



Support the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program is the only reliable means of gauging changes in timber supply, wildlife habitat, and forest threats nationwide. Through a nationwide network of forest plots and rigorous data analysis, FIA assesses the rate of land use change, the spread of non-native species and invasive pests, the loss of threatened and endangered species habitat, the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and more.

State foresters are the primary partners in FIA delivery. Every year, states contribute more than \$5 million to shorten the inventory's measurement cycles, increase the number of research plots, and measure additional forest attributes.

In FY 2023, state foresters ask that the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program be appropriated \$32.4 million to ensure sufficient funding for program delivery. NASF also asks that Congress work with the USDA Forest Service to establish a budget line item for FIA salaries and expenses.



FIA has been in continuous operation since 1930, publishing the most current information about U.S. forest health and productivity every five years. It acquires data through remote sensing and field activities in cooperation with states, industry, academia, and private landowner partners.

Together, FIA partners collect data on over 355,000 plots, on public and private lands, across nine time zones, from Guam to the U.S. Caribbean territories.

The findings of "the nation's forest census" support (1) national, regional, and state-level analysis of forest health and land-use trends; (2) wildfire protection and risk analysis; and (3) wildlife habitat assessments. The forest industry, a sector which provides at least 2.8 million U.S. jobs, also routinely uses FIA data to make management and investment decisions.

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