

As a woodland owner, you care about being a good steward of your property.

Yet, many landowners don't know how to manage their woods to protect them from dangerous bugs, weeds, and tree-killing diseases.

Problems on your neighbors' land can easily become yours.

That's why we've launched the Free the Trees Campaign to make sure that all landowners have the information, tools and resources they need to protect their woods.

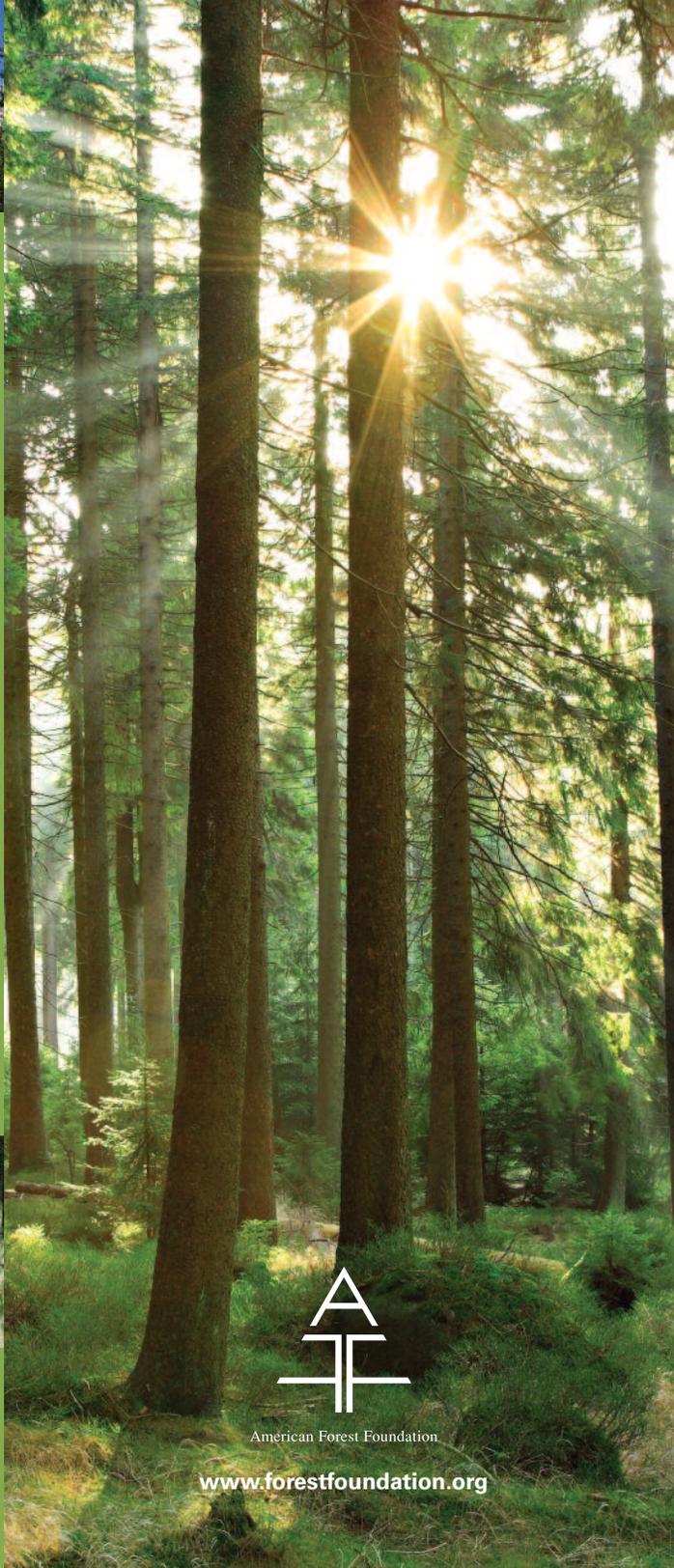
We need your help!  
Please return the attached Reply Card today.

## Our Forests Are at Risk

Across the U.S., our native trees are in danger. According to the U.S. Forest Service, 58 million acres of forestland—and area larger than North and South Carolina combined—are threatened by bugs, diseases and weeds. Close to 500 non-native insects and diseases have already been introduced through U.S. ports, with a new tree-killing pest arriving every two to three years.

## We're Fighting to Save Them

Please join our campaign to **Free the Trees** from the damaging bugs, weeds, and diseases that threaten our forests and all the economic, recreation, and environmental benefits they provide. Return the attached reply card today to receive updates on the campaign, become a member of the Family Forest Action Network, and make a donation to help spread the word to stop the spread!



American Forest Foundation

[www.forestfoundation.org](http://www.forestfoundation.org)

# Four Tips for Healthier Woods

**Free the Trees**

from the bugs, weeds, and diseases that threaten 58 million acres of America's forests

# Four Tips for Healthier Woods



Keep Our Woods Bug, Weed & Disease Free.

**YES!** I want to be part of the Free the Trees Campaign!

Please add my name to your Family Forest Action Network.\*

Please send me updates on the progress of the campaign.\*

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ additional copies of this brochure to share with my neighbors.

\*E-mail (required)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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I also want to donate to the campaign to help spread the word to stop the spread! My payment is enclosed in the amount of:

- \$30   
  \$45   
  \$60   
  \$100  
 \$500   
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**I want to pay by:**

- Check Enclosed (payable to American Forest Foundation)  
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**Please return completed form(s) to:**

American Tree Farm System, American Forest Foundation  
 PO Box 79423, Baltimore, MD 21298-9240

TIP

## Create a Land Plan

You can't protect what you don't know. Setting up a Land Plan is an easy way to start to protect your woodland from bugs, weeds, and diseases. Go to [www.MyLandPlan.org](http://www.MyLandPlan.org) to set up a free account. You'll have immediate access to all the tools and information you need to map your land and develop a plan to keep your woods healthy and resistant to forest threats.



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## Consult a Pro

When you see a worrisome change in your woods, take pictures. Make notes on your trees' symptoms. Collect samples of suspicious insects. Then, talk to an expert like a Cooperative Extension agent or a professional forester. Depending on what's wrong, professionals like these can advise you on next steps for treating or eradicating the pest or disease. [MyLandPlan.org](http://MyLandPlan.org) can help you find an expert near you.

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## Watch for Signs

Know what's normal in your woods. Then, walk your land every month to check your trees' bark, limbs, buds, and leaves for changes that may signal trouble. A spot of yellow or brown, or some thinning needles, might be a disease or insect that threatens your woods.



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## Get Involved!

The battle to keep our forests bug, weed, and disease-free is one that needs everyone's help. Here's some ways you can get involved:

- Tell your neighbors about our campaign to battle forest pests, and encourage them to take the steps outlined in this brochure.
- Join our campaign to tell Congress to do their part. Go to [www.freethetrees.org](http://www.freethetrees.org).
- Donate to our Free the Trees campaign by using the attached form.

