

The Bounce-Back Forest



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Regenerating, Returning, Resilient – The Forest Lives On

Forests are constantly changing. Sometimes it happens quickly, a forest fire for example. But forests also change gradually – over many years – a tall stand of birches is cut down to create a homestead or a farm; a pine forest is harvested to make paper and wood products.

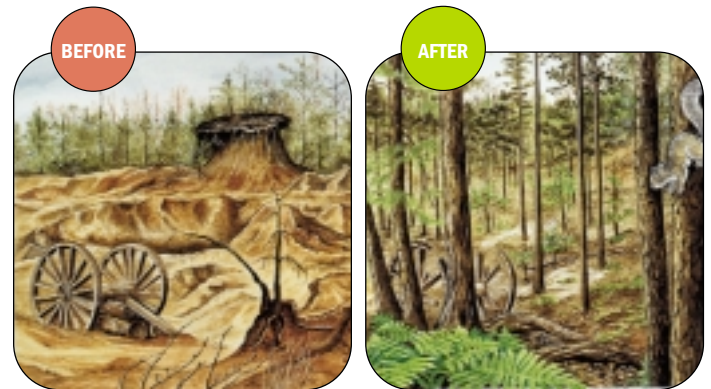
And yet, the forest continues. Someday, the homesteaders move on, or the farm falls into ruin; the harvested forest is regenerated. Months and then years go by and once again the hillside is lush and green –

rich with wildlife and trees. Whether the changes come naturally or because of people, it is clear evidence of the resilience of our forests.

The fact that forests continue to endure and prosper is partly the result of nature, and partly the result of committed people who understand forestry and the changes necessary to result in future forests that benefit people and wildlife alike.



Natural Disaster Whether it's a tornado, a fire, or some other natural disaster, an entire forest can be destroyed in just a few hours. But even after terrible devastation – slowly, with each rain and sunny day, a new forest will soon begin to sprout and grow from the ashes.



The Human Factor Over the years, mostly through ignorance about conservation, people have been responsible for abusing much of our forest land. Today, with the help of professional foresters, this eroded, abused land has been made productive and beautiful once more.



Natural Succession The forest has an amazing ability to regenerate or reclaim land that was once cleared for homesteads and farms. Through a process of natural succession, a forest will eventually overtake abandoned farmlands, creating lush new homes for fish, plants and wildlife.



Managed Forests Careful, responsible forest management allows us to harvest timber for paper and wood products that we need in our everyday lives while ensuring that our forests will thrive for generations to come. With planning, carefully engineered roads, management of special habitats for several species of plants and animals, and replanting trees, we're able to provide useful products for people – while maintaining the future of our forests.