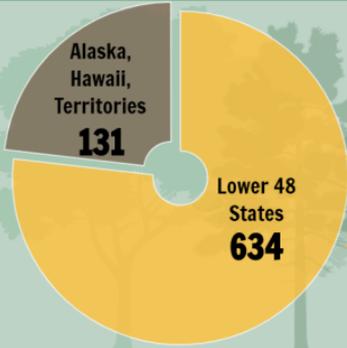


# United States Forests

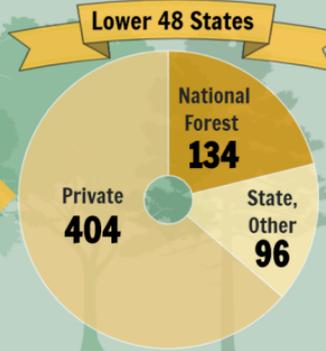
## Area, Trees, and Carbon

2020

USDA Forest Service  
Caring for the land and serving people



**Forest Land Area**  
Million Acres



### Number of Trees

Greater than 1 inch D.B.H.

Forests are dynamic systems... In the Lower 48 States, 1.4 Trillion Seedlings grow in the forest...but as the canopy closes in the forest, most of those seedlings die in the shade.

**347 BILLION**

Total  
Lower 48 States

**61 BILLION**

National Forest System

**286 BILLION**

All Other Ownerships



Forests emissions and removals are shown on this map in MMT of CO<sub>2</sub>. Negative numbers indicate a removal of carbon from the atmosphere.

US Forests offset

**14%**

of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

and **11%** of  
greenhouse gas