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STATE OF AMERICA'S FORESTS ADDS INTERACTIVE CONTENT TO WEBSITE

--Topics include forest insects and invasive plants--

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Greenville, S.C. – Building on the successful launch of *State of America's Forests* in December of 2017, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (Endowment) today released three new packets of content on the interactive website, www.usaforests.org. The new topics include: forest insects and diseases; invasive plants; and invasive animals.

These topics address some of the myriad challenges that face our nation's forests and focus on potential solutions to these widespread problems.

State of America's Forests, an online multimedia guide, helps users explore the many benefits forests provide, understand challenges facing this renewable resource, and learn about forest management and conservation. Based on peer-reviewed studies and verified data, the first two modules touched on fire in our forests and the role forests play in providing clean water.

"Although these specific additions highlight the threat of invasive species in America's forests, we at the Endowment recognize that pests do not honor state or national borders," says Endowment President and CEO Carlton Owen. "Threats to our forests affect all of North America. In response we have on-going work with a number of organizations in Canada as we continually look for shared solutions to address burgeoning challenges."

The project lead for *State of America's Forests*, Dr. Mila Alvarez, will continue to work closely with the Endowment's project partner, the USDA Forest Service, to bring additional content to the site in the coming months.

Visit the *State of America's Forests* at www.usaforests.org

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