## American Deforestation





By 1926—as depicted in these illustrative maps based on the original work of William. B. Greeley (chief of the U.S. Forest Service from 1920 to 1928)—nearly all of America's virgin forest land had been cut-down.

In 1845, Henry David Thoreau was already commenting on the vast destruction of America's precious natural resource:

Here goes lumber from the Maine woods ... pine, spruce, cedar, - first, second, third, and fourth qualities, so lately all of one quality, to wave over the bear, and moose, and caribou... (See The Writings of Henry David Thoreau, Walden, page 133.)

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