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ADDITIONAL CONTENT ADDED TO STATE OF AMERICA'S FORESTS WEBSITE

U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Greenville, SC

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Greenville, S.C. – Momentum continues to build on the successful *State of America's Forests* platform as the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment) today released six new components on the interactive website, usaforests.org. These new topics include:

- trends in forestland area and ecological regions,
- forest ownership, tree growth, mortality, harvesting, and planting,
- communities at risk,
- forest fragmentation and housing development, and
- protected areas.

State of America's Forests serves as an online portal where users can interactively explore and visually engage with the latest forest related data. "While there is a plethora of sources related to U.S. forests, this site allows for a quick and easy navigation of statistics, historic trends, threats, benefits, conditions, and related markets," says Endowment President and CEO Carlton Owen. All information included in the website is based on peer-reviewed studies and verified data.

The interactive website was launched in December 2017 covering a variety of topics, including fire in our forests, the role forests play in providing clean water, forests insects and diseases, and invasive plants and animals.

The *State of America's Forests* is helping decision makers and other users easily access and better understand the latest authoritative data. The tools available through the website bring together sources of relevant information from a variety of researchers and institutions, and inspire other scientist to contribute to open data sources and share information through interactive technology.

The project lead for *State of America's Forests*, Dr. Mila Alvarez, will continue to work closely with the Endowment's project partners, the USDA Forest Service and Esri, to bring remaining content to the site throughout 2018.

To view the most recent additions, please visit usaforests.org

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