Forest products are a $200 billion industry and support over 2.5 million rural jobs in the U.S.\(^1\)

Forests also provide over $63 billion in ecosystem services like climate regulation, waste treatment, food production, recreation, and more.\(^2\)

Here’s what YOU can do

- **Don’t move firewood!** Many insects and diseases can accidentally be moved long distances on firewood or other contaminated wood and plant products. Instead, burn local firewood.
- **Buy local!** Buy from local nurseries and follow all regulations regarding importation of plants.
- **Keep an eye out!** Be on the lookout for new insects and diseases. Early control is much more effective when eradication is possible. Report invasive plant pathogens and pests to the National Plant Diagnostic Network (https://www.npdn.org/).
- **Bring home memories, not pests!** When travelling abroad, do not bring live plants home from other countries and sanitize your shoes after hiking or visiting fields.

Here’s how scientists help

- Stop new introductions through regulation, inspection, early detection, and eradication.
- Promote healthy trees and forests through management, since healthy trees are less susceptible to insects and diseases.
- Develop more resistant trees that can overcome invasive insects and diseases through breeding.
- Fight invasive species directly, via development of biological control agents or innovative treatment options.