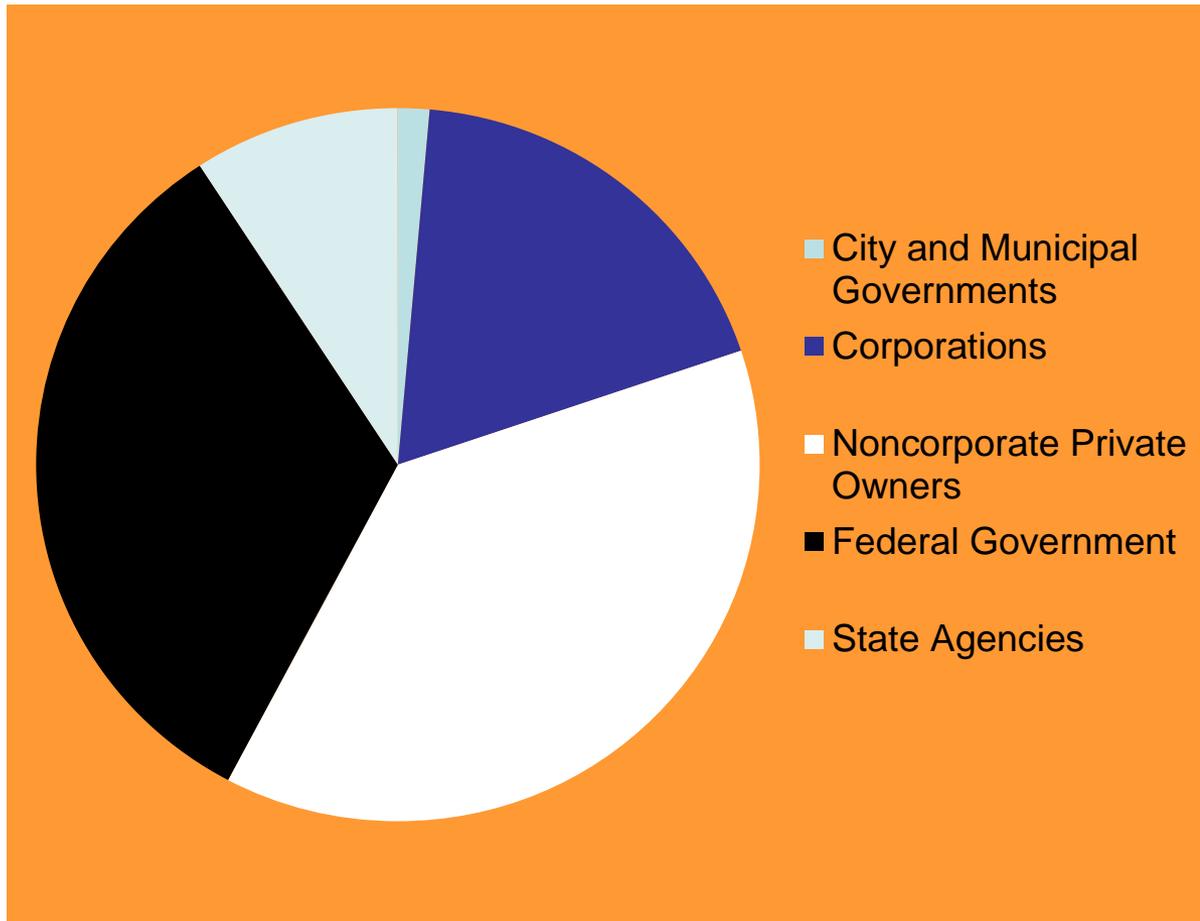
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# Changes in Ownership and Land Use



Which one do you think  
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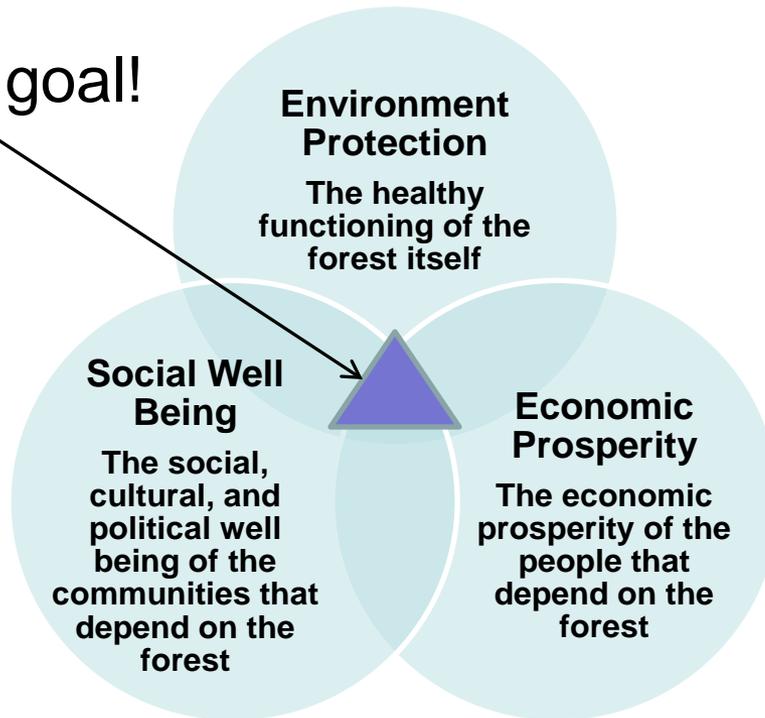


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