

Student response to *The Lorax* Natural Resources LT:

Deforestation is a major problem not only in the U.S. but all over the world. Major rain forests in China, Brazil, Madagascar and even here in the United States are being cut down at an increasing rate. These deforestation projects are causing bigger problems than you might think, they're destroying many animals habitats and even making many of them go extinct. You may not think that there any rainforests near you and there only in South America and Africa but your own back yard is a rain forest. Many forests in our area of costal Georgia are being cut down so eventually they will be affecting you. Due to all this deforestation in the area our unique costal wildlife could be put in danger.

People are now more aware of the damage that deforestation and misuse of natural resources can cause. People all over the world are starting to treat natural resources like the treasures that they are. People are stopping cutting down so many trees and letting some re grow before cutting down more. For example, China's government officials have created a major tree-planting program. People are recycling more so that less natural resources need to be used in the first place. People are raising money to help protect natural resources. Although all these efforts are helping, it might be too little too late. More needs to be done to help fight deforestation. I think ALL governments need to pass laws that limit the amount of trees that can be cut down and enforce that all trees that are cut down need to be replaced. Efforts are needed around the world every day—not just on Earth Day or other special occasions. I personally can donate to reforestation causes, recycle, pick up trash, and convince others to help with the cause. I would like to work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for conservation of the land and wildlife.