The Renewable Resources Extension Act

REMAINS CRITICAL IN 2017

RREA funds forestry Extension programs at 71 land-grant universities nationwide to provide guidance to the country’s 11 million+ forest and range landowners on best management practices. These landowners are responsible for 441 million acres of forest and rangeland. Management of this land strongly influences the economic, environmental, and social well-being of the nation. RREA finances thousands of educational events and learning opportunities that help private landowners keep their lands productive and healthy. The social and economic strength of working lands would be vastly diminished without this funding.

Private landowners and their managed forests supply forest products companies with the wood they need. Forest products companies in the US account for nearly 4 percent total U.S. manufacturing GDP and employ close to a million men and women. 1 in 10 manufacturing jobs in 45 out of 50 states depend on the strength and resilience of this industry.

Why Does it Matter?

RREA funding offers Extension programs the flexibility to address key local, state, regional and national issues. It also leverages partnership opportunities for state Extension to work with state forestry agencies or other partners to address critical issues together. RREA funding has contributed to thousands of educational events for forest and range owners and directly or indirectly impacted millions of owners and managers of over 30 million acres of forest and rangeland annually.

$1 of RREA funding has been estimated to result in $9 of local impact.
## Economic

- Estimated dollars earned or saved by forest and rangeland income-generating businesses: **$144,037,030**
- Forest and rangeland income-generating businesses created or expanded: **3,057**
- New jobs created in forest and rangeland income-generating businesses: **439**
- New jobs created in bioenergy enterprises: **217**
- New bioenergy enterprises developed based on biomass use from forest or rangelands: **17**

## Social

- Number of acres protected from conversion to non-forest/rangeland uses following intergenerational land transfer and estate planning: **1,322,622**
- Private landowners and managers who prepared plans and or implemented at least one new practice addressing the threats and opportunities associated with intergenerational land transfer: **570**

## Environmental

- Acres on which forest management was improved: **43,595,137**
- Acres on which rangeland management was improved: **9,016,733**
- Direct/indirect contacts who increased awareness of benefits & opportunities of forest stewardship practices: **3,942,190**
- Acres that received management to prevent or control exotic invasive species on public land: **2,028,999**
- Acres and/or stream miles on which wildlife and/or fish habitat was improved: **1,731,420**
- Acres that received management to prevent or control exotic invasive species on private land: **1,316,888**
- Acres protected from conversion to non-forest/rangeland uses ensuring retention of current forest and rangeland uses: **81,817**

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