



## Support the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Since the 1930s, the nation's forest census has provided data collection, analysis, and reporting on forest conditions countrywide. On state and private lands, which account for two-thirds of the nation's forests, state foresters are the primary partners in FIA program delivery.

To ensure the program's success on state and private lands, states contribute more than \$4 million annually to shorten the inventory's measurement cycles, increase the number of research plots, and measure additional forest attributes.

**In FY20, state and territorial foresters ask that \$83 million be allocated to the Forest Inventory and Analysis program, which serves as the only reliable means of gauging changes in timber supply, wildlife habitat, and forest threats.**

Through a national network of on-the-ground plot measurements and rigorous data analysis, FIA assesses the rate of land use changes, the loss of native plant species, the spread of non-native insects and invasive pests, losses of threatened and endangered wildlife species habitat, wildfire risk, forest products removals, and more.



It's findings support: (1) national, regional, and state-level analysis of forest health and land-use trends; (2) forest products industry planning and investment; (3) wildfire protection and risk analysis; and (4) wildlife habitat assessments.

Through FIA, the USDA Forest Service implements annual forest sampling in 49 states, with Hawaii and the United States territories receiving specialized periodic sampling. Nationally, there is one plot for every 6,000 acres, or more than 300,000 plots nationwide across all forest ownerships.

When sufficiently funded, FIA measures these plots every five years in the East and every ten years in the West. The forest industry, a sector which provides at least 2.8 million U.S. jobs, uses this data routinely to make management and investment decisions.