

### WHY IT MATTERS TO INDIAN COUNTRY

- Indian forests and woodlands comprise 18.6 million acres, or one third, of the total 57 million acres of Indian land held and managed in trust by the federal government
- Nearly 55% of Tribes have forests or woodlands.
- Forestry provides more than \$40 million in annual Tribal governmental revenues and 19,000 jobs in and around Tribal communities
- This title sets the priorities, planning standards, and cooperative relationships between federal, state, Tribal, and private forest systems

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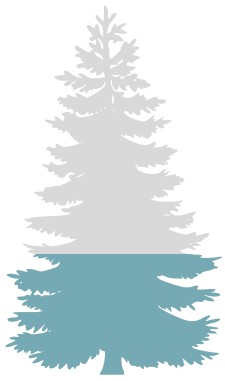


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### INDIAN COUNTRY PRIORITIES

- Transfer lands back to Tribal Nations
- Give full authority to Tribal Nations and counties to retain and utilize revenue generated from Good Neighbors Agreement projects
- Extend and expand 638 Authority in the Forestry Title and provide additional funding and protection for sacred sites



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of all federally recognized Tribes manage forests

Tribal Nations have engaged in the management and stewardship of forestlands for thousands of years, but as with most Tribal land management activities, colonization disrupted this practice.

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As recently as 2017, 313 federally recognized Tribes have continued to manage forests. Those Tribal forestland holdings ranged in size from one acre to more than 5 million acres; roughly 8 million acres of Tribal forests were timberlands.

*Forests represent one of the principal renewable resources available to Tribes.*

**CHECK OUT THE NATIVE FARM BILL COALITION'S REPORT [GAINING GROUND](http://www.nativefarmbill.com/gaining-ground) TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON INDIAN COUNTRY'S PRIORITIES: [www.nativefarmbill.com/gaining-ground](http://www.nativefarmbill.com/gaining-ground).**



The Native Farm Bill Coalition (NFBC) brings together the voices of Tribes, intertribal organizations, other Native organizations and non-Native allies around the country to advocate with a strong, unified voice in Washington, D.C., to advance investments in Native agricultural production, rural infrastructure, economic development, conservation, and forestry.