

Deforestation: Definitions, Trends, and Policies for Forests and Forest Products

This report explores our understanding of deforestation - starting with the terminology - and examines recent global trends and policy actions. Effective strategies to address the negative impacts of deforestation require a greater shared understanding of long term land use trends, robust and elegant cross-commodity policies (i.e., linking food and forest production systems), and scalable actions, including substantial investment, from diverse public and private sector leaders at all levels. Unfortunately deforestation continues for social and political reasons to be a significant global problem, and there are limits to our measurement processes. We can observe, count, and record land conditions - but to understand change we also need to know the intentions of landowners, policy makers, and other influencers. A great deal of work is underway to address deforestation. From private companies reducing their impacts, to policy actions and investment in restoration activities, there are many working models of success to build from. With continued global collaboration and innovation there is good reason to be optimistic about the future of the world's forests.



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The Economic Importance of Credible Bamboo Certification in China



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This report updates past Dovetail reports on bamboo and bamboo certification and describes bamboo's role as an essential part of the history of human civilization. Although this paper focuses on bamboo certification in China, the conclusion that accredited certification processes coupled with incentives for sustainable production lead to economically and environmentally desirable outcomes is not country-specific.

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Locally Sourced "Good Wood" Now Part of Build Green New Mexico

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico just got more sustainable. New Mexico-based Source Verified Good Wood[®] ([GoodWood[®]](#)), in partnership with Build Green New Mexico (BGNM), the Santa Fe Area Home Builders Association (SFAHBA), and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources Department (NMEMNRD), is proud to announce an innovative effort to support the use of locally sourced and responsibly harvested wood products in New Mexico's premier green building industry. Dovetail Partners is part of the team that has been supporting the development of the GoodWood program. Read more about [Dovetail's involvement](#).



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SMUD Achieves ROWSC Re-accreditation for ROW System



The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council (ROWSC) recently announced that Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has been officially re-accredited as a "Right-of-Way Steward" for sustainable integrated vegetation management on their electric transmission right-of-way system.

"This accreditation exemplifies SMUD as an industry leader and can contribute to positive relations with stakeholders including landowners, communities, and coordinating land management and regulatory agencies," said Eric Brown, SMUD, T&D Manager Grid Assets – Vegetation Management.

This accreditation was effective beginning on Dec. 31, 2022, and it will last for five years.

"SMUD is being recognized with the "Right-of-Way Steward Award" for leadership in receiving this prestigious re-accreditation," said Lew Payne, Chair of the Right-of-Way Stewardship Council. SMUD is one of only seven utility companies currently qualified to be recognized with ROWSC accreditation.

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"Dovetail's "company vehicle", circa 2012."



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