

## Preserving Our Natural Resources

### Trees improve and protect our environment.

We promote and advocate for healthy forests and community trees in Nebraska. Trees provide shade, control drifting snow and significantly improve living conditions on the Great Plains. They protect our crops, reduce soil erosion, shelter our farmsteads and livestock, and provide habitat for wildlife.

### Keep our forests healthy and strong for future Nebraskans.



## Caring for Nebraska Forests & Community Trees



Nebraska trees face ongoing challenges such as drought, and invasive pests and diseases. Unnaturally dense, highly stressed pine and cedar forests are at great risk for insect and disease epidemics and catastrophic wildland fire. Our foresters help homeowners and landowners protect their trees.

Emerald ash borer, mountain pine beetle and thousand cankers disease all threaten Nebraska trees and demand attention. The Nebraska Forest Service provides information, education and assistance to meet this challenge.

### Reduce the risks to our trees and forests.

- Community Forestry & Sustainable Landscapes
- Wildland Fire Protection & Training
- Marketing, Inventory & Utilization
- Forest Health
- Rural Forestry

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# YOUR NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

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Restoring • Utilizing*

Nebraska's Tree & Forest Resources



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## Enriching Our Landscapes



### Trees help define our communities.

Healthy trees connect people and nature, enhance the beauty of a community, enrich our quality of life and benefit our economy. Trees clean our air and water, shade and extend the life of roads, increase real estate values in our communities, support thousands of jobs and provide vital green spaces.

It takes a continued, long-term commitment to maintain Nebraska's healthy and diverse forests. We take that commitment seriously by helping to maintain and promote healthy forests.

**Plant the right tree in the right place the right way.**

## Protecting & Restoring Our Forests

### Trees make a difference in our environment.

Settlers valued trees for their protection and beauty, and the trees they planted altered our landscape. Today, Nebraska boasts unique and diverse forests—ponderosa pines in the Panhandle's Pine Ridge and hardwoods of the Missouri River bluff.

Miles of trees serve as farm and ranch windbreaks, buffers along rivers and streams, protectors of water supplies and providers of clean-burning renewable fuel.

We help protect our forests by training wildland firefighters, reducing forest fuel loads and the risk of forest and grassland fires, and providing surplus equipment to rural fire districts.

**Safeguard our forests from danger.**



## The Nebraska Forest Service—Your Resource

### We provide:

- **Education** on planting, protection, care and utilization of the state's trees and forests.
- **Rural forestry assistance** and incentives to landowners.
- **Community forestry programs** and grant funding for landscapes and community tree planting.
- **Monitoring, detection and information** about pests and diseases that threaten our trees and forests.
- **Fire protection** to all rural land in cooperation with rural fire protection districts.
- **Training** for firefighters in wildland fire and incident management.
- **Assistance** in reducing forest fuels and the risk of forest and grassland fires.
- **Refurbished surplus equipment** for rural fire districts.



## Utilizing Renewable Resources

Actively managing our forests is crucial to maximizing their benefits, and promoting a healthy environment requires managing our forests responsibly.

Thinning, harvesting and other forest management practices can provide sustainable wood products and woody biomass for fuel, improve forest health, and generate important income and jobs.

The Nebraska Forest Service assists efforts to market and utilize forest resources for traditional wood products, specialty forest products and woody biomass.

**Manage and renew valuable resources.**

