

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Are you employed or affiliated with any forest industry, natural resource agency or environmental group?**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Yes	37.0%	697
No, but have an interest in the forest of Kentucky	63.0%	1187
<i>answered question</i>		1884
<i>skipped question</i>		0

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Using the map as reference, in what region do you currently reside?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Bluegrass	48.2%	908
Central	14.4%	271
Eastern	3.7%	69
Green River	5.8%	109
Kentucky River	2.8%	52
Northeastern	6.4%	120
South Central	6.5%	122
South Eastern	5.5%	104
Western	4.8%	90
Do not reside in Kentucky	2.1%	39
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1884</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

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**Do you own 10 acres or more of forests or woodlands? If so, in what region are your forests or woodlands?**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Do not own forest or woodlands	68.1%	1283
Bluegrass	8.5%	160
Central	3.8%	72
Eastern	2.0%	37
Green River	2.0%	37
Kentucky River	1.8%	34
Northeastern	3.5%	65
South Central	4.1%	78
Southeastern	2.3%	44
Western	2.1%	40
Own forest or woodlands outside of Kentucky	1.8%	34
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1884</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

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Forest Management- Management of private forestland in rural Kentucky is not common. The ecosystem services and the economy in which the resource serves are not optimized when forests are not managed.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	40.4%	621
Important	43.6%	669
Not very Important	6.2%	95
Do not Know	9.8%	151
Comments		186
<i>answered question</i>		1536
<i>skipped question</i>		348

Number	Response Date	Comments
1	01/06/2009 15:00:00	Are you suggesting that private ownership should be told what can or can not happen in the
2	01/06/2009 15:23:00	greater awareness is the key
3	01/06/2009 17:43:00	How can private land rights and greed be reconciled with timber harvest that looks to the future health of forest resources? I see a lot of indiscriminate logging going on around my Ohio County property.
4	01/06/2009 20:14:00	i have no idea what is meant by "management of private forestland"

5	01/06/2009 21:17:00	We need better education of land owners for preservation of threatened forestland not in the public domain.
6	01/06/2009 21:27:00	forest mgmt rural or otherwise is very important, especially if we want to have anything for generations to come
7	01/06/2009 21:41:00	poorly worded
8	01/06/2009 23:52:00	to propose public control over private lands. Without some clearer description of your intent , the question is inappropriately framed.
9	01/07/2009 00:36:00	what is the question you are asking?
10	01/07/2009 01:04:00	lack of knowledge by landowners
11	01/07/2009 13:05:00	Forests are disappearing from kentucky all of our forests especially private forests should be managed.
12	01/07/2009 15:16:00	Forests in KY are very under managed and out of date in terms of management objectives, which address biodiversity, invasive species and ecosystems. Most forest are highgraded for profit only.
13	01/07/2009 15:31:00	timber is a valuable asset that needs to be managed, timber should be harvested instead of letting deteriorate in state and national owned areas just as private lands.
14	01/07/2009 15:57:00	define management - by whom and how?
15	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Public education on Private Forest Management Practices should be developed and introduced in communities across the Commonwealth.
16	01/07/2009 17:37:00	home borders nature preserve
17	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Kentucky needs to incent management by reducing property tax for landowners who manage their forests properly
18	01/07/2009 17:54:00	people do however have rights to their land, to manage as they see fit. Education promotion can help people see the utility of managed forestland.
19	01/07/2009 17:56:00	voluntary management only,property rights should not be infringed
20	01/07/2009 17:57:00	The cutting of timber should be regulated
21	01/07/2009 17:58:00	I don't quite understand this questioh
22	01/07/2009 17:59:00	private lands
23	01/07/2009 18:02:00	Need more clear cutting
24	01/07/2009 18:27:00	Proper management for long-term sustainable future is most important.

25	01/07/2009 18:39:00	I would not support the management of private property by government or other agency
26	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Need to get more folks involved.
27	01/07/2009 18:52:00	I do support some management of private forestland, but I do not believe that the economics should drive the management.
28	01/07/2009 19:07:00	the question should be asked differently. for example, this is forest management. Is forest management important?
29	01/07/2009 19:07:00	More Forests should be protected from logging and strip mining in rural Kentucky.
30	01/07/2009 19:40:00	it is important to manage privately owned forestland? If so, yes, I think management is important but I'm not sure government has a role managing privately owned forests.
31	01/07/2009 19:42:00	LEAVE OUR FORREST ALONE
32	01/07/2009 19:44:00	I think private property does not need specific oversight but I advocate it in wildlife researves
33	01/07/2009 19:58:00	Maybe if the land is private then instead of the dept of forestry managing the area the owner should be educated on how to manage the area while the dept of forestry supervises
34	01/07/2009 20:10:00	The reason forest management is not common is because most landowners are unaware of proper management techniques and services available to get the most from their woodlands. An incentive (\$) is needed for landowners willing to properly manage their forests (such as the current Carbon Credit Program, or the Classified Forest Program in Indiana).
35	01/07/2009 20:31:00	this section was confusing, as there were no header instructions on what to do or why.
36	01/07/2009 21:11:00	(These are not really phrased as questions.)
37	01/07/2009 21:18:00	What do you mean by managed?
38	01/07/2009 21:29:00	but must work with the owner
39	01/07/2009 22:08:00	I don't think many individuals own more than a 50 acres of woods.
40	01/07/2009 22:18:00	Managed by whom. Government mandated management of private lands is not a good idea.
41	01/07/2009 23:07:00	Believe proper management of private forests is crucial
42	01/07/2009 23:24:00	many "board feet" of timber to be "managed" for economic gain, and are concerned with the so-called "ecological" implications only to the extent

43	01/08/2009 02:13:00	I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Forests should be managed when possible on private lands.
44	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Need more participation similar to CRP programs geared to forestry
45	01/08/2009 04:14:00	This is not a question, it's a statement. I do not know how to respond.
46	01/08/2009 07:20:00	we have to protect our resources and manage our land in a proper manner
47	01/08/2009 13:12:00	Can't understand the question.
48	01/08/2009 13:40:00	Although people have a right to preserve/develop their own land.
49	01/08/2009 13:41:00	properly manage their forestlands ( ex. property tax breaks)
50	01/08/2009 14:10:00	No one leasing or renting property should be allowed to do any deforestation
51	01/08/2009 14:12:00	eco-systems, increased stream and water pollution, loss of native plant life, and render recreation areas unusable
52	01/08/2009 14:35:00	It's important to protect and preserve this forestland
53	01/08/2009 14:39:00	does this mean protecting the forests or logging them or something in between?
54	01/08/2009 14:40:00	<del>Badly designed question - not sure what is being</del> asked here. It reads more like a "true/false" type question.
55	01/08/2009 15:36:00	Our most abundant renewable resource with unprecedented future potential
56	01/08/2009 15:46:00	Loggers are clear cutting or are cutting small timber and leaving the land a mess.
57	01/08/2009 16:05:00	High-grading and its long term effects are having a long term negative affect on our woodlands.
58	01/08/2009 16:37:00	A program offering incentives to private land owners to encourage timber harvest and overall habitat improvement would be great.
59	01/08/2009 16:49:00	nature cares for itself best when left alone
60	01/08/2009 17:04:00	do not manage let nature rule do not log
61	01/08/2009 17:12:00	<del>poorly worded question...not sure how to</del> answer.
62	01/08/2009 17:14:00	Forests in my area are usually viewed as a source of short-term exploitation and are not managed for sustainable production, which is

63	01/08/2009 17:16:00	owned. It should ultimately be left up to the landowner to make decisions about management. However, proper information regarding management practices should be made available to the landowner.
64	01/08/2009 17:31:00	Unmanaged forest can provide critical wildlife habitat and significant riparian zones
65	01/08/2009 17:34:00	need to watch and make sure they know how to keep their land healthy
66	01/08/2009 17:47:00	Education would result in wiser forest care and uses
67	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Should be encouraged by placing public service advertisements in local and regional newspapers and on television and radio.
68	01/08/2009 17:53:00	The only management necessary is for people to manage to leave the forest alone
69	01/08/2009 18:19:00	<del>Lumping ecosystem services and economic</del> benefit makes no sense and doesn't provide you info on how the public views your resource allocation btwn the two types of forest mngt. I voted forest mngt important because exotic pest plants, closing and rehab of roads, educating the public about the important of biodiversity and similar activities (not necessarily the harvest of trees) is an important task for state gov.
70	01/08/2009 18:28:00	I find this statement confusing and I'm a forester
71	01/08/2009 18:38:00	high-quality products. Forest products are not fully utilized because of a lack of secondary processing facilities in KY
72	01/08/2009 18:49:00	question...sorry
73	01/08/2009 18:53:00	<del>This is very important due to the destructive</del> nature of logging, which primarily occurs on privately owned lands.
74	01/08/2009 18:59:00	incentives are needed to encourage woodland owners to manage their timber
75	01/08/2009 19:04:00	emphasizes the establishment of old growth natural forests without major tembering activities.
76	01/08/2009 19:28:00	management
77	01/08/2009 20:08:00	Incentive payments would help greatly

78	01/08/2009 20:09:00	available to private landowners, so they understand what resources they have on their property and how to best manage them. My father and his hunting friends have a 200 acre farm that they work with Fish & Wildlife on, with regard to proper management. I'm not sure that all landowners are aware that they can take advantage of that. Backyard habitat for urban areas should be focused on as well. It would be a great way to get inner city kids, especially in
79	01/08/2009 20:30:00	reflects that I believe resource management to be very important.
80	01/08/2009 20:42:00	properly management their land/provide education for doing so
81	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Private land owners needs to have control of their property. This is not a communist country.
82	01/08/2009 21:45:00	else who tell others how to manage their private property?
83	01/08/2009 22:23:00	Sustainable Forests are needed for long term productivity in KY.
84	01/09/2009 00:40:00	and needs to be considered apart from special interests and single-minded entities. Who is going to do the defining?
85	01/09/2009 00:45:00	Forest Management is key to a healthy forest. As a forester, I believe this. Fragmentation is another issue that is key to forest health, particularly on an ecosystem modeled system. Private usage of forests is important to be
86	01/09/2009 00:50:00	This ties into the awareness of the public and the strength of the industry.
87	01/09/2009 01:08:00	owners will choose management if they want it. If I had forested land, that's how I would want it.
88	01/09/2009 02:54:00	While this may be ecologically important, I would anticipate resistance from most private owners.
89	01/09/2009 03:20:00	Technical assistance to landowners is popular, benefits all of us, and should be funded at adequate levels.
90	01/09/2009 03:58:00	We need more education & grant programs.

91	01/09/2009 04:18:00	urban Kentucky, but logging needs to be regulated to select cut period. There should be reforestation of central Kentucky also. The trees that are clear cut prior to strip mining should have to be used instead of just clearing them and burning them in piles. Lumber mills should have to report what types of trees they are buying so prime wood is not wasted. I also hope the american chestnut is brought back it is only a legend that I have heard my uncles talk about. It would also be great to see more land set aside
92	01/09/2009 13:29:00	The question is loaded with the assumption that forests have to be managed. I disagree that private forests necessarily need to be managed.
93	01/09/2009 13:42:00	I think the key word is private. Government should not be involved. However did forests survive when no one tried to manage them?
94	01/09/2009 14:11:00	Forest management and cost share assistance is utilized only by those with enough disposable income that could afford to do practices on their own. The most cash strapped individuals that could use financial assistance and forestry management can't afford the cost of proper management.
95	01/09/2009 14:36:00	Private forestland is often mismanaged.
96	01/09/2009 14:37:00	Forests only renewable resource we have
97	01/09/2009 14:38:00	Forest management on the state level (cooperative agreement?) would benefit those land owners wishing to maintain or improve their forest land for whatever purpose. I personally am interested in habitat improvement through controlled burns.
98	01/09/2009 14:59:00	Depends on how it's managed.
99	01/09/2009 14:59:00	KY attitudes still in the 1800's
100	01/09/2009 15:02:00	very important and landowners are not educated enough to understand what preservation and management are.
101	01/09/2009 15:59:00	Hopefully, this means "managed sustainably."
102	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Make it a law they need a management plan to do a timber harvest
103	01/09/2009 16:55:00	What are the barriers to attracting pulp mills to eastern KY? Is this a valid idea for increasing forest management on private lands?

104	01/09/2009 17:24:00	the land in question. Foresters and Naturalists often have diverse ideas about what is desirable. Neither opinion includes all the parameters available for consideration in making forest management decisions.
105	01/09/2009 19:20:00	necessarily true that ecosystem services are not optimized when forests are not managed. This is misleading.
106	01/09/2009 21:12:00	However, because it is private, participation in any programs should be optional but supported with tax breaks and other rewards.
107	01/09/2009 21:18:00	This hasn't been phrased like a question????
108	01/09/2009 22:14:00	Management also provides opportunity for certification which is becoming more critical to KY wood consumers
109	01/10/2009 13:56:00	NATURAL RESOURCES NEED TO BE PROTECTED
110	01/10/2009 14:17:00	Need to know who would manage and how.
111	01/10/2009 14:31:00	it is important to educate landowners. I feel it is outside the governments scope to dictate how private land is used, and the resources there in.
112	01/10/2009 18:26:00	All forests should be managed. Offer more tax incentives to plant forests.
113	01/10/2009 18:40:00	compared to state owned
114	01/10/2009 20:45:00	Forest Landowners can benefit with active planning
115	01/10/2009 21:01:00	If you are speaking of removing old growth forest to have lumber farms, I do not like that idea.
116	01/10/2009 23:08:00	It depends on what you mean by "managed"
117	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Forestry land management programs important, should be expanded
118	01/11/2009 02:29:00	How does this scenario get to be managed in an optimal way ?
119	01/11/2009 18:29:00	this is a renewable natural resource and thus must be viewed as such
120	01/12/2009 03:14:00	profession's definition of "manage" means sawlog production.
121	01/12/2009 12:45:00	not sure of the questions..do you mean if the forest are not managed both the ecosystem and economy are not optimized.
122	01/12/2009 13:34:00	forest stewardship plan is not always the answer. perhaps we need a more streamlined plan that has less detail in the appendix etc.

123	01/12/2009 17:07:00	The government should advise/educate owners, but not take over management of private forestland.
124	01/12/2009 17:38:00	statement is ambiguous. Private owners should be educated by Commission as to the most environmentally & conscientious means of protecting & preserving private woods/forests
125	01/12/2009 18:34:00	who is supposed to manage them?
126	01/12/2009 18:39:00	forest lands, identify, protect and preserve archaeological resources/sites, replace/regenerate forests, practice forest management for both private & public forests, eliminate forest fragmentation through land use planning, discourage rampant private/public development & mining leading to blight and sprawl, monitor, promote & protect species'
127	01/12/2009 21:14:00	Many people don't realize that services might exist for help managing those lands. Hunters especially would be grateful to know that just by doing a little work it would help them as well as the forests they love.
128	01/12/2009 22:53:00	we do need private management guidelines
129	01/13/2009 02:35:00	Forest are healthy when managed
130	01/13/2009 05:16:00	Cut nomore Trees
131	01/13/2009 12:26:00	trees and forest had they had done very well without man's interruptions. nature does a great job of management.
132	01/13/2009 15:49:00	midstory removal, underplanting etc.) aren't the answer because they are not practical to most landowners. The focus of forest mgnt. needs to shift from these silvicultural practices which are an extremely hard sale, to mgnt. through
133	01/13/2009 18:19:00	Forests and other natural systems are more than "resources" to be used for our personal gain.
134	01/13/2009 22:45:00	effects everyone and is an important natural resource.
135	01/14/2009 01:11:00	Manage for old growth. Don't cut the oldest trees!
136	01/14/2009 11:21:00	Not everyone see's dollar signs when looking at timber!
137	01/14/2009 14:22:00	This management or lack of management is changing the composition of our forests in a very negative way.
138	01/14/2009 17:41:00	better management practices should be enacted and enforced.
139	01/14/2009 20:07:00	I have seen to much destruction from logging.

140	01/14/2009 23:06:00	owners are not compensated for ecosystem services. Not fair to ask private owners not to utilize the resource. Only way to benefit economically is to cut. Need to establish financial incentives to NOT cut.
141	01/15/2009 06:46:00	Balancing the needs and rights of private land owners with the need to better manage natural resources is a thorny issue, but when forest management services work closely with private landowners, there is the potential for great benefits (for the landowner, the public, and the forest ecosystem).
142	01/15/2009 16:43:00	Manage your own land.
143	01/15/2009 21:32:00	All forestland needs some degree of management.
144	01/15/2009 22:21:00	Basic guidelines for the property owners are needed.
145	01/16/2009 00:38:00	private forest are managed by private land owners
146	01/16/2009 14:06:00	Individual property rights must take priority over all other concerns.
147	01/16/2009 17:28:00	the rights of the private landowner should be optimized.
148	01/16/2009 19:12:00	depends on what you mean by "managed"
149	01/17/2009 00:44:00	only through wise management not exploitation
150	01/17/2009 20:18:00	Very little forest management has been practiced within the private woodlands of the Bluegrass District. Many of the landowners simply do not want to harvest timber. They somehow think it will remain in its current condition (which may not be good) forever.
151	01/17/2009 22:21:00	if the public or environmentalist are worried about the ecosystem or private forest lands the should be willing to invest in said lands.
152	01/17/2009 22:45:00	"Management" may mean different things to different people.
153	01/18/2009 01:32:00	When we owned 50 acres of woodland in Larue Co. for over 30 years, we had the forest service give us advice on how to manage the forest.
154	01/18/2009 16:11:00	They've done fine for thousands of years on their own
155	01/19/2009 00:08:00	ecosystems benefits. Unmanaged forests are likely to be converted to other uses that will not provide these benefits.
156	01/19/2009 00:35:00	public forests. Leave the trees alone. Assist private owners with protecting their forested property
157	01/19/2009 03:46:00	what???!?!

158	01/19/2009 05:11:00	the forest is "managed" privately or publicly, though I hardly tend to view the forest strictly as resources.
159	01/19/2009 14:29:00	disturbance and non-management and invasive exotics
160	01/20/2009 00:46:00	There is a practice that seems to be unpreventable except through education. Real Estate companies are buying farms with stands of timber, having them logged for their own profit and then cutting them into tracts and
161	01/20/2009 01:33:00	mining is not putting tree back for the future
162	01/20/2009 15:11:00	information only not regulated
163	01/20/2009 15:53:00	While "outside interference" with "private" land has long been met with resistance, the responsibility of the individual to the whole of society also has a long history. And much merit. When what one does on his land affects the quality of other's land and/or environment, it is an obligation to see that "private" and "public"
164	01/20/2009 16:18:00	managing small farm woods will benefit economy and environment
165	01/20/2009 16:53:00	I think some management has to occur even if it is protecting it from outside disturbances.
166	01/20/2009 18:09:00	get controlling research question too many "nots"! Does it mean...Ky private forestland management is inadequate. Therefore the forestry related ecosystem and the forestry related economy is inadequate.
167	01/21/2009 18:52:00	As farming becomes less a way of life, farmers also need to be educated about the value of native plant/woodland restoration
168	01/21/2009 22:08:00	Making landowners aware of the ecological and economic values of their forests should be a high priority of the Division of Forestry
169	01/24/2009 19:12:00	but I don't want so-called management as in Robinson Forest
170	01/24/2009 22:17:00	forestland would help here. So much forestland is found within or on the borders of managed forest. The health of the state's forests would improve greatly if these gaps in management were closed.
171	02/01/2009 15:52:00	I can support management programs that address maintaining healthy private forestland (i.e., supporting/restoring native ecosystems, disease/fire management, and education purposes), but not logging.

172	02/01/2009 16:34:00	"forest management," I am not a fan. I believe that all landowners, public and private, should manage their lands for invasive species, erosion, water quality, and general forest health.
173	02/03/2009 20:33:00	This seems like a leading question.
174	02/03/2009 20:58:00	FORESTRY NEEDS MORE PROMOTION
175	02/04/2009 03:19:00	I want to help make Kentucky's Forests better. I am a college Forestry major! I would like to know about any volunteer work I can do for the KY Division of Forestry! I also served in the US Army for 10 1/2 years and am a Iraq War Veteran! I also have my Class B CDL License!
176	02/11/2009 04:33:00	poor and confusing sentence structure
177	02/15/2009 02:38:00	management for preservation of the entire ecosystem rather than maximizing profit at the expense of a portion of the ecosystem
178	02/15/2009 03:54:00	Owner interest & education critical
179	02/15/2009 14:22:00	important issue people need to be educated on is that CLEARCUTTING IS THE BEST METHOD FOR REGENERATING HIGH-VALUE (\$ AND WILDLIFE HABITAT) FORESTS IN THIS REGION. (I admit I haven't kept up with the research, but groups like Heartwood need to move to Oregon where clearcutting isn't the best alternative.) Yes, there are precautions needed to protect water quality.... Before Forest management can happen, though, people have to know the service is available to help them. They also need to understand WHY their forest needs to be
180	02/16/2009 19:38:00	What do you mean by optimized? Economic? Enviromental? Recreational?
181	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Although "no management" is sometimes a form of management, all forests need some form of proper forest managment in order to create sustainable, quality forests for future generations.
182	02/20/2009 15:22:00	If it's private land, do they pay for the services or taxpayers?
183	02/24/2009 06:54:00	as long as the forest owner has a choice, not regulated to do so
184	03/05/2009 21:52:00	Relatively few landowners in this area take advantage of the Forest Stewardship Program.
185	03/11/2009 18:34:00	I believe that there should be strick rules for farmers and the deletion of woodlands. It gain/loss should be evaluated before destruction.

186 03/14/2009 18:18:00

private land is just that private , incentives are a good way to help manage forestry but it should be left up to the property owner

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**Forest Health- Primarily from exotic and invasive plants, pathogens, and insects our forests suffer in their ability to thrive and regenerate in specific areas. In some cases individual native species are directly affected.**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	67.1%	1030
Important	29.3%	450
Not very Important	1.8%	28
Do not Know	1.8%	28
Comment		124
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1536</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>348</b>

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 17:43:00	Ash Borer very near. Look out
2	01/06/2009 21:17:00	Must strive to identify and protect native species.
3	01/06/2009 21:27:00	forest health is just as important as our own
4	01/06/2009 23:52:00	The degree of importance is related to the ability to restrict those exotic and invasive plants and in turn control the commerce therein.
5	01/07/2009 13:05:00	Protection of our forests is need to ensure the vitality and longevity of a
6	01/07/2009 14:29:00	Use of goats as biological controls can help solve this problem
7	01/07/2009 15:16:00	Much, much more needs to be done to address invasive species, pathogens and insects in Kentucky.
8	01/07/2009 15:44:00	Kudzu is a huge problem in eastern Kentucky. Need to fund research using goats for control/eradication.
9	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Public education of the harmful effects of exotics and invasives (esp. in terms of dollar amounts) should be fostered throughout the
10	01/07/2009 17:39:00	very invasive kudzo needs to be
11	01/07/2009 17:40:00	invasive species like bush honeysuckle are time bombs
12	01/07/2009 17:41:00	Pine Beetle Threat, Ash tree infestation example
13	01/07/2009 17:54:00	promote native species (and i know you do) and regulate the sale of burning bush and bush honeysuckle

14	01/07/2009 17:59:00	come up with a way to rid the area of pests (such as kudzo and ash beetles) without harm to other
15	01/07/2009 18:11:00	Invasives are probably the number one problem that I see in the woods on a daily basis.
16	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Again, the question should be asked differently, is forest health important?
17	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Invasive species are the most severe threat to forest after habitat
18	01/07/2009 19:31:00	To stop this change is already impossible.
19	01/07/2009 20:10:00	More funding should be made available to slow the spread of
20	01/07/2009 21:13:00	JAP BUSH HONEYSUCKLE, CALERY PEAR, AILANTHUS, KUDZU, ETC.
21	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Forest health should be protected, but I dislike the use of herbicides and
22	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Not enough checks put on imported firewood/lumber/etc.
23	01/08/2009 04:14:00	Again this is not a question but more of a statement. I do know that invasive species and pests are a
24	01/08/2009 07:20:00	when it is gone it is gone
25	01/08/2009 14:12:00	control of man introduced invasives can be controlled to some extent, as can damage by man made polutants that destry native species and allow
26	01/08/2009 14:38:00	Such as the elm trees in the north.
27	01/08/2009 15:36:00	the cost to tourism and management of hazard trees will be a growing problem. Loss of biodiversity is the most critical but misunderstood threat to our state from exotics
28	01/08/2009 16:05:00	Invasives pests are and will probably be the most noticable affect on the future of our forests
29	01/08/2009 16:37:00	Targetted clear cutting and controlled burning could be a part of the previously mentioned program
30	01/08/2009 16:49:00	humans are the most destructive invasive ever
31	01/08/2009 16:56:00	EAB, Wooly Adelgid, Gypsy Moth and Dutch Elm Disease are creating havoc all around and within our state. We need more control measures and indicators to ward off the severe

32	01/08/2009 17:04:00	too much fragmentation need more public land acquisition
33	01/08/2009 17:12:00	Poorly worded question...not sure how to answer.
34	01/08/2009 17:14:00	I am not if favor of widespread use of pesticides to control pathogens
35	01/08/2009 17:26:00	Worried about my hemlocks and S.Pine beetle resurgence.
36	01/08/2009 17:31:00	Southern Pine Beetles are a prime example and now the woolly adelgid
37	01/08/2009 18:13:00	pine beetle damage, chestnut blight very damaging to KY's forests
38	01/08/2009 18:38:00	KY should partner with the American Chestnut Foundation and become an active player to reintroduce the Am
39	01/08/2009 18:45:00	Stop Kudzu before it starts.
40	01/08/2009 18:53:00	This is directly related to education and the survival of endangered plant species in Kentucky.
41	01/08/2009 18:59:00	if we don't address the issue of invasives then we will not have a forest to worry about
42	01/08/2009 19:04:00	This includes the management of forest so that entact ecosystems are maintained and that all functions of that natural ecosystem are
43	01/08/2009 20:08:00	Japanese honeysuckle and multiflora rose are greatest problem
44	01/08/2009 20:26:00	(Eastern Hemlock)
45	01/08/2009 20:30:00	Again, the statement is confusing. As an Agriculture Bacherlar and Horticulture Associate holder and growing up in rual Kentucky, I am well aware of the devistation done to our native tress from other countries. Of course, Forest Health is very
46	01/08/2009 20:32:00	HWA is a big concern
47	01/08/2009 20:42:00	appropriate more funds for forest clean up, etc.
48	01/08/2009 21:25:00	pine beetle, for example has destroyed lots of timber in Ky
49	01/08/2009 21:45:00	This is were the division of forestry can provide services.
50	01/09/2009 00:40:00	From past experience, KY is not in as bad a shape as some states, but the importance of consideration cannot be ignored.

51	01/09/2009 01:08:00	All those things, however "invasive" and destructive, are part of a natural cycle, at least much more than a
52	01/09/2009 04:18:00	Cudzu should be eraticated if possible. I believe the southern pine beetle has been devistating to our conifer forest especially yellow pine
53	01/09/2009 13:42:00	This is politically-correct hooley!
54	01/09/2009 14:11:00	more emphasis needs to be placed on utilizing native plants instead of exotics that can become invasive and possibly carry pathogens harmful to
55	01/09/2009 14:54:00	The understanding of "Management" is not taught in schools it is learned
56	01/09/2009 14:59:00	2nd biggest problem after land conversion.
57	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Education is important for the protection of native species and without education - neglect of invasive plants and insects can be detrimental to our forests existence
58	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Stop their importation to Lowes, nurseries etc. get the roundUp out.
59	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Prime Example: Cudzu, the vine that ate the South!
60	01/09/2009 17:24:00	This is a true statement, but it is valid only if one regards forests only from a preservationist point of view. In the long term, forests cannot remain in a state of perpetuity - they are always evolving. For better or worse, the element of change is the only TRUE constant in nature. Regrettably, this is particularly true of
61	01/09/2009 19:20:00	Why does the state still grow and sell sawtooth oak, a known invasive. While, for some, the "jury's still out," there is a general consensus that it's a species of major concern as an invasive. Why wait until it's too late. There's no reason to propagatate this
62	01/09/2009 21:18:00	Who wrote this??
63	01/09/2009 21:53:00	I believe it is extremely important to protect our native plant life in KY.
64	01/09/2009 22:03:00	Managing forests to reduce stress and competition between trees will make the forest more resistant to destructive disease and insects.
65	01/10/2009 00:29:00	I think the way humans use the forest has a greater effect

66	01/10/2009 04:04:00	Needs to be a HEAVY concentration to deal with HWA
67	01/10/2009 05:04:00	I've seen what kudzu and even plants not native to ky but to the US do to our native KY plants and it's not
68	01/10/2009 14:31:00	It is important, but I feel there is no ultimate solution to stop the spread of all invasive species. our culture relies too much on transportation of goods from foreign places.
69	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Attended college at Murray State. Kudzu is destroying remaining woodlands to the west of KY Lake. Reduces native species' capabilities.
70	01/10/2009 18:40:00	Why are cuttings replaced with russian olives instead of hardwoods
71	01/10/2009 20:45:00	Need everyones help in preventing the spread
72	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Having come from GA where kudzu reigns, I experienced first hand how invasives can strangle native species trying to exist. These invasives
73	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Surface mine reclamation has introduced many exotic species
74	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Big money involved to eradicate. Hopefully we will learn from this and not let the invasives get hold.
75	01/12/2009 12:45:00	Invasive species is the biggest threat to KY forest.
76	01/12/2009 14:23:00	My childhood was covered in kudzu. But now, I am most concerned about the fate of the eastern hemlock.
77	01/12/2009 14:46:00	I believe these exotic invasive organisms is the biggest threat to our
78	01/12/2009 17:38:00	I'm a huge fan of removing invasives & encouraging the native plants. Again, constant education is the key.

79	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Thorough research and inventories of existing species, monitoring for optimum species' habitat, elimination of clear cutting, heavy equipment, ORVs, better private and public forest management through land use planning, locally and statewide. For example: Don't allow building/development in a floodplain, monitor and cap vehicle emissions, do not allow ORVs & heavy equipment in undeveloped/underdeveloped areas, stop promoting and growth of invasive species (i.e., sawtooth oak, pawlonia, autumn olive), stop releasing Asian Ladybeetles (they are
80	01/12/2009 21:14:00	as we allow non-natives to choke out our native vegetation, we are losing forever things we may not even
81	01/13/2009 02:35:00	invasive plant- Autumn Olive directly affects health
82	01/13/2009 05:16:00	Start cleaning up deadfalls
83	01/13/2009 12:26:00	most of the forest problems have been brought in by man, the state grows and sells sawtooth oak with is
84	01/13/2009 15:49:00	Important issue, needs to be controlled when possible. Not a front burner issue at this time, at least not
85	01/14/2009 14:22:00	I feel this is the largest potential threat to our forests in Kentucky
86	01/14/2009 14:50:00	I don't think non-native plants are quite the problem biologists want to make them. Perhaps they're simply part of the evolution of the forest.
87	01/14/2009 18:02:00	We lost scores of pines from the pine beetle.
88	01/14/2009 23:06:00	Ecosystems are fragmented by current forest practices and unhealthy ecosystems cannot fight disease and invasives. (Clearcuts and monocultures, two examples.)
89	01/15/2009 06:46:00	Honeysuckle and Kudzu alone are a biodiversity disaster for Kentucky's
90	01/15/2009 21:32:00	We all know insects can be devastating to our trees.
91	01/15/2009 22:21:00	Alot of people do not realize what plants are invasive or native for that

92	01/16/2009 17:28:00	I believe nature & evolution should rain supreme and man should not artificially protect species but should let them survive if they can evolve on
93	01/17/2009 18:23:00	must eliminate the worst of the invasive plants
94	01/17/2009 20:18:00	Non-native invasives are taking over portions of Kentucky. Most landowners cannot afford to control the invasives within their woodlands.
95	01/17/2009 22:21:00	this issue is important but the agencies involved are very feeble in their attempt to do anything about
96	01/17/2009 22:45:00	This is one of the worst threats to our forests.
97	01/18/2009 01:32:00	While we do not have 10 solid acres of forest, we probably have that much scattered on our 25 acres. We are actively eradicating invasive plants on our property and the property of adjoining property
98	01/18/2009 16:11:00	Forests are thinned by man making them weaker
99	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Non-native invasive species are a huge threat to our native
100	01/19/2009 00:35:00	So. Pine Beetle, Hemlock Wooley Adelgid, and others, as well as invasive plants attacking our stressed trees is a major threat to Kentucky's
102	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Forest Health is Very Important!!! The maintenace and contol of the above mentioned and also the species introduced by the "wood products industry" considered by some an invasive threat to the ecosystem (for example the sawtooth
103	01/19/2009 14:29:00	becoming more widespread and labor intensive
104	01/20/2009 01:33:00	strip mining is destroying all of these things
105	01/20/2009 15:11:00	honeysuckle and EAB
106	01/20/2009 15:53:00	For the most part, folks in the state (and those from other states who use ours) have had free rein to bring in whatever they wish into our forests. We should already have learned from the past that such "free wheeling" isn't always in the best interests of
107	01/20/2009 16:18:00	only native species should be encouraged even in landscaping

108	01/20/2009 16:53:00	Exotic organisms can harm our forests in many ways and wipe out native species that help maintain a
109	01/20/2009 17:50:00	While it may be important it is also important to remember the individual land owners rights.
110	01/20/2009 18:09:00	Detremental exotic and invasive plants,pathogens,and insects have invaded Ky forest. As a result Ky forests suffer to thrive and regenerate. Individual native species
111	01/21/2009 18:52:00	Right of ways should be mowed only to provide visibility and safety along the highways. New highway project right of ways should be sown with native grasses and trees not near the shoulders. The right of way system should be viewed as a secondary park system (passive-use) for the preservation of avian corridors, restoration of vegetation. Highway construction specifications should assimilate research that promotes less compaction of soils where
112	01/24/2009 19:12:00	ATV's and horses contribute to this problem - Mongiardo's plan to encourage these is a mistake.
113	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Management and control of invasives would also improve the health of Kentucky's forests by leaps and
114	01/25/2009 16:10:00	Preservation of major tree species and reintroductions are important
115	01/30/2009 02:58:00	KY needs to have a large and continuing program for control of
116	02/01/2009 01:29:00	need to eradicate hemlock aphid
117	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Long-term economic and environmental sustainability requires removing invasive species in our

118	02/01/2009 16:34:00	<p>This is the issue that concerns me the most, because it is a dire situation and continues to worsen due to lack of management, increase of alien species coming in, and lack of knowledge of this issue among the general public. Heavy effort should be focused upon removing extant populations of invasive threats. We must regulate the exotic organisms coming into our state (indeed, our country) more conscientiously, and outlaw those species and practices that are the most dangerous.</p> <p>Nurseries should not be allowed to sell invasive plant species nor citizens to plant them, as this is counterproductive to the welfare of our state and furthers ignorance. This may seem strict, but we waste untold dollars every year trying to combat the ill effects invasive species have upon our state, so why should we continue to allow them to be freely distributed? I read a recent manual</p>
119	02/03/2009 16:40:00	interested in obtaining info re invasive species in our forests
120	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Louisville's city parks are addressing this, but it is a time-consuming job.
121	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Invasive species control is monetarily expensive as well as time consuming. Although invasives can be more detrimental in some areas than others, highly infested areas should be paid higher priority than those areas which aren't as readily affected. Their spread is nearly inevitable, its just mitigating damage
122	02/24/2009 06:54:00	need kudzu control program
123	03/09/2009 01:10:00	might be the most important issue facing forest
124	03/14/2009 18:18:00	no exotic or invasive trees or plants should be allowed to be brought in unless the have no ability to reproduce or cross pollinate

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Wildfire- The occurrence of wildfire directly affects the health and value of the resource. Public health is impacted. Cost in prevention and suppression are felt by volunteer fire departments, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, local governments, and citizens.**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	52.0%	799
Important	39.5%	606
Not Very Important	7.0%	107
Do not Know	1.6%	24
Comment		158
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1536</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>348</b>

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 21:17:00	More so to eastern KY.
2	01/06/2009 21:27:00	all people are responsible for this we are all to be alert and be safe
3	01/06/2009 23:40:00	fire is a great mgt tool that needs to be utilized
4	01/06/2009 23:52:00	Most fires seem to be due to arson and the answer should mostly concern those statures.
5	01/07/2009 01:04:00	lowers the value of the resource
6	01/07/2009 01:28:00	Forest fires are beneficial to specific species of plants, ets.
7	01/07/2009 13:05:00	I feel that state and federal governments should be more involved in the larger wildfires that cannot be easily contained by local services.
8	01/07/2009 14:29:00	In the west goats are used for removal of fuel sources. With some study, an appropriate program could be developed in KY.
9	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Wildfires should be allowed to burn out on their own as much as possible. Also, collection of excess deadwood should be allowed to decrease risk of fire, and give local communities fuel
10	01/07/2009 16:48:00	Not a major problem in my area, but very important in some areas.
11	01/07/2009 17:34:00	However we need to remember that some fires are necessary for certain species of trees to survive
12	01/07/2009 17:37:00	controled burns are important

13	01/07/2009 17:38:00	Increase staff to monitor forests especially in popular hiking areas such as Red River Gorge. People will light campfire even if fire band is implemented because the likelihood of them being caught is small and the penalty is not severe enough.
14	01/07/2009 17:39:00	Increase fines for violating current illegal pot patches
15	01/07/2009 17:40:00	I know a lot of this has to do with arsonists are free, KDF is wasting time and money fighting
16	01/07/2009 17:42:00	As long as arsonists are free, KDF is wasting time and money fighting
17	01/07/2009 17:44:00	Fire should be used as a management tool.
18	01/07/2009 17:54:00	From a wildlife standpoint, fire is very beneficial.
19	01/07/2009 17:56:00	realize that occasional burning can alleviate problems with invasive species and regenerate forestlands. i've witnessed it first hand after the 1994-1995 fires.
20	01/07/2009 17:59:00	I don't understand this statement. Fire is used as a management tool in a lot of places to help native plant species sprout through the ground cover. when used correctly fire is
21	01/07/2009 18:00:00	need a law and enforce it about starting such fires by negligence(such as throwing lit cigarettes out the window of cars and burning without supervision and water immediately
22	01/07/2009 18:16:00	but the nature of forest fires that takes care of itself to replenish the forest is important too.
23	01/07/2009 18:25:00	needs to be handled jointly with other agencies
24	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Controlled burns should be considered to prevent excessive heat
25	01/07/2009 18:48:00	Need to increase funds to fight wildfires and support those who do.
26	01/07/2009 19:02:00	Natural wildfire is healthy for forest regeneration, arson is the main
27	01/07/2009 19:03:00	Fires are important for ecosystems not that many wildfires in Ky, are
28	01/07/2009 19:07:00	What am I saying is important or not important here?
29	01/07/2009 19:07:00	The use of fire for the health of the forest should be looked at in more

30	01/07/2009 19:22:00	fire helps clear under bursh and in rich the soil
31	01/07/2009 19:31:00	More use of fire in forest management would seem more the natural way. People should be educuated on construction and property maintenance around building and homes in forest areas.
32	01/07/2009 19:57:00	Preventing fires is important because fires hurt timber.
33	01/07/2009 19:58:00	Prevention--- I don't think is the issue here it is managment-- we have to let natural fires burn-- for the sake of #2 as well
34	01/07/2009 20:00:00	wildfire is a natural and necessary means by which the forest stays
35	01/07/2009 20:10:00	We know where most of the wildfires are occurring from year to year. We know arson and debris fires are the top causes for wildfire. Why can't more focus be placed on prevention? We also know that prescribed fire can be a successful managment tool. It would be nice to see a time in Kentucky where we do more
36	01/07/2009 20:20:00	in some areas fire management for brush may be important
37	01/07/2009 20:26:00	This reflects my region. We have few forest fires so the impact is much less. I think the wildfire problem in Kentucky -- that is primarily an Eastern Kentucky issue -- is a reflection of the community issues in
38	01/07/2009 20:49:00	Wildfires also release all of the CO2 stored by trees and plants back into the aatmosphere.
39	01/07/2009 21:29:00	educate the public
40	01/07/2009 22:08:00	I don't know how KY could handle a fire like California
41	01/07/2009 22:18:00	Most large wildfires already occur in lands managed by the government.
42	01/07/2009 22:38:00	We do not have many wild fires around here like they do in CA.
43	01/07/2009 23:07:00	Believe electronic surveilliance should be used to detect/prosecute arsonists of forests

44	01/07/2009 23:24:00	The relationship between forest fires and amounts of carbon, nitrogen, and other nutrients is the subject of considerable research. These fires turn out not always to be a bad thing ecologically, although they do pose other problems of course. This question can't be answered with the categories made available here.
45	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Prescribed burns after an environmental assessment are good
46	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Some fire is good. Arson happens too frequently. If life or structures are not threatened, sometimes its best to let it burn.
47	01/08/2009 04:14:00	Need to do more controled burns to improve forest health.
48	01/08/2009 13:12:00	Managed wildfire is also important for health of forest.
49	01/08/2009 13:40:00	But forestry-controlled fires are sometimes necessary to reforest an area.
50	01/08/2009 13:41:00	The State needs to more aggressively pursue arsonist.
51	01/08/2009 14:12:00	tougher arson laws burning permits and use of red flag days when burning is prohibited and fire-safety education can reduce man made
52	01/08/2009 14:35:00	Controlled burns are needed
53	01/08/2009 15:06:00	If low-level fires were allowed to burn, suppression costs would be greatly reduced. Also, it should be up to the landowner to implement proper fire practices to protect private
54	01/08/2009 15:36:00	Thge system must be restructured to emphasize prevention so that arson as an economic development "tool" for east Ky can be brought under
55	01/08/2009 16:05:00	Wildfire has and will continue to be a threat to our woodland health and economic values and also promotes many of the invasives species.
56	01/08/2009 16:49:00	fire is an important part of natural ecosystems and grasslands in the bluegrass

57	01/08/2009 16:49:00	I think people should not live so close to such a great fire fuel. Fires are natural, as least those not caused by humans, so they need to occur for a healthy ecosystem.
58	01/08/2009 16:53:00	The fire problem in eastern KY is more a social problem than a resource problem. When it becomes socially unacceptable to set fire to the woods and the citizens of the area no longer passively condone it by electing officials who will not put a stop to it, then the fires will stop.
59	01/08/2009 16:58:00	In areas where natural fires would occur these should be allowed to occur through appropriate prescribed
60	01/08/2009 17:04:00	locals are not invested stake-holders in forests therefore they set fires
61	01/08/2009 17:09:00	Forestry needs to re-establish its Law Enforcement program with seasoned police investigators
62	01/08/2009 17:47:00	Education, and more effort to catch the arsonists
63	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Perplexing issue. Necessary for forest rejuvenation but detrimental to man made structures utilities.
64	01/08/2009 18:19:00	severity of fires related to success of suppression
65	01/08/2009 18:29:00	Not in a very forrested area
66	01/08/2009 18:38:00	Fire needs to be recognized as a tool that can provide healthy forests. Laws need to be revized that allow private land owners to burn their forested land in a responsible manner without a threat of being sued.
67	01/08/2009 18:53:00	Fire prevention efforts are expensive, and since the vast majority of forest fires are caused by arson, more research needs to be done to determine why this is occurring. A criminal profile for this specific type of arson could be very helpful for both prevention and prosecution of
68	01/08/2009 18:59:00	wildfire is an act of terrorism and should be dealt with accordingly
69	01/08/2009 19:52:00	many fires in remote areas could be left to burn naturally regenerating the
70	01/08/2009 20:18:00	On this particular issue, fires can actually help a forest renew itself.

71	01/08/2009 20:30:00	Again, should this not be "Strongly Agree"?
72	01/08/2009 20:42:00	Stiffer penalties for arsonists/ more strict guidelines for camping during wildfire season
73	01/08/2009 21:25:00	Fires degrade timber quality
74	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Wildfires are natural and should only be controlled when endangering people or property.
75	01/08/2009 22:37:00	As a volunteer firefighter, I see this frequently
76	01/08/2009 23:41:00	I have not been affected.
77	01/09/2009 00:45:00	very often resource dollars are spent suppressing fires in areas which have, over the life of the stand, burned repeatedly in a damaging manner. We should map the burned areas annually, with particular emphasis on the intensity of the fire and aspect of the stand, and choose to suppress only those fires in areas which have not historically burned repeatedly.
78	01/09/2009 00:50:00	This is a vicious cycle that can be broken. Reduced damage will change the perception of a hopeless condition and give landowners a renewed sense of profitability from forest
79	01/09/2009 01:08:00	Wildfires are also natural process of forest growth and health.
80	01/09/2009 04:17:00	While wildfire suppression is important, mostly for safety issues, there is a need for more and better use of controlled fire as a
81	01/09/2009 04:18:00	I work in law enforcement and with the past several year of drought in Kentucky if it continues there will be many fires due to arson and
82	01/09/2009 13:24:00	Fire was part of natural cycle at one time. Our control of fire has actually changed the forest, although expensive and hard to do in this area possibly controlled burns should be
83	01/09/2009 13:42:00	What are you trying to get me to say here? Do we have wildfires in Kentucky? I've never heard of one.

84	01/09/2009 14:11:00	fire is a controversial topic but its use in managing forests is still under debate and study. Wildfires that threaten and endanger the public need to be extinguished safely and effectively, however using prescribed fires should be allowed to reduce fuel loads and mitigate fire risks by reducing fuel loads and volume.
85	01/09/2009 14:15:00	Some wildfire can be helpful.
86	01/09/2009 14:37:00	Fires are a natural event, and humans continue to move into forested areas and expect that this will not affect
87	01/09/2009 14:54:00	Forest fires are natural and needed to manage the proper ecosystem. Stop preventing forest fires
88	01/09/2009 14:59:00	Too much fire suppression and prevention can be a bad thing. It can create bigger, more destructive fires in the long run.
89	01/09/2009 14:59:00	This holds KY forest management in the dark ages, a major factor in the poor economy of E KY, and an impediment to using prescribed fire
90	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Again, education is the key for keeping our environment and forests safe from those without knowledge of the impact of their actions.
91	01/09/2009 15:59:00	I am more concerned about the fad of "prescribed fire" by government agencies. That is appropriate out west, but NOT here.
92	01/09/2009 16:22:00	Unless the climate starts changing. Then Very Important
93	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Need to burn some of the forest for oak regeneration, not all forest fires
94	01/09/2009 17:15:00	Wildfires can be a natural occurrence, if manmade it is
95	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Education and giving communities a specific mission would help

96	01/09/2009 17:24:00	<p>This is actually a true/false question. The statement is TRUE, of course. But, when we say that wildfire affects the health and value of the resource, does it make it MORE or LESS valuable? Again, it depends upon the goals of the overseeing agency. Forest fires can often be beneficial. Periodic (every 5-10 years) low brush fires clear out fuel on the forest floor, add nutrients to the soil, keep the understory fairly open, and make forests more useful to wildlife. However, it should not be forgotten that irrespective of how we feel about cost and impact, it's nonetheless a forgone conclusion that wildfires will continue to occur and that money will necessarily be spent to suppress them. There are simply too many knotheads out there in our forestlands that behave irresponsibly or intentionally set fires in order they can be hired to put them out (job fires). I'd say arson is the cause</p>
97	01/09/2009 18:58:00	<p>Fire should be viewed as a management tool to be used, not suppressed. Reduction of fuel loads, would help decrease the occurrence of damaging wildfires.</p>
98	01/09/2009 19:36:00	<p>In nature a forest fire has benefits.</p>
99	01/09/2009 19:51:00	<p>Also recognizing that forest fires may play a role in forest life cycle.</p>
100	01/09/2009 19:52:00	<p>would like to see prescribed fire use</p>
101	01/09/2009 21:18:00	<p>Seriously, the statement does not match the responses!!</p>
102	01/09/2009 22:14:00	<p>Timber quality must be maintained</p>
103	01/10/2009 00:29:00	<p>we don't have many fires in the woods around here</p>
104	01/10/2009 04:04:00	<p>Some prescribed burns are important though</p>
105	01/10/2009 05:03:00	<p>I've always been concerned in the region we own forest land of illegal pot growers setting fires to fertilize the</p>
106	01/10/2009 14:31:00	<p>fire laws are there for a reason....</p>

107	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Very important because wildfires are a natural process and should be allowed to burn until their ends. Important for clearing the area below the canopy and reduces severity/intensity/longevity of future wildfires. Don't bother with trying to
108	01/10/2009 20:45:00	prevent fire scare damage and undesirable smoke.
109	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Unless man-made, forest fires are a natural part of the ecosystem. Suppression can exacerbate the situation by increasing potential fuel for when a fire occurs.
110	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Forestry personnel work hard at fire suppression. Thanks.
111	01/11/2009 02:29:00	but..Invasives cost more; money should be directed there.
112	01/11/2009 18:29:00	I am aware that under certain circumstances that a wild fire may be helpful and if used should be
113	01/11/2009 19:58:00	natural wildfire and controlled burns can be healthy for wild forests. proper management prevents natural wildfires from destroying forests and communities.
114	01/12/2009 14:43:00	Prescribed fire is an important forest management tool in some areas of KY, and fire suppression can cause decreased forest health in these
115	01/12/2009 18:34:00	wildfires should be allowed to burn
116	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Clearing of brush & diseased trees are important but protection of species' habitat must be paramount.
117	01/13/2009 02:35:00	Has not been a problem for me.
118	01/13/2009 03:36:00	If cutting is prevented, wildfires is only way to regenerate a healthy
119	01/13/2009 05:16:00	same as above
120	01/13/2009 12:26:00	wildfire as an act of natural forest management, zone areas so people are not allowed to build in forest
121	01/13/2009 13:27:00	Wildfires are in some cases, when arson is not involved, a natural process that is necessary to promote regeneration and vitality to a forest.
		This all depends. Wild fires can be bad in their destruction but many areas need fires to burn away underbrush or to re-energize dormant

123	01/13/2009 15:49:00	We should look at helping private sector with prescribed fire as Tennessee does. With our training, we should be leaders in fire use but
124	01/14/2009 14:22:00	Obviously the protection of peoples health and homes is critical but otherwise I think too much is put into fire suppression if the area where the fire is burning has no homes, businesses or people in harms way. Containment points should be identified at the closest point and
125	01/14/2009 15:36:00	Agreed, but KDF should embrace and facilitate the use of prescribed fire in forests for management in certain circumstances, particularly as related to oak regeneration. Perhaps more aggressive use of prescribed fire could help to curtail the devastating effects of arson and wildfires.
126	01/14/2009 17:41:00	arson is probably no#1 cause not wildfire.
127	01/14/2009 22:43:00	Wildfires are a natural part of the forest. Too often they are suppressed when they should be accepted as a natural event.
128	01/14/2009 23:06:00	This is an issue that disproportionately affects some areas but is not an issue statewide.
129	01/15/2009 13:58:00	The forests were meant to burn from time to time. By fighting all wildfires we have hurt our forests and this has allowed invasive species to flourish in some cases. We should let nature work in its natural cycle and quit trying to control it because a few idiots put houses in a fire prone regions; if you do that you take your
130	01/15/2009 21:32:00	The people of KY. need to be very cautious when burning debris on their land.
131	01/15/2009 22:21:00	With no question that this is
132	01/16/2009 17:28:00	controlled fires are necessary. Access by OHVs should be encouraged to establish fire blocks and access for fighting fires.
133	01/17/2009 18:23:00	jeff county does not have this
134	01/17/2009 20:18:00	There is considerable fire damage in portions of the Bluegrass District.

135	01/17/2009 22:21:00	a reward seems to be a good approach. also education in schools and community.
136	01/18/2009 01:32:00	When we bought our 50 acres in Larue County 40 years ago, we could see the damage done by a recent wildfire on the base of most of the trees. Wildfires would affect most of the wildlife in the area.
137	01/18/2009 16:11:00	B-2 bombers can drop water too.
138	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Naturally occurring fire and prescribed burning are important to our forested ecosystems, but forest arson and carelessness cost taxpayers.
139	01/19/2009 05:11:00	The effects of unmanaged wildfire measured in the immediate and the future integrity of our forests (especially old growth stands) is very important in many ways.
140	01/19/2009 14:29:00	not all impacts are negative
141	01/20/2009 15:53:00	"Smokey" may not have always been right about "no forest fires" (their complete absence has pretty much been shown to have dire consequences); however, wild fires--unplanned and unmanaged ones, whether caused by lightning or careless/deliberate people--will continue to be an important forest
142	01/20/2009 16:18:00	some occur naturally but public should be educated to keep random fires from being started
143	01/20/2009 16:53:00	Wildfires can be started by humans as well as nature. Money should be allocated to help in the efforts to prevent, control, and monitor these situations.
144	01/20/2009 18:09:00	very good statement
145	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Wildfires are part of the natural cycle. Too much emphasis is put on prevention. Unless there is danger to people and communities, or a legitimate threat to tourism, I think less emphasis is needed in this area, with more focus on other important

146	02/01/2009 15:52:00	We should discourage too much human development close to state parks prone to wildfires, as it puts forest firefighters at risk trying to save homes rather than focusing on addressing wildfires. We also need greater law enforcement effort at finding and prosecuting arsonists.
147	02/01/2009 16:34:00	Controlled burning to prevent future wildfires and increasing awareness of risky practices among the public would be helpful. I rank this issue as lower in importance because I know that the forests will recover and be rejuvenated, even if buildings are unfortunately destroyed. Not ALL is lost. Furthermore, the public is already very aware of the threat that wildfires pose to their property.
148	02/03/2009 16:40:00	I understood that fires were natural and helpful to growth
149	02/11/2009 04:33:00	Wildfires are a natural phenomenon, if truly wild. Prevention is necessary if human development is impacted.
150	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Years ago the KDF thought TOO much about suppression and fire, and ignored the importance of
151	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Eastern Kentucky has an extreme fire hazard problem, there isnt enough law enforcement to correct the problem, espically in counties or districts where arson is the leading cause of fires. A law enforcement officer dedicated to wildland arson could prevent future fires in fire prone
152	02/21/2009 21:27:00	Fire is an important part of our ecosystem and can benefit the resource. However, unplanned wildfires can adversely impact the public and the safety of firefighters. More prescribed fire should be used
153	03/03/2009 03:25:00	wildfire regenerates the land, your agency knows that
154	03/11/2009 12:26:00	Forest fire is a natural part of our ecosystem, used correctly fire is an important component to a healthy ecosystem.
		Wildfire does not seem to big a big

156	03/11/2009 18:34:00	Not for this region
157	03/14/2009 18:18:00	fires are dangerous but are natural accurances in the wild people should take steps to protect them selves and their property before fires are started
		Burning too often done when windy

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Forestland Loss and Fragmentation-** Forests are becoming physically divided. Loss of forestland from conversion to other uses has resulted in less total forest acres than were present in 1988. Contributors to forest loss and fragmentation are urbanization, mining, roads, and utility right-of-ways.

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	65.1%	1000
Important	28.3%	435
Not very Important	5.1%	79
Do not Know	1.4%	22
Comment		189
		<i>answered question</i> 1536
		<i>skipped question</i> 348

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 20:14:00	mountain top removal is a tragedy
2	01/06/2009 21:17:00	We need standardized laws across all counties restricting division and development of forests.
3	01/06/2009 21:27:00	would it be possible for agriculture and forestry to help each other and team up - i am for it.
4	01/06/2009 22:08:00	mining has devastated forests and watersheds in our area
5	01/06/2009 23:52:00	Replacement of forest areas as a result of development should be encouraged - some groups , however well meaning , have limited the ability for this to be effective.
6	01/07/2009 01:04:00	the primary cause of the loss is fence to fence farming, instead of farming land that is truly tillable.
7	01/07/2009 01:28:00	It's very important that we keep large areas of forests together such as Roberson forest in eastern Kentucky.
8	01/07/2009 13:05:00	I feel that this should be stopped or discouraged through fees or land use agreements should be written to keep forest lands protected.

9	01/07/2009 15:16:00	Forest in Kentucky are very fragmented and are NOT being replanted at the rate they are being cut or harvested. Much more needs to be done to encourage landowners to be more selective in the amount and species they cut. They should also replace what they cut with seedlings of a diverse mix. Efforts should be made to link forest when possible. We also need more oak component in our forest and efforts should increase to bring back the American chestnut.
10	01/07/2009 15:34:00	It is important to do something about this now, especially for wildlife
11	01/07/2009 16:07:00	The Commonwealth should make the connection of forests a top priority.
12	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Incent landowners not to sell/divide their forests by giving them property tax breaks for properly managing their forest.
13	01/07/2009 17:41:00	This is not good.
14	01/07/2009 17:41:00	Need to set aside larger tracts for public use/non development
15	01/07/2009 17:55:00	It is also one of the main contributing factors to the decline of many forest dwelling wildlife species.
16	01/07/2009 17:59:00	our county has lost a lot of forest land due to mining rock along the most beautiful part of the Ohio river.
17	01/07/2009 18:02:00	Stop 4 wheelers ATV
18	01/07/2009 18:11:00	Focus on practices that change forestland to concrete or black-top.
19	01/07/2009 18:25:00	Once lost forest land, we can't get it back.
20	01/07/2009 18:27:00	Strong measures should be implemented to reverse this loss and increase native diversity.

21	01/07/2009 18:31:00	This is a critical issue. I know someone at UK - Landscape Architecture has been doing some work looking at forest fragmentation across the state. I saw his work at a recent conference. In my mind it is critical that updated land cover data be obtained that is comparable to the 2001 and 2005 data. Is anyone getting together to get an updated data post 2005?
22	01/07/2009 18:31:00	I am especially concerned about the impacts of urbanization and mountain top removal mining.
23	01/07/2009 18:34:00	extraordinarily important for wildlife
24	01/07/2009 18:37:00	dirt bikes and atv should not be allowed in forest
25	01/07/2009 18:41:00	New laws needed to force replacement of trees by those causing the loss, including the government.
26	01/07/2009 18:48:00	Surface coal mining and clear cutting of forests degrade the forests as a whole. While driving through eastern Kentucky to vacation it is unpleasurable to be tailgated by coal trucks, view large swaths of empty area, and have the vehicle covered in dust from strip mining. The economic advantage is given to a few wealthy companies who employ less people through surface mining and ruin the visual appeal of the mountains.
27	01/07/2009 18:52:00	We need to do everything we can to prevent this!
28	01/07/2009 18:52:00	An emphasis should be placed on protecting large areas of forestland.
29	01/07/2009 19:00:00	Strip mining should be banned!
30	01/07/2009 19:03:00	Roads are very important, but mining shld not harm forests. New residential developmts should spread from towns not dotted around county, interrupting farms and forests.

31	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Suburban sprawl is bad... Not sure what I'm saying is important or not here...
32	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Roads have the highest unseen impact to our forests. Where possible the amount roads should be reduced, and roadless areas protected from future roads. All roads are a threat, including dirt roads and roads formed by ATVs and horse trails.
33	01/07/2009 19:31:00	strip mining in mountains especially is total destruction because the mountain is not returned even if the forest could regrow. Reclamation methods in flatter ground should be adjusted to allow forest growth and not grasslands only. forest corridors are needed to link areas and create recreational opportunities.
34	01/07/2009 19:44:00	Why not attempt to create smaller enclaves of forest vegetation along highways adn small chunks of state owned land? This might encourage land owners
35	01/07/2009 20:00:00	until developers are realed in, fragmentation will destroy our wildlife and our wildlife resources. strong effort should be put toward halting further fragmentation and loss.
36	01/07/2009 20:10:00	Reforestation should be used more often in mine reclamation. The techniques (less soil compaction) for re-forestation of mine lands has been scientifically proven successful. Urban sprawl will continue. We need to focus on remaining forestland. Every remaining forested acre (private and public) should be managed in an economically and environmentally sound way that meets the overall goals of the landowners/public.
37	01/07/2009 21:18:00	Almost always the loss of forest is much more than necessary in each circumstance.

38	01/07/2009 21:29:00	strike a balance
39	01/07/2009 21:52:00	our forestland is being removed for not very useful ways.
40	01/07/2009 22:38:00	Animals that live in the forest require so much area to support their existance if the overall forest area is reduced we will see fewer and fewer animals. I believe there are ways to work with the animals and make it more co-habitable.
41	01/07/2009 23:07:00	Do not believe fragmentation is a serious problem yet
42	01/07/2009 23:22:00	Loss of forstland in this way is very disturbing!
43	01/07/2009 23:24:00	This is true and a huge factor in causing adverse ecological consequences and in reducing biodiversity.
44	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Do not allow fragmentation
45	01/08/2009 03:40:00	This is a serious habitat issue.
46	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Stop allowing polotics to get involved. Start using grants to purchase more land and work with corps of engineers along rivers and lakes in KY. It is a tremendous resource. Also, WHY ARE WE NOT UTILIZING THE SPACE ALONG THE INTERSTATES IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO REFOREST. ...JUST THINK OF THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON GREENHOUSE GASES.... WE COULD HAVE LARGE STRIPS OF FOREST RIGHT NEXT TO THE LARGEST PRODUCERS OF THESE GASES.
47	01/08/2009 04:14:00	These are not questions but statements.
48	01/08/2009 07:20:00	we have to do a better job
49	01/08/2009 12:49:00	I do not want the forests ro be a thing of the past. We need to preserve them.
50	01/08/2009 13:15:00	This may be the most imporant!

51	01/08/2009 14:12:00	Allowing destruction of forests on public lands should be restricted when it will result in extreme loss of native habitat and permanent damage to native eco-systems. Zoning regulations and environmental laws, and creation of trust lands can reduce the impact of development on private lands
52	01/08/2009 14:35:00	Especially mining
53	01/08/2009 14:39:00	protecting forest land does not seem to be a priority for those in power (i.e., politicians and the wealthy).
54	01/08/2009 14:55:00	Far too much fragmentation taking place due to farm break down to sell to more people not good.
55	01/08/2009 15:01:00	The building of industry, homes and large shopping malls have greatly impacted the forest and agriculture lands.
56	01/08/2009 15:06:00	"Fewer" total forest acres, not "less" total forest acres.
57	01/08/2009 15:36:00	We are losing the values of large forest blocks which the average 40 acre forest will not support, again biodiversity and overall ecosystem benefits are being lost and what was free will cost a great deal in the future.
58	01/08/2009 15:44:00	I love to horseback ride and I want a place I can do this for future years. I want a place I can take my grandchildren to ride also.
59	01/08/2009 15:46:00	Stop logging our forest!!! The damage does not justify the revenue. The only one that is making any big money is the logger not the state.
60	01/08/2009 16:05:00	We cannot manage our woodlands if we do not have any there.
		one of my biggest concerns

62	01/08/2009 16:49:00	I am very much against any type of extensive forest fragmentation, including interstate construction and mining. Many animals other than humans will not cross such barriers, and this is a large reason why so many animal species are declining.
63	01/08/2009 17:04:00	the proposed bike trail in Lexington around Saron Drive and Fiddler Creek Way will destroy about 3 acres of mature hardwoods
64	01/08/2009 17:04:00	stop mountain top removal
65	01/08/2009 17:14:00	I think this is more important for forest as habitat than for forest as timber resource.
66	01/08/2009 17:17:00	When it's gone, it is gone. Please save as much as possible.
67	01/08/2009 17:31:00	This is a critical factor that needs to be considered for all forest dependent species; especially cryptic ones like caudates.
68	01/08/2009 17:36:00	money should be spent upgrading our current infrastructure systems instead of building new ones
69	01/08/2009 17:47:00	zoning needed, more tax breaks for not subdividing
70	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Too late for most of Kentucky. It could, however, be addressed as part of the reclamation requirements when issuing coal mining permits.
71	01/08/2009 18:38:00	Forestland owners should have incentives to keep land forested, such as tax incentives, etc.
72	01/08/2009 18:49:00	There's too much concrete in Kentucky these days!
73	01/08/2009 18:53:00	Forestland loss also results in habitat loss for other species.
74	01/08/2009 19:52:00	offer tax incentives for forest initiatives to combine small tracts
75	01/08/2009 20:09:00	Emphasis should be placed on rehabing urban areas instead of sprawling out into rural areas. Urban sprawl should be reduced by smart construction designs and minimal impact to the surrounding environment.

76	01/08/2009 20:26:00	( however utilities ROWs can be managed through corrected trimming.
77	01/08/2009 20:30:00	I give up. Very Strongly Agree, especially urbanization!
78	01/08/2009 20:37:00	Re-plant trees on Coal Lands
79	01/08/2009 20:42:00	prohibit corporations from taking over and plowing up land that they do not own such as Kentucky American Water through Franklin County. This whole ordeal is completely ridiculous as well as an example that the common man's land ownership doesn't matter.
80	01/08/2009 21:36:00	we do not need more-roads,buildings,parking lots-keep our forest
81	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Forestry should promote tree planting and conservation. They do not need to manage private properties.
82	01/09/2009 00:40:00	Urban/wildland interface and lack of understanding of the elements involved cause a disconnect that seems to get wider each year. Education of yopung people is key to prevent a bad situation from getting worse.
83	01/09/2009 00:45:00	I really don't see much the state can do with its limited jurisdictional scope on this matter. We should instead concentrate on reforesting the areas that are appropriate for forest as their highest and best usage.
84	01/09/2009 01:08:00	Again private is private.
85	01/09/2009 03:20:00	We need good inventory information and should try to protect larger blocks with conservation easements and other innovative approaches.
86	01/09/2009 03:33:00	This is especially true in the Eastern part of the state where surface mining is creating significant forest fragmentation.
87	01/09/2009 04:18:00	refer to first answer.
88	01/09/2009 13:42:00	Life happens.

89	01/09/2009 14:11:00	revitalization of urban centers to decrease urban sprawl is an area that should be addressed. more utilization of land already developed would discourage urban sprawl which devours not only forest land but prime agricultural land as well. tax incentives to keep land in forest or ag production is one possible solution.
90	01/09/2009 14:38:00	Large scale mining, urbanization, and agricultural conversion are primary contributors to fragmentation. Forest preservation without access with roads limits its usefulness to the public, especially the senior population. Utility right of ways are narrow and have minimal impact.
91	01/09/2009 14:50:00	and invasive species are more likely and able to thrive on the borders of forests, so a greater border-to-forest ratio will increase prevalence of question #2
92	01/09/2009 14:54:00	We should try to manage our forest as they were 200 years ago not as it was 20 years ago.
93	01/09/2009 14:59:00	Most serious forest problem in KY/US. It is major environmental problem across the board and source of larger economic and Govt. budget woes due to dispersed services required.
94	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Business- and making money talks and the environment (forests) is at a loss.
95	01/09/2009 15:59:00	This is one of the worst, non-addressed, issues we have in Kentucky.
96	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Zoning laws in counties for minimum acres, buy more forest, technical guidance to landowners and the public in general
97	01/09/2009 17:16:00	And the question is what? Population is growing
98	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Need better planning, and wood cleared should be used, not burned

99	01/09/2009 17:24:00	It's important, but that's how it goes when the bulk of land in KY is in private hands. Now what? Working with all those landowners to plant trees on their property won't bring back what's already been lost. Trees planted with an eye toward future timber harvest and an undisturbed native forest (with all the accompanying ecology) are two different things. We can grow more trees, we cannot re-build an ecosystem.
100	01/09/2009 18:33:00	SAVE THE FOREST
101	01/09/2009 18:58:00	contiguous blocks of forest should be encouraged, rewarded, and maintained.
102	01/09/2009 19:40:00	I am not sure I understand the question, statement
103	01/09/2009 19:52:00	State needs to buy more land to prevent this
104	01/09/2009 21:53:00	As long as people put money above all else, our forests and open spaces will be for sale to be divided and destroyed.
105	01/09/2009 22:03:00	Are there economic incentives for private forest landowners to retain land as forests versus selling for urbanization and suburbanization?
106	01/10/2009 04:04:00	Hard to find an equilibrium
107	01/10/2009 14:31:00	A growing population has to have homes, fuels, and building materials
108	01/10/2009 18:24:00	we need to maintain large intact forested tracts
109	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Cleared farmlands that are no longer used for agricultural practices by owners should be planted with native mixes of trees in order to restore the Commonwealth's forest system. By reducing edge habitat, cowbird and other invasive species will fail to thrive. Plantings should be done at no cost to owners.
110	01/10/2009 18:40:00	Kentucky mismanages what it owns so why are they concerned about privately owned forests

111	01/10/2009 20:45:00	Favor local land use planning at county level
112	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Ecosystems cannot exist in isolated pockets. It is like separating the human body into its parts and expecting the entire body to still function.
113	01/10/2009 21:45:00	irresponsible logging also contributes to loss
114	01/10/2009 23:08:00	What are you asking about? The importance of forestland loss or the importance that the contributors are urbanization, etc.?
115	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Where I own forestland, mining is by far the biggest culprit.
116	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Even in our area, Cadiz, the timber taken is not replaced by young trees, why ?
117	01/11/2009 18:29:00	each use situation is different but the retention of forest land should be a priority but not at the expense of economic harm to areas
118	01/12/2009 03:14:00	You fail to mention that logging roads and clearcuts are also HUGE contributors to forest fragmentation.
119	01/12/2009 13:34:00	current inheritance tax laws maybe are the major cause. Need landowner education about estate planning and changes in tax laws.
120	01/12/2009 13:37:00	Forestland re populates most fallow ground within 50 years
121	01/12/2009 13:38:00	We need to preserve natural areas.
122	01/12/2009 13:40:00	I believe in property rights, and support roads, regardless of impact.
123	01/12/2009 14:23:00	I think the forest service should connect with movements to stop urban sprawl (in the Bluegrass and other populous regions) and with anti-mountaintop removal mining efforts in eastern KY. How can you care for forests if mountains are destroyed and the streams that give them life are buried?

124	01/12/2009 17:07:00	Loss of forestland should be minimized by developers. If they damage the land, they should be responsible for restoring it.
125	01/12/2009 17:38:00	With the continuous reduction in amounts of forest land, I shutter to think of our future & that way of life without green space.
126	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Eliminate clear cutting on all private & public forest lands, replace/regenerate forests, practice forest management for both private & public forests, eliminate forest fragmentation through land use planning, discourage rampant private/public development & mining leading to blight and sprawl, monitor, promote & protect species' habitat including water, air, land, and subterranean
127	01/12/2009 21:14:00	Although I don't know how much can be done about the sell-off of private land to business entitites.
128	01/12/2009 22:53:00	critical to habitats, especially migrating songbirds
129	01/13/2009 02:35:00	This area has been fragmented by mining
130	01/13/2009 05:16:00	For each tree cut, Replace with another tree.
131	01/13/2009 12:26:00	we as humans need to manage humans, stop the urbanization, stop mining and clear cutting, reuse the resourses we have already have and let the forest grow as nature planned.
132	01/13/2009 13:27:00	Forrests are a neccessary part of the eco-system, due to jobs and economic development of this depressed area, fragmented forrests are not a problem to me.
133	01/13/2009 14:46:00	Protecting forests from urbanization, etc. is very important to Kentucky!
134	01/13/2009 15:49:00	We a free society comes freedom to do what you want with your land.
		Forests lost to mining should be

136	01/14/2009 01:11:00	Contiguous forest corridors need to be identified and preserved.
137	01/14/2009 03:10:00	Deforestation associated with Mt. Top Removal is devastating to forests and ecosystems. All continuity and habitat is lost in the area, with additional damage to streams and all surrounding areas.
138	01/14/2009 11:21:00	Less houses-more forests
139	01/14/2009 14:22:00	Landscape level planning from the local level up would assist with this.
140	01/14/2009 14:50:00	I have a home in the country that has been flooded repeatedly because of development upstream in Anderson County. I think this is a real problem that needs to be addressed by requiring governmental entities to take a closer look at downstream flooding potential when they approve new subdivisions and/or shopping centers with acres of roofs and impermeable paving materials.
141	01/14/2009 15:22:00	This is of grave concern to us as more and more forest area is being developed.
142	01/14/2009 15:36:00	Very important. Fragmentation greatly effects the suitability of forests as wildlife habitat.
143	01/14/2009 17:41:00	something must be done to keep more green. bldgs and asphalt do no good at all.
144	01/14/2009 20:07:00	Utilitlize mining, reforestation post mining landuse
145	01/14/2009 21:50:00	Forest and woodland areas need to be left to grow. If houses, factories etc need to be built and forests are to be removed for it then I say they need to find another place to build.
146	01/14/2009 23:06:00	This is one of the biggest issues facing us and is key to many of the other issues. (ie, forest health, environmental services delivery, etc.)
147	01/15/2009 03:46:00	<a href="http://www.wisecountyissues.com">http://www.wisecountyissues.com</a>
148	01/15/2009 04:58:00	We have to protect our forests.

149	01/15/2009 21:32:00	Mining can be hazardous to our forest , also we need to encourage new homeowners t o plant trees and not cut down established ones.
150	01/16/2009 04:16:00	Loggers are also destroying forestland as well.
151	01/16/2009 15:21:00	Although I think this is very important, I do not believe the goverment has a right to interfere with privately owned forest unless a request is made by the land owner.
152	01/17/2009 18:23:00	just dont break up parks and public land
153	01/17/2009 20:18:00	Landowners have been selling portions of their property to developers because they can receive more money from the developers than form growing timber or farming.
154	01/17/2009 22:21:00	its private property unless someone willing to pay to keep it that way.
155	01/17/2009 22:45:00	This may be the worst threat to our forests.
156	01/18/2009 01:32:00	Many species of birds depend on large tracts of undivided forests for survival. We are losing many of our songbirds due to forestland fragmentation.
157	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Well managed forests can reap economic benefits for landowners to help stave off forest loss and fragmentation.
158	01/19/2009 00:35:00	Mountain top removal, road etc encroach upon forested land. Land MUST be set aside in order to be preserved

159	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Forestland Loss and Fragmentation is probably of the Highest Importance in maintaining contiguous spans of forest especially old growth stands and sensitive areas for the proliferation of species, for supporting biodiversity, migratory pathways, medical research, the sustainable job market, etc. Much more important than urban expansion and the increase of energy consumption through mining.
160	01/19/2009 14:29:00	state, regional, local land planning/zoning needed more
161	01/20/2009 01:33:00	strip mining and mountain top removal are causing more loss in my area than all other
162	01/20/2009 15:53:00	Willy-nilly development has not made us good stewards of the land.
163	01/20/2009 16:18:00	things should be planned to limit this. ie greenspaces to link woodlands
164	01/20/2009 16:53:00	Fragmentation can disrupt the environmental balance and cause severe consequences.
165	01/20/2009 18:09:00	Missing in this statement: Conversion of woodlands to row crop land surely has an adverse impact on the loss of woodlands.
166	01/21/2009 18:52:00	The issue needs to be included in city, county, and regional planning boards. The Transportation Cabinet needs to have a strong relationship and attitude of cooperation with EEC regarding the impact of highway development.
167	01/21/2009 22:08:00	The Division should know at all times the forest acreage being lost by county, region and be able to document the loss
168	01/22/2009 02:03:00	This is one of the biggest threats to our forests.
169	01/24/2009 19:12:00	Fragmentation is one of our biggest problems.
170	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Preventing fragmentation will encourage the continued re-introduction of megafauna.

171	01/29/2009 21:34:00	once gone it's gone forever, can't undo development
172	02/01/2009 15:52:00	This practice makes the surviving forested areas more vulnerable to invasive species, reduces quality of forests as wildlife sanctuaries, and urbanization near forests multiplies risks from wildfires.
173	02/01/2009 16:34:00	Fragments of forest cannot function in the same way as a whole forest. We would be fooling ourselves to think that leaving many tiny strips is just as good as leaving a large area. Not only is the effect damaging to ecosystems and unaesthetic, it causes further damage in terms of opening up land to invasive species, fire, pollution, and erosion. We should not, and do not even need to, continue building in the same wasteful, haphazard, and accelerate manner in which we have for so long. This is actively destroying forest and showing disrespect for the beauty of our state.
174	02/02/2009 22:24:00	I think most of the public does not recognize this one as most consider a woodlot a forest.
175	02/03/2009 20:58:00	URBAN FORESTRY NEEDS TO BE UTILIZED
176	02/04/2009 03:19:00	I recently returned from a month long visit to Brazil ! The Rainforest is very important to all of us!!!! And it is alarming how much of it is being destroyed by logging and cattle farmers wanting to move in!!!
177	02/11/2009 04:33:00	Growth is inevitable, however urban areas can be environmentally (tree) friendly if managed properly
178	02/11/2009 23:52:00	This is a no-issue. Ky. has more forested land today than in the early 20th century.

179	02/14/2009 19:56:00	Many species of wildlife require large tracts of undisturbed woodland to successfully reproduce.
180	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Again, we need a strong education component! Could we develop curriculum that teaches concepts the children and teens need to learn but uses our environment (rather than the ocean or jungle-sheesh) as its focus?
181	02/16/2009 14:18:00	subdivisions in urban areas should only be approved by governing boards when an area of equal size not in forest is procured by the developer and set in trees. no area should be developed where all trees are removed
182	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Although fragmented, smaller forest tracts can be managed as easily as larger tracts. The problem becomes the restoration of lands which has been lost such as mining or right-of-ways.
183	02/21/2009 21:27:00	Development is the biggest negative impact to forests and habitat.
184	03/03/2009 03:25:00	mostly urbanization
185	03/11/2009 12:26:00	Habitat fragmentation is part of the reason for the decline in some native species, in particular the ruffed grouse. Fragmented habitat makes grouse much more susceptible to predation as they move between coverts in search of food or a mate.
186	03/11/2009 12:44:00	Urbanization and utility right-of-ways are problems in Northern Kentucky.
187	03/11/2009 18:34:00	See comment from ? 1.
188	03/14/2009 18:18:00	land preservation through buying property building, and subdivision rights will allow farm and forest owners to keep their farms and forest land at its present use for ever
189	03/15/2009 14:05:00	It would be helpful if there were more forest preserves in KY

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Forest Economy-** The forests are a basis for many benefits in Kentucky and any negative affects or lack of unrealized potential on these forests is reflected in our local and state economies. The wood industry, outdoor recreation, adventure tourism, hunting and fishing, green jobs, renewable energy, and ecosystem services contribute to Kentucky's economy.

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	61.1%	939
Important	33.7%	518
Not very Important	3.7%	57
Do not Know	1.4%	22
Comment		158
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1536</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>348</b>

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 21:27:00	we in ky need our forest for tourism, without tourism we as a state would hurt for the money it brings in, but without forest there is not parks and therefore no tourism
2	01/06/2009 22:03:00	Activites such as fishing are much cheaper than taking a family to the beach or out of state.
3	01/06/2009 23:42:00	Need more clear cuts
4	01/06/2009 23:52:00	It is more important to encourage investment and for Kentuky to ship finished wood products rather than raw logs.
5	01/07/2009 01:04:00	in rural areas deer hunting brings in out of state money to areas that have low economic growth
6	01/07/2009 01:28:00	We must do something that gets people away from cutting the last forests available. It's not economically important when everything is destoyed, i.e., people are now cutting young forests for pulpwood because its the only way to survive. We cannot look at the forest as a sacrifice to be made for survival.

7	01/07/2009 13:05:00	I feel more education on this subject is required. We need to better educate the public on how important these lands are to Kentucky's economy. Then they might better respect the forests.
8	01/07/2009 15:16:00	Major efforts need to be made to reforest more of Kentucky, even if its small woodlots and better manage what we have.
9	01/07/2009 15:24:00	buy a hunting license
10	01/07/2009 15:31:00	reiterate comment made previously in regards to management as opposed to waste
11	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Kentucky's gorgeous forests should be promoted as a top ecotourist destination; promotion areas should include the U.S., and European states.
12	01/07/2009 16:48:00	Importance of forest economy not fully recognized
13	01/07/2009 17:39:00	I think that 4-wheeling should be minimized to control the impact on sensitive species and erosion
14	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Forget tourism. It's true bottom line is social and economic destruction of areas where it is promoted. Kentucky forests are realizing less than one fourth of their productive potential. Incent forest management by growing the forest products industry.
15	01/07/2009 17:41:00	see #4
16	01/07/2009 17:57:00	Too many loggers absolutely destroy the woods when they harvest timber. The small trees that are left end up no good because of being run over by their equipment. Then erosion sets in from all the tracks left.
17	01/07/2009 17:59:00	look at Otter Creek Park recently closed due to budget cuts. what will become of all that forest now?
18	01/07/2009 18:00:00	As we cut down a tree we should replace them two for each one taken/lost.

19	01/07/2009 18:07:00	we need markets for the different products of the forest in order to have management and we need management to ensure material for the different parts of the economy. Forestry has to pay for holding the land in forests.
20	01/07/2009 18:15:00	We advertise our waterways and there are no accesses for canoes, etc!
21	01/07/2009 18:16:00	education needs to become more of a priority
22	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Offer better insentives and get the word out.
23	01/07/2009 18:52:00	Forestland should be preserved for it's own sake and for the animals contained within it's borders...not just as it is deemed valuable to humans.
24	01/07/2009 19:03:00	sustainable logging, not general logging. hope you all work to stop the waste of timber from mining operations.
25	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Forests are an important economy of Kentucky... these survey questions are set up very poorly...
26	01/07/2009 19:07:00	It is important to balance the needs of the forest with the needs of people. Areas should be protected from all human activities when and if possible. This includes hiking and less impact activities not just logging and ATVS.
27	01/07/2009 19:31:00	Forest are not something to be set aside. If they cant be managed for timber harvest, recreational trails and hunting for this generation what good are they.

28	01/07/2009 20:10:00	Landowners selling timber need to be better informed of the potentially high value of their standing timber. Too many folks get swindled out of money by getting much less than what their stumpage is worth. Research into using wood as a renewable energy is needed, which could help increase the overall forested acres actively and properly managed, improve timber quality/health, and create jobs.
29	01/07/2009 21:05:00	Very concerned with use of ATV use (for fun) destroying the trails, landscape, habitat, and serenty of our forest, sometimes under the guise of "adventure tourism"
30	01/07/2009 21:18:00	This statement is way too general. Everything effects the economy but we must focus on the environmental aspect of trees and what they me to the ecosystem rather than recreational pleasures and comforts.
31	01/07/2009 21:52:00	show people how to help not hurt
32	01/07/2009 22:18:00	Do you think you could have writen this as a question instead of a statement. What are you asking.
33	01/07/2009 22:38:00	I understand some amnmals live or use down trees for their existance in some way but when I see all the mature trees down from storms and left without harvesting them it really bothers me. We are chopping down forrest for lumber all the time but when Mother Nature hands us lumber we just ignore it, why?
34	01/07/2009 23:24:00	See comment to question 1. While "forest economy" is important, it is one small aspect of what forests are.

35	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. To put the wood industry and adventure tourism (which so far in this state means ATVs) next to outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing, green jobs, and renewable energy as if they are all equal is reckless. There should be no wood industry or adventure tourism (ATV trails) on our public lands.
36	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Uses must be sustainable. ATV use is often not sustainable.
37	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Not enough promotion to local and out of state hunters. You should promote the public hunting areas along with the KDFWR. Ky is a large producer of Trophy white tail deer. Many folks from around the country don't realize the amount of public hunting areas and open forests in the state. If the number of out of state hunters would increase by 3% a year for 10 years, just look at the tax revenue and direct economic impact.
38	01/08/2009 13:12:00	Very important to manage the types of outdoor recreation allowed. Four-wheelers and off-road vehicles should be banned or carefully limited to areas in which they will not have a negative impact on the forest itself and on the wilderness experience of forest visitors.
39	01/08/2009 13:18:00	Should be "effects" instead of "affects"

40	01/08/2009 14:12:00	Use of forests that does not seriously damage them is beneficial in protecting them. However restrictions are needed to protect forests from over use and abuse. ATV, trails for example, should be seperated as much as possible from quieter forms of recreation such as hiking and hunting.
41	01/08/2009 14:35:00	We need our forests to help control CO2
42	01/08/2009 14:38:00	I'm not a native and I've always related trees and horses to KY.
43	01/08/2009 14:39:00	I do not support some forms of adventure tourism, such as ATV trails, but very much support green jobs and renewable energy.
44	01/08/2009 14:55:00	It is nearly impossible to get Loggers to properly log out areas and repair damage done during logging
45	01/08/2009 15:06:00	Negative "effects", not "affects".
46	01/08/2009 15:36:00	Historically mismanaged by our economic development policies. the devide between what the division does for silviculture and what noone does for wood products locally
47	01/08/2009 16:44:00	I am an avid mountain biker and hiker and am worried that Kentucky will become an area where locals and visitors cannot enjoy outdoor activities due to lack of forestted areas or unhealthy forrest.
48	01/08/2009 16:48:00	I am very skeptical of Adventure Tourism, but very pro outdoor recreation & hunting/fishing.
49	01/08/2009 16:49:00	many "green" jobs do more harm than good in my opinion. we need more really green jobs

50	01/08/2009 16:56:00	Tourism is a major resource for Kentucky - it will help our economy tremendously to be able to hang onto our tourism revenue during these tough economic times. Our Forests are an invaluable part of that equation.
51	01/08/2009 17:04:00	no atvs, ATVs are only used by stupid yahoos to destroy
52	01/08/2009 17:09:00	Reforestation practices need to be re-emphasized as a state priority
53	01/08/2009 17:14:00	I think Kentucky has a good opportunity to create small sustainable businesses that add value to forest products. Other potentially valuable products include mushrooms and medicinal herbs.
54	01/08/2009 17:17:00	No forest sacrifice for our greedy ways. Find other jobs.
55	01/08/2009 17:26:00	I'm participating in MACED's carbon credit program.
56	01/08/2009 17:29:00	We do not promote our outdoor recreation enough. We have a gold mine of beauty in KY
57	01/08/2009 17:31:00	The future and economy of our state could be greatly improved in rural areas if outdoor recreation (rock climbing, long distance foot trails, mountain biking, kayaking, etc.) were promoted throughout the Daniel Boone National Forest and other state forest lands.
58	01/08/2009 17:36:00	People travel from all around to visit our state parks/lakes for a reason
59	01/08/2009 17:47:00	As the coal runs out, we need other jobs
60	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Should be enhanced to encourage "day trip" and "weekend" tourism in state parks and national forests.
61	01/08/2009 18:17:00	With today's economy we need to maximize every opportunity.

62	01/08/2009 18:19:00	Again you lump the wood industry in with non-harvest alternatives - would like to see less emphasis on harvest and more emphasis on other economic and biodiv uses.
63	01/08/2009 18:19:00	stop logging DB National Forest
64	01/08/2009 18:22:00	Kentucky could benifit from a secondary wood industry.
65	01/08/2009 18:28:00	Forest values are what keep forest land in production. If the owner does not perceive value in their forestland they will not invest in (manage) it.
66	01/08/2009 18:38:00	Need secondary industries for processing wood products, avoiding log export to surrounding states and countries.
67	01/08/2009 18:53:00	Kentucky has been a significant exporter of hardwoods and other wood products.
68	01/08/2009 18:59:00	incentives are needed to encourage woodland owners to manage their timber
69	01/08/2009 19:03:00	The forests themselves don't contribute that much to our economy. If you want something economically as well as ecologically viable, plant and manage bamboo. Bamboo produces much more oxygen than trees and can be made any to many different products.
70	01/08/2009 19:04:00	I am definitely opposed to adventure tourism it that includes the use of ATVs within the forests.
71	01/08/2009 20:09:00	Especially in Eastern Kentucky where I'm from, eco-tourism can be an important economic subsitute for coal mining.
72	01/08/2009 20:26:00	More ATVs trails should be built for recreation, this would contribute to locals' economy. look at West Va.
73	01/08/2009 20:37:00	I hunt,I like hikeing, I like working with wood

74	01/08/2009 20:42:00	Have more school fieldtrips/education about Ky's natural resources/forests, etc.
75	01/08/2009 21:35:00	or forests and our parks MUST be maintained more aggressively now, than ever before
76	01/08/2009 23:05:00	Not a fan of the wood industry...recreation and green issues are much more important and long term.
77	01/09/2009 00:40:00	How much emphasis does the state government put on each of the above considerations, and where do these compare to say, education or health?
78	01/09/2009 00:45:00	An active and diverse market for wood products encourages forest management both from a quality standpoint and from a marketability of products standpoint. The more low grade products that can be profitably sold, the easier it is to encourage landowners to undertake interventional management items during the middle of the growth cycle (i.e. TSI)
79	01/09/2009 00:50:00	This is the key to forestry success in KY. When the forests are profitable, management will improve and funding will be a stronger consideration. The economic success will be a product of industry, landownership, and the resource. KY has the resource to provide the materials for biofuels, fuel pellets, and other uses of low quality hardwoods. Utilization of the low quality material will improve the forests for the future and be a long-term source of wood.
80	01/09/2009 01:08:00	I don't understand how "wood industry" and "outdoor recreation" go together in this question.

81	01/09/2009 02:31:00	when land is stripp mined they reclaim it. they should have to plant trees when logged
82	01/09/2009 04:18:00	refer to first answer
83	01/09/2009 13:42:00	People involved in these industries and hobbies tend to protect their own interests.
84	01/09/2009 13:54:00	I'd prefer outdoor recreation, tourism, fishing, etc. to logging, in terms of forest economy.
85	01/09/2009 14:11:00	educate public on need for forest management provide economic incentives to properly manage woodland for all purposes including timber harvest, recreation, wildlife, and aesthetics.
86	01/09/2009 14:38:00	A healthy forest economy should serve to finance the necessary regulatory expense.
87	01/09/2009 14:50:00	but the 'adventure industry' as defined as increased ATV traffic will lead to more degradation of our forests through broader trails/greater disturbance of plant and animal habitat, more pollution (noise and air). making strides toward low-impact tourism and investing more in promoting/bettering what is currently available would be of greater import to our forests' longevity. likewise for the wood industry, advancing/promoting sustainable forestry methods is very important.
88	01/09/2009 14:59:00	Forests remain the "sleeping giant" for economic growth of KY. This includes all types of benifits from wood to tourism to water, etc.
89	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Education is the key to change.
90	01/09/2009 15:59:00	The "adventure tourism" and "renewable energy" are code words for exploitation by destructive, non-sustainable activities and should be opposed.
91	01/09/2009 16:04:00	We need a moratorium on cutting on public lands

92	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Do some of your opwn research or farm it out to the unviversites
93	01/09/2009 19:20:00	The issues need to be segregated here. If someone says this is very important to them, are you assuming that they think the wood products industry needs to be promoted? I don't, but I do think that non-destructive outdoor recreation and green jobs ought to be promoted. Again, this is confusing.
94	01/10/2009 04:04:00	I work for parks; we are heavily visited
95	01/10/2009 14:17:00	Realizing potential must not equal exploitation.
96	01/10/2009 14:31:00	when done responsibly logging can have a low impact on a forest
97	01/10/2009 18:26:00	More trees --> more jobs. With the media the way it is about renewable energy sources, more forests and jobs will create a positive image of Kentucky and its Forestry division in the eyes of the nation.
98	01/10/2009 18:40:00	At present it is not utilized to its full potential especially state owned property.
99	01/10/2009 20:45:00	the wood industry supports various level jobs
100	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Keep ATV's out of the forests! They have no place and only destroy the environment.
101	01/10/2009 23:08:00	contributing to the economy can be positive or negative
102	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Some of the "adventure tourism" is not really very good for forests
103	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Hopefully the budget will be intact for these important features.
104	01/11/2009 05:02:00	Kentucky's forest is a basis for many benefits in Kentucky and any negative effects or unrealized potential on our forest is reflected in our local and state economies.

105	01/11/2009 15:32:00	Promote sustainable and renewable forms of forest economy.
106	01/11/2009 18:29:00	i strongly support multiple use and access to all and would support a user fee if needed
107	01/12/2009 13:34:00	We don't always have good markets for pulpwood and low grade which reduces total revenue from timber sales and also limits silvicultural practices that are economical.
108	01/12/2009 17:38:00	We must have responsible people in place to monitor & supervise these activities to ensure we do not diminish the quality of our forests.
109	01/12/2009 18:39:00	We must practice sustainable and conservation practices especially in public forests (DBNF). Use private forests for wood industry, mining, destructive "adventure" tourism (any motorized vehicles/boats) and other private commercial practices/development. ORV's and heavy equipment should be banned from DBNF & other public forests. Promoting species' habitat should be paramount for our public forests (DBNF, etc.). Encourage non-invasive and low-impact adventure tourism (i.e., hiking, canoeing) in our public forests.
110	01/12/2009 21:14:00	But we have to be careful how we allow the recreation and tourism on these lands, as those actions could harm the forests just as much.
111	01/12/2009 22:53:00	proper management is very important, as is leaving areas intact for wildlife and human enjoyment. i.e. dont log everything, use a multi-facted approach
112	01/13/2009 02:35:00	Would like to know more about more utilization of forest

113	01/13/2009 12:26:00	in the question you are using examples that are appoised, how do you have outdoor recreation or adventure tourism or even hunting next to wood industry. when the wood industry clear cuts there is no forest left for the other activities.
114	01/13/2009 13:27:00	Our forrests, other than parks, have already been raped by unregulated gas well development, mismanaged logging, and pre-law mining. We are even being impacted by pollotion from other states. For example Fishtrap Lake and Knox Creek in Pike County are clearly impacted as far as fishing from pollutants coming out of Virginia.
115	01/13/2009 15:09:00	Responsible four-wheeling is important and should be encouraged by the Commonwealth of Kentucky (set an example for other states).
116	01/13/2009 15:49:00	I'm all for all the many benefits the forested land in KY provides
117	01/13/2009 16:56:00	Avid Hiker,camper,and responsible offroader.
118	01/13/2009 19:18:00	Kentucky needs to utilize it's natural resources.
119	01/14/2009 01:11:00	Reduce emphasis on extractive economies.
120	01/14/2009 03:10:00	Ky's forests could be a valuable asset in a cap and trade market for CO2 and as a carbon sink. The loss of the forests with all is associated loss in wildlife, habitat, species, viable water sources etc. is never factored in as a cost in our current state economy that is based on free extraction of coal.
121	01/14/2009 14:22:00	People should realize the potential income from the forest but not at the expense to the environmental benefits.
122	01/14/2009 15:36:00	Hopefully forests will become even more important to KY's economy in the future.

123	01/14/2009 17:41:00	poor management will deplete this resource
124	01/14/2009 18:02:00	Not at the expense of the forest. I strongly believe that creation of trails for ATV's (4 wheelers) is counter to your mission.
125	01/14/2009 22:43:00	You must find a balance between all of these forest uses. No use should be allowed to destroy any other use.
126	01/14/2009 23:06:00	Can't have it all. As a visitor to our facility from out of state observed, "Why would I drive 8 hours to hike through a moonscape?" (ie, this tourist will not return to spend \$\$\$ to look at clearcuts and strip jobs.)
127	01/15/2009 06:58:00	More needs to be done to protect forests from "over economizing"
128	01/16/2009 05:26:00	Can you honestly group wood industry with these other areas of interest. I think that the wood industry does a lot of unnecessary harm because they are under regulated. Any one with a dozer and chainsaw can go into the forest and call themselves part of the wood industry.
129	01/16/2009 17:28:00	We should strongly encourage outdoor recreation, adventure tourism, etc. We should be able to maintain OHV areas that preserve the forest but make them economically successful as well. Love what has been happening in Harlan County.
130	01/17/2009 20:18:00	Most people do not fully realize the value of the forests from this perspective.
131	01/17/2009 22:21:00	this is not a very good stated question and would be hard to give comment because it is not clear what you are stating or your intent.

132	01/18/2009 03:03:00	The wood industry and renewable energy should be excluded from the rest of the list. I don't view them as important as the rest.
133	01/18/2009 16:11:00	Give us more incentives to go green.
134	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Kentucky needs to expand our wood products industry, particularly for small roundwood and pulp. Sawmills need to become more efficient.
135	01/19/2009 00:35:00	Activities must be appropriate to forest areas; not every activity desired by people is appropriate when considering caring for and protecting our forests
136	01/19/2009 05:11:00	I do not tend to view the forest in a strictly economic basis, to me the forest is a living entity and has value before and beyond human usages. Education in habitat-friendly recreation is essential in reestablishing the relationships that have become strained between "man and nature" and to reunite a shared place within the forests, and to ensure we will always experience them.
137	01/19/2009 14:29:00	public health, clean water, air quality are also inclusive
138	01/20/2009 01:33:00	please stop strip mining they are taking away all above it has hurt the wildlife in my area no nuts or homes for animals
139	01/20/2009 15:53:00	Money talks, and forests need it to talk loudly enough that their preservation is a priority, not an afterthought.
140	01/20/2009 16:18:00	small farm owners should be encouraged to plant harvestball trees in unused spaces
141	01/20/2009 16:53:00	Our benefits should take a backseat to protecting the ecosystems around us. We can enjoy the forests without destroying them.

142	01/20/2009 18:09:00	Someway an emphasis should be made on the need for more realized economic benefit to woodland owners in this statement.
143	01/21/2009 18:52:00	The new "adventure tourism" bears watching closely regarding regulation needed to prevent damage to sensitive environments, many of which may be hidden or as yet undiscovered. As adventure tourism gains in popularity, it must vigorously educate its participants in forest conservation to make them defenders of the forests not abusers of land.
144	01/21/2009 22:08:00	Emphasis should be placed on sustainable practices and industry
145	01/24/2009 19:12:00	This is a mixed list: "adventure" tourism for instance mostly destroys forests, as does mining and much logging. There are better ways to benefit from forests.
146	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Recognizing the economic contributions to the state that its forestland offers is important, but I believe preservation is more important.
147	01/30/2009 02:58:00	KY should expand its wood products industries.

Because of the slow growth of the more economically valuable trees, logging is not a good long-term economic program. Adventure tourism (i.e., off-road/ATV trails) is a terrible idea since only small fraction of the state (and out of state) population uses these resources yet they use more of them than hikers or horse riders. These types of activities are more destructive of trails, encouraging erosion while also creating pollution (engine emissions and fluid leaks). This destructive use lowers the health of the forests and lessens the quality of public lands we leave to future generations. For economic uses of our public lands, we should focus on sustainable uses that do not harm the forests and leave healthy forests for future use.

		lumps positive aspects (outdoor recreation, green jobs, renewable energy, ecosystem services) that absolutely should be encouraged with objectionable elements like logging (objectionable if irresponsible and damaging, which it usually is) and adventure tourism. Hunting and fishing I have absolutely no problem with, as long as the practices are imbued with a sense of respect for nature and environmental stewardship and participants do not take more than they should. We have to manage our deer population somehow, after all. As for adventure tourism, this is basically allocating a disproportional amount of resources (trails, forests, etc.) to a very few individuals whose sanctioned activities serve to destroy those resources for everyone else. The adventure tourism I have heard about involves four-wheelers careening through the woods, tearing up the trails, and causing erosion. I have also heard that only a few people do it, and that passive forms of outdoor recreation (such
149	02/01/2009 16:34:00	our ecosystems are lost- educate farmers!!
150	02/03/2009 16:40:00	OUR STATE NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE THIS IMPORTANT RESOURCE MORE
151	02/03/2009 20:58:00	Properly managed the forest system can be shared by everyone and become a very positive economic benefit to our state.
152	02/14/2009 23:58:00	If people understood the dollar impact, they see their trees in a different light.
153	02/15/2009 14:22:00	How I use my land is up to me. Preservation is a use.
154	02/16/2009 19:38:00	

155	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Kentucky is a beautiful state. Although not the most urbanized, nor the most remote, it would be nice for Kentucky to exploit what it has in order to not help its wood industry thrive, but also so use its "woods" as industry in matters such as adventure tourism or job creation.
156	02/20/2009 15:22:00	"lack of unrealized potential" needs to be defined; recreation great...wood industry no
157	03/03/2009 03:25:00	burn the wma's
158	03/11/2009 12:44:00	(Healthy) Forests are important to Kentucky's economy. The emphasis from the DOF should be on healthy, biologically diverse forests but many times I see the DOF pushing and promoting logging. This seems to be a policy of the KDOF but not based on any landscape wide plan or data collected in a region. Management recommendations are made based on individual landowner parcels with no real consideration for the condition of the forest regionally. It should be the policy of KDOF to develop individual management plans and make recommendations based on regional data with forest health and biological diversity being the primary goal not the desires of individuals or the commercial forest industry. Region wide healthy forests will provide a more longterm and sustained industry.

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Water Quality & Quantity-** The role forested watersheds play in supplying clean and abundant water to the citizens can be threatened if the forests themselves diminish in health or geographical extent.

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	77.9%	1197
Important	19.9%	305
Not very Important	1.4%	21
Do not Know	0.8%	13
Comment		121
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1536</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>348</b>

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 23:52:00	You are posing a number of conflicting issues in this poll and I trust you will look for ways to fairly balance the responses.
2	01/07/2009 01:04:00	Every tree should not be cut for another 1/4 bushel of beans.
3	01/07/2009 01:28:00	The ultimate fate of a forested area that is clear-cut is desertification. All we must do to illustrate this is look at the Middle East and now, parts of eastern kentucky that has experienced mountain top removal.
4	01/07/2009 13:05:00	Again more education (see comment on 6.)
5	01/07/2009 15:16:00	Forest are essential to the health of our streams, rivers and wetlands in Kentucky. More forest (riparians) need to be established adjacent to streams.
6	01/07/2009 15:45:00	There should be more stringent guidelines in leaving riparian corridors.

7	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Water is a limited resource, and one people of the Commonwealth often disregard. Public Education in schools and communities could go a long way to accomplishing outreach.
8	01/07/2009 16:48:00	Particularly important in urban areas
9	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Incent landowners to reforest surface mines.
10	01/07/2009 17:54:00	riparian zones should be protected and promoted among private owners (property tax reduction for managed riparian zones)
11	01/07/2009 17:59:00	i think education to the rural folks about what this means is important alot of older people think it's OK to dump in the woods
12	01/07/2009 18:02:00	Keep mining in check
13	01/07/2009 18:16:00	stronger laws regarding logging and water, and interagency work with DOW could benefit the forest
14	01/07/2009 18:19:00	There is no life without clean water!
15	01/07/2009 18:31:00	the think the quality of our water is right up there with clean air and global climate change in importance!
16	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Need more funds, tougher laws of protection with strict penelties and get to word out to folks about this one more.
17	01/07/2009 18:48:00	Trees and soil are filters for clean water, when disturbed runoff is not able to disperse pollutants.
18	01/07/2009 19:07:00	water quality and quantity is important.
19	01/07/2009 19:07:00	With the destruction of our forests the water quality declines not only at the site of the deforestation, but also hundreds of miles downstream.

20	01/07/2009 19:31:00	Mining destroys watersheds, run off rates and flood patterns.
21	01/07/2009 19:44:00	The only instance in which state govt should regulate private lands is if they affect others. Watersheds are important to the community as a whole so this is important
22	01/07/2009 20:00:00	Until development is slowed or halted in these areas our watersheds are at risk and subsequently our citizens.
23	01/07/2009 20:49:00	Clean water is a limited resource that we must protect.
24	01/07/2009 21:05:00	Very concerned with the devastating effects of the coal mining practice of "mountain top (range) removal, operating in the headwaters of our streams, rivers, such as the Kentucky River, all of watersheds, the practice of which is destructive to our vital life-sustaining water sources.
25	01/07/2009 22:18:00	Again. Not a question. To general. From this I can't determine how my answer will be used.
26	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. The quaility of the water in our forested watersheds must be kept as high as possible. Mountaintop removal should not be allowed near these areas or on public land.
27	01/08/2009 03:40:00	THIS STATE NEEDS A LARGE WATERSHED IN THE NORTHERN KY AREA. THE FORESTED AREA THAT COULD BE CREATED OR IMPROVED AROUND IT WOULD IMPACT ALL OF THE ABOVE.
28	01/08/2009 07:20:00	our forests are part of our water system

29	01/08/2009 14:12:00	Destruction of forest for mountaintop removal is one of the most serious threats to our eastern watersheds. Removal of buffer zones along rivers and creeks over the entire state also greatly affects water quality
30	01/08/2009 14:35:00	Forests nurture clean water
31	01/08/2009 14:39:00	We must raise awareness across the state about the effects of such activities as coal mining on our state's water supply.
32	01/08/2009 16:49:00	DOW has not been enforcing KPDES permits as required. affects people and environment
33	01/08/2009 16:49:00	Very interested in how this change in forest stream quality trickles down the food chain so to speak.
34	01/08/2009 16:53:00	The cleanest water in the Commonwealth, now and always, will come from the state's forestland. When 50% of the state's land area is forested and only responsible for less than 5% of the non point source pollution, then that means that the other 95+% is coming from the other 50% which is not forested.
35	01/08/2009 16:58:00	I continue to see logging that negatively affects riparian corridors in privately held forest land.
36	01/08/2009 17:04:00	NO ATV NO mountain top removal
37	01/08/2009 17:14:00	The continued use and enforcement of forestry BMPs is an important step to maintain water quality. In spite of these I have seen some poor examples of harvest that are clearly not maintaining water quality.

38	01/08/2009 17:29:00	Look what happened in Tenn recently. It costs a lot more to clean up a water contaminating spill than to just keep out pollution in the first place.
39	01/08/2009 17:47:00	drinking water will get more expensive
40	01/08/2009 17:52:00	I don't really see this as a forest issue. I see it more as an infrastructure, agriculture, and regulatory issue.
41	01/08/2009 18:38:00	continue to emphasize BMPs, Master Logger, and encourage landowners to use professional consulting foresters to prepare management plans and to oversee logging operations on their land. A tax incentive to use a professional forester would help.
42	01/08/2009 18:53:00	Deforested land also results in erosion and contributes to flooding.
43	01/08/2009 18:59:00	the forest conservation act does a good job in covering this area
44	01/08/2009 19:04:00	This includes not leaving adequate buffers along streams when timbering.
45	01/08/2009 19:52:00	increase the fines & collections for violations of offenders
46	01/08/2009 20:09:00	Forests often act as natural filters for water.
47	01/08/2009 20:37:00	Timber should be purchased and preserved along Rivers by State and Fed. Gov.
48	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Promote forest but do not try to control private lands. This isn't your job.
49	01/09/2009 00:40:00	I am a Foresater and I understand this connection well, enough said.
50	01/09/2009 00:45:00	watershed should be legally protected to a certain extent
51	01/09/2009 01:08:00	True and important statement
52	01/09/2009 03:20:00	The value of this ecosystem service is incalculable and it should be protected.

53	01/09/2009 04:18:00	the ability of our forest to retain water has deminished due to lack of size of the forest.
54	01/09/2009 12:54:00	my biggest concern
55	01/09/2009 14:11:00	timber harvesting utilizing proper bmps is the first step, more pollution can be linked however to mining and development and that should be adressed.
56	01/09/2009 14:50:00	eliminate mountaintop removal and logging projects in forested areas that are near to ephemeral, pristine watersheds
57	01/09/2009 14:54:00	It is difficult to be concerned with soil sediment run off from logging when acid mine drainage, farming and straight piping of sewage is the majority of WQ issues.
58	01/09/2009 14:59:00	We have the research: We can manage forests for all types of values, including wood, and still insure good water. Not so, with development.
59	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Stop coal mining in Kentucky & West Virginia...! Keep Kentucky's water clean.
60	01/09/2009 15:59:00	We need more education about this. An informed public will support efforts to protect the resources we depend on.
61	01/09/2009 16:30:00	BMPs by law
62	01/09/2009 17:15:00	Massive pipelines stretching for many miles are an even worse abomination.
63	01/09/2009 19:52:00	got to have water to drink
64	01/09/2009 22:03:00	Also important is the way we treat forested watersheds. A forested watershed covered in trash and dump sites does not provide the same benefit as a healthy forested watershed.
65	01/10/2009 04:04:00	So true
66	01/10/2009 05:04:00	my father understood this when He put a pond in on the property to recharge the at the time lowered watertable.

67	01/10/2009 14:31:00	most of these question are obviously important to any one who goes outside
68	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Reduce run-off/erosion into watersheds/rivers, thereby positively affecting water quality and livelihoods of native aquatic species.
69	01/10/2009 20:45:00	reforest strip mines with loose surface dumping preparation rather than compaction
70	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Keep ATV's and dumping out of the forests for this reason! Erosion from vehicles tearing up the ground and potential contamination from trash would be catastrophic.
71	01/10/2009 21:45:00	better oversight of the logging industry
72	01/10/2009 23:08:00	this is a general statement. Water quality can be affected by many factors.
73	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Quit burying headwater streams with mining waste
74	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Conserving water takes many forms but the forests need to be managed to keep the watersheds intact.
75	01/11/2009 18:29:00	this should be a priority, if a certain group or usage is harmful educate them not ban them
76	01/12/2009 13:34:00	Many of our road systems are in the creeks which adversely affects water quality. Maybe we need incentives for landowners to build ridge top transportation systems and encourage other harvest systems (cable logging, etc.) on slopes 50% and higher.
77	01/12/2009 13:37:00	lack of sediment control in logging operations is a problem. Access roads in particular sometimes encourage erosion.

78	01/12/2009 14:23:00	Again, help stop mountaintop removal mining. Forested watersheds are being destroyed every day by the dumping of mine waste. Stopping MTR is the single most important thing we can do to protect our forested watersheds. Please, undertake this important work.
79	01/12/2009 15:28:00	Damage to water quality from mining, farming, and construction dwarf those from forest management activity, but this issues goes back suburbanization and the things that permently destroy forests and water quality.
80	01/12/2009 17:38:00	We need to look for alternative sources of water as we monitor the natural watershed in the forest.
81	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Protect our public forest holdings (DBNF & others) and prohibit commercial exploitation! Prohibit motorized vehicles & boats in our public waterways.
82	01/13/2009 12:26:00	nature has a great plan for cleaning our water and air, where is the plan by any man that is better than this.
83	01/13/2009 15:49:00	If we want to get serious about water quality, we need to look at ag and coal mine land and their controbution to poor water quality.
84	01/13/2009 18:19:00	This seems to be a criminally low priority even though there is much talk, there is little enforcement done. i.e. Coal companies, natural gas, development.
85	01/13/2009 18:46:00	should bew two very important as every one is affected by this

86	01/14/2009 03:10:00	especially when the forests are wastefully pushed into the valleys to cover streams and headwaters. This impacts the water supply of a far larger area than KY. Polluted streams and drinking water sources are a major resource loss. The destruction of the forests not only diminishes our states ability to clean the water, but actually causes increased loss of the valuable resource of water.
87	01/14/2009 17:41:00	very true
88	01/14/2009 20:05:00	There needs to be a balance of managing the forest with respect to watersheds/water quality.
89	01/14/2009 23:06:00	Absolutely one of the most important environmental services delivered by intact healthy forests. Also abates and mitigates soil loss and flooding.
90	01/15/2009 03:46:00	<a href="http://www.wisecountyissues.com">http://www.wisecountyissues.com</a>
91	01/15/2009 06:58:00	More needs to be done to protect E. KY watersheds from coal runoffs
92	01/15/2009 16:08:00	Logging is the greatest unchecked damage to water quality in KY
93	01/15/2009 20:27:00	If we do not have adequate supplies of clean forests we will not be able to clean the water
94	01/15/2009 21:32:00	Clean water is so very important, we must protect it at all cost.
95	01/16/2009 15:21:00	Although I think this is very important, I do not believe the government has a right to interfere with privately owned forest unless a request is made by the land owner.

96	01/16/2009 17:28:00	Would prefer focus of water quantity concerns to be urban pollutants. The forest & outdoor recreation are not near as detrimental to quality.
97	01/16/2009 19:12:00	with respect to global climate change, this is exceedingly important
98	01/17/2009 20:18:00	BMPs have had a significant impact on the water quality.
99	01/17/2009 22:21:00	forest alone does not in its self provide clean and abundant water. there are other factors involved in creating the kind of results stated.
100	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Just one of the many ecosystem services that well managed forests provide.
101	01/19/2009 00:35:00	Exactly. Stop MTR. Stop logging the forests, it's a money losing business.
102	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Also of the Highest Importance as all life depends on clean water which should always be protected to remain as abundant as possible.
103	01/19/2009 14:29:00	clean water is a primary need and forests are essential to this. We must maintain streamside buffers for all waterways and not exclude any mining, development or industry from this standard.
104	01/20/2009 01:33:00	strip mining taking all trees and not putting back tree we have seen a large loss of water though the summerand loss of quality help before its to late
105	01/20/2009 15:53:00	Potable, fresh water is and will continue to become a problem for this country and the world. Why would we trash such an abundant natural resource available to this state?
106	01/20/2009 18:09:00	very good
107	01/21/2009 18:52:00	The filling of intermittent streams should not be permitted in the mining process.

108	01/21/2009 20:54:00	without clean water nothing will be around to enjoy the forests.
109	01/21/2009 22:08:00	The Division should be able to quantify this role and determine the economic benefit of clean water due to forested watersheds
110	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Polluted or poor quality water taints everything else in the forest and surrounding area. The importance of water quality cannot be exaggerated.
111	01/29/2009 21:34:00	under appreciated but essential
112	02/01/2009 15:52:00	The water issue is a critical one, particularly in rural areas. A healthy citizenship is the basis of our social and economic well-being, which depends upon clean water availability. Additionally, our ecosystem is interconnected, so watersheds must be protected. We need strong awareness and enforcement to protect these watersheds on both private and public lands (obviously streams do not recognize ownership boundaries).
113	02/01/2009 16:34:00	This is one thing that could be emphasized when first making an educational pitch to the public: if you don't take care of the forest, your water supply will suffer. In the case of those citizens who have difficulty in incorporating respect for nature based upon its intrinsic value into their personal philosophy, this may bring it all home to them. The amount of concern I see regarding wildfires destroying personal property is an example of this.
114	02/03/2009 20:58:00	THIS NEEDS TO BE STRONGLY STRESSED TO THE PUBLIC

115	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Trees are SO important to the health of our waterways and the aquatic life in and around them.
116	02/16/2009 19:38:00	Proper construction of roads through forests are of even greater importance for water quality.
117	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Although an important matter, in Kentucky we have quite a bit of forestland, particularly in easter Kentucky. Not the most important of issues.
118	02/21/2009 21:27:00	Unmanaged ATV use is damaging streams.
119	03/09/2009 01:10:00	The issue that effects the public the most
120	03/11/2009 12:44:00	Most municipalities I have worked with have little to no regard for the protection of forest resources and gets little to no consideration in local development and planning efforts. KDOF could make an effort to work more closely with Planning and Zoning authorities, utilities etc. to improve this.
121	03/14/2009 18:18:00	save the open land and forests from being subdivided

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Urban & Urban Interface Trees and Forests-** Trees and forests in and around communities provide economic, social and environmental benefits. The intermingling of forests and trees within and on the fringes of communities presents unique challenges and requires special management strategies in order to minimize impact on the greater forested landscape and maximize the benefits of trees within communities.

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	44.2%	679
Important	44.5%	683
Not very Important	8.3%	127
Do not Know	3.1%	47
Comment		104
<i>answered question</i>		1536
<i>skipped question</i>		348

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 15:23:00	urban forests are homes to many voters and increasing urban populations knowledge of the importance of forests is critical to long term policy changes
2	01/06/2009 21:17:00	Inclusive of planning for viewshed preservation & improvement.
3	01/06/2009 21:27:00	urban education would help
4	01/06/2009 23:52:00	The importance always is in the eye of the beholder who decides the solution.
5	01/07/2009 01:04:00	people cannot survive in a concrete world!
6	01/07/2009 13:05:00	Educate developers to keep forests and work them into development plans is required.
7	01/07/2009 15:34:00	I come from an community in another state where trees were not allowed to be cut down on private property without permission. It is a town that is recognized for having many trees. This practice should be promoted in KY
8	01/07/2009 15:57:00	impact unclear - is it invasive?

9	01/07/2009 16:07:00	Having trees in urban centers helps keep people connected to their environment. Some parks should be set up with educational signs talking about trees, watersheds, etc.
10	01/07/2009 17:41:00	communities should look to including trees and forests in development plans
11	01/07/2009 17:59:00	again educate the public about the benefits get kids in schools involved in the care of the trees
12	01/07/2009 18:11:00	Important but not as important as the previously listed items.
13	01/07/2009 18:15:00	A lot of money has been wasted by citites making unwise choices in this area.
14	01/07/2009 18:16:00	Get the message out about urban forestry to the mayors and decision makers of cities and towns
15	01/07/2009 18:19:00	It is psycologically beneficial to "green" urban areas
16	01/07/2009 18:41:00	More trees always better, offer incentatives and get communities more involved in the care and mgmt issues.
17	01/07/2009 18:47:00	Trees are good for people
18	01/07/2009 18:48:00	Suburban areas such as Lexington and Northern Kentucky have uncontrolled growth on the outskirts and wooded regions, while the downtown areas infrastructure collapses.
19	01/07/2009 19:07:00	It is important to maximize the benefits of trees within communities.
20	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Native trees should be encouraged. Kentucky should try to limit the amount of importing of trees from other trees because they can carry unknown diseases, pathogens, insects, etc.

21	01/07/2009 19:31:00	These areas provide young people and opportunity to get off the couch and be mentally stimulated in a way that game boy cannot. Use of linked private smaller areas is vital to adventure tourism concept.
22	01/07/2009 20:00:00	Fringe management is useless until our society understands that a tree or two does not replace destruction of a forest. Put effort into saving our remaining forests and educating those idiots that want to log or develop our forests. This is NOT a renewable resource.
23	01/07/2009 21:05:00	The canopy of trees, which provide multitudes of sustaining benefits, are vital to the livability of our cities and urban areas
24	01/07/2009 21:18:00	We should have not taken all the trees out of our communities in the first place. We need to concentrate on putting back as many as possible and reducing the paved areas that contribute to the problems related to storm water runoff.
25	01/07/2009 21:52:00	the forest keeps the communities beautiful
26	01/07/2009 22:08:00	It seems that civilized means cut down all the big, old trees and plant ornamentals
27	01/07/2009 22:18:00	Should this question ready do I want to be told how many, what kind and where to plant trees on my property.
28	01/07/2009 23:22:00	I hope more and more communities realize the importance of keeping as much of these areas as possible.

29	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Urban and urban interface areas are very important and should be protected.
30	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Just like along the highway systems, use what we have at our disposal to plant more trees and greenery. Urban reforestation projects are fairly inexpensive and highly accepted but no one pushes it or discusses it. Not enough press about it.
31	01/08/2009 07:20:00	we are going to have to delvope more green zones
32	01/08/2009 12:38:00	should require landscape architects in all planning of this nature
33	01/08/2009 14:12:00	Trees provide protection from heat and winds, reduce polution, and provide places of quiet and escape from urban pressures
34	01/08/2009 15:15:00	don't forget trees also reduce pollution by cleaning the air
35	01/08/2009 15:35:00	Urban development and interface needs to be more strictly supervised and controlled. A new subdivision shouldn't mean that all the trees have to come down.
36	01/08/2009 15:36:00	If the urban areas and the money and policy decisions dominated by urban folks are not part of the solution they will be unconcerned about the more important facets of state silviculture and forest management that is too often never seen by the urban residents

37	01/08/2009 16:44:00	I believe that a lack of public awareness leads to degradation of natural resources. Increasing the amount and health of trees and forested areas in urban settings will greatly increase public awareness.
38	01/08/2009 16:49:00	trees are necessary for so many reasons including oxygen and spirituality
39	01/08/2009 16:59:00	I am a member of the Forestation Board for the City of Prospect and believe this to be vitally important.
40	01/08/2009 17:04:00	need more urban suburban parks
41	01/08/2009 17:29:00	We have paved so much land that not enough ground water is being absorbed. It is all being channeled to the rivers and streams.
42	01/08/2009 17:34:00	the communities need to be held responsible if they allow children or others to destroy what has been accomplished.
43	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Important for quality of life and property value. Should probably be addressed through economic development boards.
44	01/08/2009 18:38:00	Trees in the urban environment are extremely important, but require careful consideration because they can lead to future problems if not managed appropriately.
45	01/08/2009 18:49:00	I think ALL communities should have MORE trees!
46	01/08/2009 19:52:00	continue promotion of urban forestry in communities

47	01/08/2009 20:09:00	Especially with the recent focus on stormwater impact on local wastewater treatment systems, urban areas should be looking at permeable pavers, raingardens, and other methods of maximizing green areas. This not only helps return valuable water resources back to the earth, but the green space improves the health and happiness of those living around it.
48	01/08/2009 20:14:00	I think urban greenery is physically,mentally & asthetically very important!
49	01/08/2009 21:36:00	this state would not be as beautiful if not for our forest
50	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Promote protection. Do not govern it on private lands.
51	01/09/2009 00:45:00	again, hard to make this work from a legal standpoint though encouragement of private landowners and education is important and useful in this context
52	01/09/2009 01:08:00	Very true.
53	01/09/2009 04:17:00	This is the major source of invasives. More work needed to prevent urban plantings of invasive trees and shrubs that impact our native forest.
54	01/09/2009 04:18:00	again reforest central Kentucky
55	01/09/2009 12:54:00	urban planning neglects value of trees
56	01/09/2009 14:11:00	maintaining forest buffers in and around communities promotes not only healthy forests but also reduce runoff and air pollution as well as providing aesthetic appeal.
57	01/09/2009 14:38:00	This appears to stretch the authority of the forest service into a regulatory over-extension.

58	01/09/2009 14:50:00	this is important for quality of life for residents, property value, and education about their community's ecology. an aside: urban forests that help to educate about kentucky's native species.
59	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Trees are vital for clean air in all places. Educate.
60	01/09/2009 15:59:00	Again, more education is needed.
61	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Hire an urban biologist/forester
62	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Unfortunately, while green space makes a community more valuable, developers fight it. Kentucky needs to preserve and encourage green space!
63	01/09/2009 18:58:00	Communities should be educated on the threats of introducing exotic species into areas, to prevent the spread of those species or the pest/disease they may transfer to foreted landscapes.
64	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Continue planting urban forests. Cleaner air for the community --> fewer health problems --> fewer tax dollars spent on those without health insurance.
65	01/10/2009 20:45:00	very important as buffers/visual-trail areas
66	01/10/2009 21:01:00	I do not agree with people who think that leaves are a nuisance. Trees provide natural shade in the summer to cool the temperature of houses under them, and when the leaves fall in autumn, more sunlight is let in to help heat houses.
67	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Needs to be a program in place for this purpose.
68	01/11/2009 18:29:00	this effects quality of life to all
69	01/12/2009 03:14:00	So why does Kentucky still allow invasive species to be sold for landscaping around homes?

70	01/12/2009 17:38:00	We have a long row to hoe in this department!
71	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Eliminate spread of invasive species through prohibition & control of known invasive species.
72	01/12/2009 22:53:00	would like to encourage more native habitation plantings in urban areas
73	01/13/2009 12:26:00	again let the trees and forest grow. teach man to interface without distroying the forests.
74	01/13/2009 15:49:00	Trees in urban areas are nice and need to be there but not a top priority.
75	01/14/2009 14:22:00	Should be tied to forest fragmentation and urbanization.
76	01/14/2009 20:05:00	I see this as the greatest challenge we will face in my life time. As communities grow and expand we are putting the squeeze on our forested land and natural resources.
77	01/14/2009 23:06:00	This issue involves forest health, invasives, and disease exposure. Urban forests are totally unlike naturally occurring forest lands.
78	01/15/2009 15:55:00	Horticulture issue, not a forestry issue
79	01/15/2009 21:32:00	Trees are priceless in so many ways.
80	01/16/2009 13:27:00	PROMOTE your backyard habitat program...
81	01/16/2009 14:06:00	Property damage from falling limbs must be considered.
82	01/16/2009 15:21:00	Although I think this is very important, I do not believe the goverment has a right to interfere with privately owned forest unless a request is made by the land owner.
83	01/16/2009 17:28:00	we should encourage more tree plantings in cities & communities
84	01/16/2009 19:12:00	Especially with regard to invasive species.

85	01/17/2009 20:18:00	These situation sometimes provide unique challenges.
86	01/17/2009 22:21:00	challenges are not that much more significant.
87	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Yes the benefits are great and the encouraged use of native species within communities would ease the impact on the integrity of the greater forested landscape, while the special management of increased intermingling of forests and trees within communities would steadily increase the job market in certified arborists and other forest maintenace jobs positively impacting the economy of KY cities and towns.
88	01/19/2009 14:29:00	this is an area of opportunity to educate the general public on forest related issues. City parks should be built into all city planning and greenspace required in all development plans. Public exposure to forest related issues has to begin with more public exposure to the natural world and the positive association with it.
89	01/20/2009 15:07:00	not only should our urban forests be preserved but conscientiously expanded!!!
90	01/20/2009 15:53:00	Like Anteaus, we draw strength from the land.
91	01/21/2009 22:08:00	The benefits of forests need to be documented (or good estimates developed), publicized
92	01/24/2009 22:17:00	Even though I am a firm believer in interface trees, there are far more pressing matters that need attention first.
93	01/30/2009 02:58:00	Every city of over a certain size should have a forester on staff.

94	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Forest areas within urban areas is important for creating awareness/appreciation for forested areas, as well as providing carbon sequestration. The state government in conjunction with the KDF should encourage new housing developments that preserve greater existing forestland into these communities to minimize the environmental footprint and create private preserves for homeowner use.
95	02/01/2009 16:34:00	This is an excellent idea! I admit that I have not heard very much about this sort of strategy, which certainly means that it should be further publicized and implemented in our state. It could indeed be a big part of the solution to the issue addressed in question #4.
96	02/03/2009 16:40:00	would need more info
97	02/09/2009 15:01:00	I think this is the most important
98	02/11/2009 04:33:00	Again, who is writing the questions? This is a public survey, not legal'eze.
99	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Programs with city parks and privately owned forests (like Bernheim) and the state parks are vital partner in this issue.
100	02/18/2009 19:50:00	With cities growing outward and upward, its important to incorporate trees and forests into urban landscapes to create an appreciation for them not only aesthetically but for physical reason as well such as health or moral.
101	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Some communities do a good job, some do not. Oversight would be beneficial
102	03/11/2009 12:44:00	The KDOF sould only promoter the use of native trees in urban forestry efforts particularly if funded through a KDOF grant program.

103	03/11/2009 18:34:00	Not only provides beauty by sound barriers and line of sight.
104	03/15/2009 14:05:00	More pepole should be encouraged to plant native trees with Tree Fairs, community projects, garden clubs

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Funding- Funding to address natural resource issues has been decreasing and the ability to adequately address needs and issues has been affected.**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	59.6%	904
Important	33.1%	503
Not very Important	3.8%	58
Do not Know	3.5%	53
comment		140
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1518</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>366</b>

Number	Response Date	comment
1	01/06/2009 15:23:00	we need more boots on the ground and more public awareness efforts
2	01/06/2009 21:17:00	Tax dollars WELL SPENT.
3	01/06/2009 22:03:00	If funds are not allocated our forests could disappear as in other areas of the country.
5	01/06/2009 23:52:00	Funding for what purpose? - enforcement - purchase of private lands? All needs are different and in this case there are no priorities listed for a reasoned response.
6	01/07/2009 01:04:00	Without public education our forests will continue to suffer.
7	01/07/2009 01:28:00	The funding could be applied to providing poor landowners from stripping their land to feed themselves.
8	01/07/2009 13:05:00	It is vital to kentucky to maintain it forests and if at all possible to extend the boundaries of the forests. Funding should not be cut, but increased in this area.
9	01/07/2009 15:16:00	We need more funding at the state and federal level to address our forest issues in Kentucky. Especially related to prescribed fire.
10	01/07/2009 15:57:00	the quality of our natural environment is eroding

11	01/07/2009 16:07:00	At a time when the impacts of environmental degradation are being observed with increasing frequency, when we are learning the true economic costs of environmental harm, funding to protect the environment is more important than ever before.
12	01/07/2009 16:48:00	Need to examine priorities and new funding ideas
13	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Pay now or pay more later.
14	01/07/2009 17:41:00	Unfortunately in the present economy, the gov needs to spend more money on assistance to PEOPLE than to trees.
15	01/07/2009 17:41:00	Everybody wants more money/larger budgets but maybe better attitudes are needed more than money
16	01/07/2009 17:54:00	by giving private individuals incentives to manage private forest lands, some of the burden could be reduced.
17	01/07/2009 17:59:00	start volunteer programs to help educate and let the people help out in their areas
18	01/07/2009 18:07:00	we can't do it without
19	01/07/2009 18:15:00	Invasive species and disease may decrease tourism dollars. If the Hemlocks all die eastern KY will look destroyed
20	01/07/2009 18:31:00	Land conservation is essential
21	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Funding needs to be increased.
22	01/07/2009 18:52:00	Some things should be protected no matter the cost. I believe funding for protection of forestland should increase.
23	01/07/2009 19:07:00	funding for our natural resources is important.
24	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Money matters. Nothing can be done with funding.

25	01/07/2009 19:15:00	<p>The assistance for landowners (who are tax payers &amp; voters) is very important. Property is often the GREATEST material investment we make.</p> <p>Assistance should be made available to us. We need to know where to get help, what to do, and to not have to wait a long period because of funding cuts. If water is being polluted then help should be available ASAP. If our forests (which are necessary for our survival) are threatened then information and help should be available. If wildlife habitat is being threatened it is important the assistance be available before it is too late. Coal mining has long been financial blessing while being a natural resource nightmare -- thank goodness current mining has stopped most of the destruction but there are still many areas to be cleaned up.</p>
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26	01/07/2009 19:31:00	<p>Adventure tourism and recreational trails could be the greatest economic use of forest land and the greatest motivation for convincing a large number of people the value of forestland beyond tree harvest or mining what is under it or replacing it with a house or shopping center. We need to be expanding and using our forestland today if more people are to realize their value. to many environmentalist want to preserve them for someone in the future while young people today are wasting away in KY with no outdoor experience to stimulate their imagination or get them outside. Economic hard times may cause more forestland to be over harvested or mined.</p>
27	01/07/2009 19:44:00	<p>Not important at this time. Other more pressing issues should top our agenda first</p>

28	01/07/2009 20:00:00	<p>We already know what the issues are with regard to our forests. This is not a business but it is being treated like one. Nor are our forests a renewable resource. More money for research is not necessary. There are no more forests to purchase and the necessity and desire to sell the remaining resource to generate more funding is counter productive. those who promote the sell of our forests also want more research to prove that no adverse effects are being caused by dwendeling our forests down to nothing. Cutting down our forests and replanting seedlings does not make or preserve our forests. An existing resource should be protected from the business of the 'managing ' our forests concept.</p>
29	01/07/2009 20:10:00	<p>Each year the Division of Forestry is expected to do more with less resources and much less funding. That makes absolutely no sense. Maybe the seedling nurseries should reduce the number of seedlings grown and start growing and selling ginseng roots and seed. Of course the money would probably just go into the general fund.</p>
30	01/07/2009 21:05:00	<p>There are not enough paid professionals to serve our natural resource issues; consider organizing statewide "forest volunteer service", similar to the statewide "Rivers Watershed Watch Volunteer" groups.</p>
31	01/07/2009 21:29:00	balance

32	01/07/2009 21:52:00	put the inmates to work helping to keep up the needs--this would also help them earn their keep & activities
33	01/07/2009 22:23:00	generate funds by allowing further uses (atv use)
34	01/08/2009 00:18:00	Because of the 8 years of Bush.
35	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Funding to protect our forests is important. (NOT to fun wood industry or adventure tourism as ATV use).
36	01/08/2009 03:40:00	use federal grants and raise money through access fees, fuel charges, and encourage corporations and communities ( even out of state) to sponsor areas of forests much like neighborhood cleanup porjects. Look what the river sweeps bring in as far as free monpower and money to help out.
37	01/08/2009 13:40:00	People who use and benefit from the forest, hunters, atviers, horseback riders should be charged for use.
38	01/08/2009 14:12:00	It seems that loss of our forests and degradation of our forests has been caused more by the influence and impact of special interest groups and lack of oversite over funding
39	01/08/2009 14:39:00	Our state continues to have inappropriate funding priorities. Many programs that are essential to the health and wellbeing of our people and land are underfunded.
40	01/08/2009 15:23:00	once it's gone it takes many years to get back

41	01/08/2009 15:36:00	need 50 new state foresters that are focused on private lands, need training for arson counter strikes, need better network of forestland owners with forest products, need better land management to achieve sustainable forest diversity and income through affordable longer rotation/professional forester availability/payments for support of ecosystem values, etc.
42	01/08/2009 15:46:00	Need New programs to get young people to our parks. Their are a lot of young kids that live in the city that have never been to any state parks. If something does not change, over time when they have kids we will lose an entire generation!
43	01/08/2009 16:37:00	Better forrest management is a program that should be self supporting through timber sales as a result of selective harvest.
44	01/08/2009 16:48:00	Funding would be very important if everything were not underfunded at this time.
45	01/08/2009 16:49:00	take better care of the environment, make more money in the long run
46	01/08/2009 16:49:00	We will fund space exploration with billions of dollars each year, yet funding for what is HERE on EARTH is declining. Why is this??? It is what we have here now that supports us...not what is or may have been on Mars. Funding for biodiversity and natural resource issues needs to increase dramatically.
47	01/08/2009 17:04:00	acquire the land for the public then do not develope it

48	01/08/2009 17:09:00	Consideration should be given to establishing a Forestry Commission as an independent agency - away from the Department of Natural Resources to improve the funding of the Division of Forestry
49	01/08/2009 17:29:00	we get what we pay for
50	01/08/2009 17:36:00	If funding is involved the landowner will more likely perform the necessary steps because a little help will offset the high cost of managing the land.
51	01/08/2009 17:47:00	public surveys show people will pay more for a better environment- politicians disagree
52	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Needs to be addressed through intergovernmental and government/private sector partnering. Could be facilitated through the economic development boards.
53	01/08/2009 18:17:00	This funding, or lack of, is affecting many important areas and does not appear to be improving soon.
54	01/08/2009 18:28:00	State government needs to establish partnerships with the private sector to over come this problem.
55	01/08/2009 18:59:00	If the present course of funding cuts for
56	01/08/2009 19:52:00	people will need to become more responsible stewards of the land water and air
57	01/08/2009 20:09:00	This is important, but its impact can be reduced through smart government management and public awareness/involvement (issues 1 and 10).
58	01/08/2009 20:14:00	Simple as ever action has an equal and opposite reaction we have got to give back to take.

59	01/08/2009 20:37:00	Squeaky wheel gets greased...let Gov. know we want action
60	01/08/2009 20:42:00	Do more public fundraisers and not just rely on tax dollars.
61	01/08/2009 21:35:00	our future is right here in front of us, and this topic should truly be addressed for or youth, and for their youth years away from now
62	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Stae funding is shrinking. Forestry needs to become more efficient and better utilize technology with existing staff.
63	01/09/2009 00:40:00	See question 5...
64	01/09/2009 00:45:00	industry and user specific taxes or fees can be used to mitigate this
65	01/09/2009 00:50:00	Incentives for landowners is needed through tax relief, incentive payments for good forest practices, and funding of programs to provide the highest quality of service.
66	01/09/2009 03:20:00	This is critical. We should look at funding as an investment, not an expense.
67	01/09/2009 04:18:00	put a small tax on cut trees. the more inportant the type of tree to the ecosystem the higher the tax on the cut tree.
68	01/09/2009 12:43:00	without funding progress will be slow or non-existant.
69	01/09/2009 13:54:00	Funding to address virtually every issue has been decreasing across state government, forestry and otherwise. This is, after all, a bad budget year. :/

70	01/09/2009 14:11:00	funding should be provide via permitting fees and bonding similar to the mining industry. if people have to put money up front they will do a better more profesional job. priorities need to be established if projects arent funded the they cannot be acheived. educating the public and legislators for need of funding cannot be acheived without providing a tangible benefit that can be seen and understood by all.
71	01/09/2009 14:59:00	I'm not opposed to more funding to protect this resource
72	01/09/2009 14:59:00	The type of vision, intelect, and courage to grasp this does not fit easily into budget and election cycles.
73	01/09/2009 15:02:00	With todays economy- education regarding maintainence of our natural resources are especially important.
74	01/09/2009 15:59:00	Sounds like a job creation potential that would re-boot the economy.
75	01/09/2009 16:30:00	Get under KY Dept Fish and Wildlife who manage forest too and you are a natural resource agency just like them
76	01/09/2009 16:32:00	Don't waster Government dollars on this.
77	01/09/2009 17:16:00	Again , and the question is what? Money is tight everywhere.
78	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Money is important, but giving people tasks that they can take action on is invaluable.

79	01/09/2009 17:24:00	<p>There seems to be a lack of understanding by funding entities (legislative bodies) that in many cases, the fix for some of the problems identified cannot be ended with a silver bullet. The fix often requires funding over a period of years in order to accomplish the management goal. This is, unfortunately, a hard sell. Legislators at both the state and federal level prefer to one-shot deals to sustained efforts in order to deal with such mundane things as trees and forests (trees don't vote). The lack of adequate funding will likely be the reason why the hemlock woolly adelgid is going to devastate the hemlocks of eastern and southeastern KY. We're simply not prepared (or perhaps the word is willing) to spend the money necessary or commit the labor required to avert the calamity.</p>
80	01/09/2009 18:58:00	<p>State, federal, NGO and private funding sources should be pursued</p>
81	01/09/2009 19:10:00	<p>Divert some funding from the lottery to forest management.</p>
82	01/10/2009 04:04:00	<p>HWA, and the threat of Emerald Ash Borer</p>
83	01/10/2009 05:03:00	<p>Money seems to leave the forests when certain other projects arise such as building an arena at the KY Horse Park.</p>
84	01/10/2009 05:04:00	<p>people DON'T know the impact of losing the forest other than losing their favorite hunting spot you need to start educating the kids about taking care of the land. My Greatgrand mother said you don't take care of the land, it will take away from you</p>

85	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Science costs money. If we do not continue to study our forests, or lack-of forests, then we cannot effectively address the issues facing our natural resources. More knowledge -->effective future strategy implementation.
86	01/10/2009 18:40:00	Why are state owned forrests leased so cheapley.
87	01/10/2009 20:45:00	new research techniques should be incorporated in reclaiming forested areas
88	01/10/2009 21:01:00	Reducing funding to protect the forest is short-sighted and any argument to allow "market forces" to decide its use is necessarily short-sighted based on immediate benefits with long term negative consequences.
89	01/11/2009 01:03:00	Everyone wants to cut taxes -- this is what we get whenw e do.
90	01/11/2009 02:29:00	Can't cound on donations but this affects our very ways of living.
91	01/11/2009 15:32:00	Natural resource issues need more funding to sustainably promote good management.
92	01/11/2009 18:29:00	if thought was properly given this could also be a selfsustaining fund with user fees required by all that use the resources and also a industry surcharge for commercial usage to help fund
93	01/12/2009 17:38:00	Maybe we could ask for a bailout? Yes, we need funding, & we should promote educcated volunteerism..through our universities & cooperative extension agencies.

94	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Increase DBNF and other public natural area holdings. If non-tangible economic benefits of forest ecosystems (i.e, water/air purification, quality of life issues, etc.) were factored in the costs of preserving and adding to our state and national public forest holdings, other natural areas and wildlife preserves would become more critical.
95	01/12/2009 22:53:00	increase the coal surtax. Ours is the lowest in the country, and our forests are being decimated.
96	01/13/2009 12:26:00	funding for everything is decreasing, the good news, trees do not use money as fertilizer
97	01/13/2009 14:46:00	More funding should be available to address important natural resource issues, especially issues where the health of the environment and kentucky's citizens is at stake.
98	01/13/2009 15:49:00	All these issues as a whole are important and need funding
99	01/13/2009 16:00:00	Rob Peter to pay Paul does NOT make sense NOR is it prudent!
100	01/13/2009 19:07:00	as so many other needed fundings for various programs
101	01/13/2009 19:18:00	Funding is top priority. Without proper funding, state government cannot achieve the goals it is capable.
102	01/13/2009 22:45:00	Even with a budget crunch, the return on investment in our forests makes the money spent on them worth it.
103	01/14/2009 14:50:00	Make appeals for additional funding in "dollars and cents" language, not couched in discussions about ecosystems, invasives, etc. Legislators respond to money - not biological jargon as real and accurate as it may be.

104	01/14/2009 15:36:00	Most definitely. Most Kentuckians and Americans do not realize this and/or care, so we will always have a struggle to adequately fund natural resource conservation. Perhaps society won't realize this until it is too late...
105	01/14/2009 17:41:00	funds should be freed up, they bailed out the lending institutions!
106	01/14/2009 20:05:00	There is a notion among the general public and politicians that trees/forest should not be manage, just let what naturally happens happen. This is nonsense, our forest/urban forest need funds to manage them. Especially in an Urban setting. At the very least there should be education/outreach. In an urban setting trees need to be view as part of the infrastructure. Where is the Natural Resource bail out?
107	01/14/2009 22:43:00	Enviromental issues seem to always take a back seat in Kentucky's budget process.
108	01/14/2009 23:06:00	In our region, most forestry services, both state and federal, are grossly underfunded.
109	01/15/2009 00:14:00	officials in charge need to do a better job of spending all tax generated revenue
111	01/15/2009 20:27:00	If Funding is not available, the needs cannot be addressed or resolved
112	01/15/2009 21:32:00	We cannot stress enough how important our natural resources are., All citizens must be made to know this.
113	01/16/2009 05:26:00	Otter creek?
114	01/16/2009 17:28:00	Outdoor recreation & adventure tourism can help fund our forests.
115	01/17/2009 18:23:00	those that use should pay, not by increasing taxes

116	01/17/2009 20:18:00	The reduction in funding has a direct impact on the services that can be provided to the public.
117	01/17/2009 22:21:00	the divisions in charge of these issues need to do a better job managing their monies and resources. there is a lack of diligences on part of the agencies involved to have proper oversight and accountability in their perspective agencies.
118	01/17/2009 22:45:00	Today's funding will provide great benefit for the future. We need to spend more on natural resources.
119	01/19/2009 00:08:00	In order to intelligently address climate change and continue to provide local forest products, natural resource agencies need adequate funding.
120	01/19/2009 00:35:00	I support full funding for appropriate issues, but NOT for logging the forests.
121	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Funding to address natural resource issues is highly important as "natural resources" are under threat by so many factors that if the correct attention is not given to maintain and address needs and issues, all Kentuckians and all life found in Ky Ecosystems will suffer. Again, education especially in public schools should be of top priority to ensure that all future Kentuckians will know of the importance of the Forests in our lives.

122	01/19/2009 14:29:00	ATV tax, license and registration should be implemented to raise funds and make criminal trespass easier to deal with, also make school field trips to local forests, nature centers a standard part of curriculum expose future generations to forest value. We cannot expect to receive continued funding from a population that is more urbanized and less connected to this rich KY resource.
123	01/20/2009 15:53:00	If you haven't heard, funding in this state for anything is a problem.
124	01/20/2009 16:18:00	we need to set up programs that encourage small farm foresting and make the program self funding
125	01/20/2009 16:53:00	More funding is needed to stay ahead of these issues.
126	01/21/2009 22:08:00	Industry and conservation groups need to develop a common and consistent lobbying message, and put the "shoes in the hallways" to address funding and public support
127	01/24/2009 19:12:00	We absolutely need to fund forest preservation with easements, conservation and preservation.
128	01/24/2009 22:17:00	As important as most of these issues are, none can be addressed realistically or effectively without funding.
129	01/27/2009 16:36:00	Do not expect this to change in the near future because of other more publicly recognized social and economic issues.
130	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Funding issues top all other issues, since funding is necessary to address all of the concerns expressed in this survey.

		<p>In this age of increasing focus on the environment, it is just plain sad that those people who choose commitment to the betterment of environmental conditions as their profession are given less funding for them to carry out their jobs and less pay to live their lives. I have heard countless stories of the struggles these people have gone through and of the losing battles they fight in their work due to lack of resources. This sends a conflicting message: we say the environment is crucially important to our future, but we won't treat it as such when allocating funds. The only thing we pay it is lipservice. These people are devoted to our best environmental ideals, but they and their profession are treated as unimportant. I myself am considering a nature-related profession, but the outlook is grim enough to make me sick. I hope that if the public is made fully aware of these situations, that better funding will eventually follow.</p>
131	02/01/2009 16:34:00	
132	02/03/2009 20:58:00	ITS CRITICAL TO SUPPORT OUR FORESTRY EDUCATORS AND WORKERS
133	02/11/2009 23:52:00	Government is the problem, not the solution.
134	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Education in accessible locations statewide is needed...and to do that, you need funding.
135	02/16/2009 15:12:00	Funding is important, but education and volunteer encouragement is equally important to good management.

136	02/18/2009 19:50:00	President Roosevelt undertook much legislation with national parks, tree plantings, etc...this not only boosted the economy, it also boosted the moral of America. Forests are the most readily available natural resource in the world, to divert funding away from this abundant resource is not the way to properly manage what we have. The properly manage our forests is to create a sustainable forest.
137	02/24/2009 06:54:00	all government should strive to do more with less
138	03/11/2009 12:44:00	Funding for forest related conservation efforts is critically but has been a joke. Clearly state legislators do not understand or take it seriously. This may be an opportunity for educational efforts.
139	03/11/2009 18:34:00	Funding should be part of the new stimulus plan.
140	03/14/2009 18:18:00	it takes money and resources to save our lands and i stand behind every effort to do so

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Unlawful Activities- Defending the forest from criminal activity such as timber theft, trespass, and poaching, and seeking justice for the victim is a challenge in Kentucky.**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	57.2%	878
Important	33.8%	519
Not very Important	5.8%	89
Do not Know	3.3%	50
Comment		143
<i>answered question</i>		1536
<i>skipped question</i>		348

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 15:23:00	these undermine forest management efforts
2	01/06/2009 17:45:00	we have experienced dumping, trespassing.
3	01/06/2009 20:14:00	mountain top removal is a "crime" we are allowing to happen
4	01/06/2009 21:17:00	Laws NOT enforced as they should be. Lax attitudes toward big-scale lumber companies.
5	01/06/2009 23:40:00	yes but kdfwr conservation officers are responsible for trespass and poaching...not div of forestry.
6	01/06/2009 23:52:00	Most people do not consider the forest as owned by others but as a place to do things they want to do - legal and illegal.
7	01/07/2009 00:36:00	People who cut trees illegally in the DBNF should go to jail for a very very very long time
8	01/07/2009 01:04:00	It should be a felony to enter private land for any of the above listed .
9	01/07/2009 01:28:00	Some private loggers absolutely destroy the forest today, almost as bad as they did in the early, 20th century.
10	01/07/2009 13:05:00	Enforcement of these laws is difficult, but needed.
11	01/07/2009 14:29:00	Add to that improper use of off-road vehicles

12	01/07/2009 15:16:00	It is amazing how much timber is still being stolen in Kentucky. We need more law enforcement in this area, but we also need much, much stronger trespass laws and penalties to address violations.
13	01/07/2009 15:24:00	buy a hunting license--stop poaching
14	01/07/2009 15:44:00	Common problem in E. KY. Need courts to do better job prosecuting.
15	01/07/2009 16:07:00	The public must learn that there are real consequences for breaking the law, otherwise the law is worthless.
16	01/07/2009 17:40:00	The forest conservation act has been good for everyone including bad actors. Timber trespass will be a problem as long as bad actors are free. Same with poachers.
17	01/07/2009 17:41:00	laws are there but little to no enforcement and little to no punishment when enforced
18	01/07/2009 17:53:00	no one ever goes to jail for stealing timber
19	01/07/2009 17:59:00	i think a 800 number hotline that is the same all over the state would help folks be able to report some of these, but your local police must be willing to do something about it when called upon.
20	01/07/2009 18:02:00	Stop un-wanted ATV's
21	01/07/2009 18:16:00	The squeaky wheel will finally get oiled
22	01/07/2009 18:25:00	Make punishment severe.
23	01/07/2009 18:37:00	stiffer penalties
24	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Harsher penalties for criminal activities of these types.
25	01/07/2009 18:47:00	From family experience
26	01/07/2009 18:52:00	I support funding increases to help prosecute criminal activity in forestlands.

27	01/07/2009 19:05:00	We own a company that manufactures permanent boundary markers for woodlands. <a href="http://www.treemarkcompany.com">www.treemarkcompany.com</a>
28	01/07/2009 19:07:00	It is important to defend our natural resources from criminal activity.
29	01/07/2009 19:07:00	The laws need to be toughened up, so that someone is severely punished for poaching, logging, and other activities that negatively affect the forest. Right now there is no legal recourse a person can take if someone illegally logs on their property, and this needs to change.

30	01/07/2009 19:15:00	<p>have approx 44 acres total -- most of which is fields &amp; pasture. I also own approx 70 acres in Calwell Co -- 95% forestland. Trespassing is a tremendous problem with law enforcement being short staffed. Timber thefts are becoming more and more of a problem especially in these tough economic times. Loggers are too tempted to cross the property lines for those couple of trees for \$ in their pockets. What do they have to lose by "stealing" the trees -- a slap on the hand, maybe a little payment to the true landowner (if they are caught in time), and the opportunity to move on to another site and do it AGAIN! There is logging going on around both my properties and it is impossible to watch loggers around the clock. Once the trees are gone they ARE GONE FOREVER. Poaching is extremely common place in rural KY. Again, not enough manpower to handle the problem. And, when I have reported and filed a complaint</p>
31	01/07/2009 19:31:00	<p>laws to stiffen timber theft are greatly needed.</p>
32	01/07/2009 22:08:00	<p>I just don't hear about this issue</p>
33	01/07/2009 22:18:00	<p>Finding criminals should always be a priority.</p>
34	01/07/2009 22:23:00	<p>According to what the law says, Trespass should not be one it is public land</p>
35	01/07/2009 23:24:00	<p>Defending forests from non-criminal activity such as development is an even greater challenge.</p>
36	01/08/2009 02:13:00	<p>There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. protect the forests.</p>

37	01/08/2009 03:40:00	It is a challenge everywhere with the liberal laws passed as far as penalties. Right now in KY if you are convicted or plead to a 5 year prison term, you are eligible for parole in 6 months. WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THAT? Work on this one first.
38	01/08/2009 07:20:00	that is a crime
39	01/08/2009 12:38:00	relative to education etc.
40	01/08/2009 15:01:00	Our laws concerning any criminal activity need to be stronger so that the criminal doesn't think that it is a slap on the hand.
41	01/08/2009 15:06:00	Private landowners should take full responsibility for marking their boundaries and defending against theft, trespass, and poaching.
42	01/08/2009 15:35:00	More stringent laws need to be implemented to protect forest landowners.
43	01/08/2009 15:36:00	In Ky this is a problem with boundaries and enforcement of existing laws locally on a civil basis
44	01/08/2009 15:46:00	I agree, but i hear a lot of complaints from people. They say that the rangers have forgotten about the forest and animals. They are more concerned about catching someone drinking a beer! and give them a ticket! People come to our parks for the peace and quite and to relax. Whether they are camping or boating they still need to have a good time and feel welcome. If people do not have fun and a good time they will not come back to our parks. This does not mean that the rangers don't address a bunch of drunks! but for the average boater or camper that is minding his/her own bussiness.

45	01/08/2009 16:49:00	many lawful activities are harmful as well
46	01/08/2009 16:49:00	Again, these are our natural resources and they have rights just the same as we do. These issues need to be looked into. When someone defaces OUR natural resources, they deface US as people as well!!!
47	01/08/2009 17:04:00	no ATVS they destroy and disrupt for everyone
48	01/08/2009 17:09:00	See comments from Question # 3
49	01/08/2009 17:29:00	law enforcement isn't the problem. actually having a sentence in the courts is the problem.
50	01/08/2009 17:32:00	This is very important, we need to protect the animals
51	01/08/2009 17:36:00	The unlawful activities need to have more of a bite so that the criminal will know that we are serious.
52	01/08/2009 17:47:00	it is expensive to catch crooks in rural areas
53	01/08/2009 17:52:00	It is an important issue that directly effects the land owner and in the case of public lands it deminishes the beauty and heritage of our state. Needs to be publicised more in public service announcements on radio, TV, and newspapers.
54	01/08/2009 18:17:00	Criminals seem to prosper with our current legal system.
55	01/08/2009 18:22:00	no place to turn when timber is stolen.
56	01/08/2009 18:28:00	Important but better addressed by law enforcement and civil courts
57	01/08/2009 18:38:00	Fines and/or jail time should be at a level that timber theft, etc. becomes too high a risk.
58	01/08/2009 18:49:00	VERY VERY VERY IMPORTANT!!!
59	01/08/2009 18:53:00	More research is needed in this area to find ways for prevention, and prosecution of the perpetrators.

60	01/08/2009 18:59:00	legislation needs to be crafted VERY CAREFULLY; I have seen suggested legislation that will cripple the timber industry and the timber industry is VITAL to the economy of this commonwealth
61	01/08/2009 19:52:00	costs to defend assets prohibit justice. Fines should be set and inforced in addition to prosecution for violaters
62	01/08/2009 20:08:00	ATVs are a big problem and should be regulated
63	01/08/2009 20:37:00	You dont want to know what I would do to any of the above
64	01/08/2009 20:42:00	More strict laws and penalties for those who participate in these illegal activities.
65	01/09/2009 00:40:00	This is partially addressed through consulting and using qualified professionals.
66	01/09/2009 00:45:00	Hang em! Well, maybe thats a bit harsh, but stronger use of criminal penalties instead of the typical civil penalties is appropriate. Timber theft should be viewed by the court more regularly in criminal jurisprudence, versus as a civil offense.
67	01/09/2009 02:19:00	This is the main reason forest's are not managed in Eastern Kentucky. Because of timber theft and timber tresspass. This is the most important issue in this survey. The Division of Forestry need a divison to investigate timber theft and timber tresspass!
68	01/09/2009 02:31:00	but i think they should be able to ride the atvs and utvs to enjoy it
69	01/09/2009 04:18:00	increase the fine of timber theives and levy high fine on arsonist and illegal timbering practices.
70	01/09/2009 12:54:00	exception being the polluting of woodland environments

71	01/09/2009 13:54:00	Poaching and timber theft, yeah. Prosecute that! As far as trespassing goes, though.... if you're brave enough to walk through someone else's forest (getting shot at is a possibility, in many parts of this state) and you do not steal or do damage, I think you shouldn't be prosecuted for that.
72	01/09/2009 14:11:00	timber theft laws are outdated and unworkable in most civil cases. should be revised as a criminal statute that could be enforced more effectively. most landowners who are trespassed upon don't have the monetary resources or the knowledge to achieve compensation as a result of trespass. many landowners as a result are not compensated fairly if at all. enforcement of existing laws would also help to prevent trespass such as notification of all adjacent landowners prior to harvest.
73	01/09/2009 14:50:00	i don't know much about this issue
74	01/09/2009 14:54:00	Triple the finds!
75	01/09/2009 14:59:00	We could enhance our economy considerably if we protected the resources. this not only includes timber but forest herbs, hunting, and ATV's.
76	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Educate. Kentucky needs to place importance on our natural resources in the whole state. Education is the only answer, starting in the youngest classrooms.
77	01/09/2009 16:22:00	Only for Business violations
		Strengthen and enforce the law

79	01/09/2009 17:24:00	Very Important to be sure. But, when a group of knotheds can go in and cut down the very best trees in the heart of Blanton Forest and not receive and significant penalties or jail time from our court system, it is abundantly clear that there is a critical lack of understanding of the importance of our set-aside lands and preserves. Until the penalties outweigh the risks, it will continue to be this way.
80	01/09/2009 18:58:00	Action needs to be taken to create stickter punishments, and enforements need to backed at all levels of the state.
81	01/09/2009 19:10:00	utilize all State agencies/Local in enforcement efforts.
82	01/09/2009 19:36:00	ATV's are especially abhorrent.
83	01/09/2009 23:36:00	We have had problems with this for years on my farm.
84	01/10/2009 04:04:00	Make tougher laws
85	01/10/2009 05:03:00	People have always seemed to do as they please on our place. I wish I could live on it.

86	01/10/2009 05:04:00	<p>for 4 generations we have lived on the property, farmed it and protected the wild, since my father has died, we've found illegal treestands blinds, hunters don't ask permission to be on the "posted " and I find myself dealing with people who'd rather see the lawbreakers go than stand up for what's right. what's it gonna take a neighbor's child getting hit by a stray bullet before they smarten up? I 've been a bird watcher for all my life and enjoy watching the copper's hawk that's been nesting on the land for over 10 years for someone of American Indian descent this is a true Blessing but I worry about her being able to raise her young safely with all these trigger happy disrespectful idiots</p>
87	01/10/2009 18:26:00	<p>Don't throw these people in jail or make them pay. Odds are, they don't have any money in the first place, and that's partly why they commit these criminal activities. Get free work out of them. Require them to do community service by hand-planting forests, and then, offer them a legitimate position with forestry...since they will now be well-versed in your practices, thereby giving them legitimate means of income, so that they do not return to their criminal ways.</p>
88	01/10/2009 20:45:00	<p>property surveys and active management planning &amp; using timber sale contracts and same administration</p>

89	01/10/2009 21:01:00	I do not know what the victim is in this issue... the forest? However, theft is theft, regardless if it was in one's home or in a community forest. However, it is a matter of degree. What exactly is timber theft? Is taking a stick home a crime? I do not think so.
90	01/11/2009 18:29:00	educate, warn and prosecute, no warning given for blatant issues such as theft, poaching etc
91	01/12/2009 13:34:00	A big part of the problem is lack of marked property lines and surveys. Maybe the government needs to help offset cost of surveys as an incentive.
92	01/12/2009 13:40:00	We need to catch timber thieves, whether they steal from the state, or from private landowners.
93	01/12/2009 15:28:00	I think many of these problems are overstated. Landowners have ample opportunities at education on these activities and in many cases these things are the result of neglect on their part. Obviously that is not always the case, but Ky already has strong timber trespass and poaching laws to deal with these issues.
94	01/12/2009 17:38:00	I imagine this is a difficult endeavor. Again, some education, written conduct rules for inhabiting/recreating in the forest might help somewhat.
95	01/12/2009 18:39:00	add in looting of archaeological artifacts and damage/destruction of archaeologically sensitive areas.
96	01/13/2009 05:16:00	Find a strong high limb and a good rope!!!!!!! man need to govern man.

98	01/13/2009 13:27:00	People has the right to protect their property.
99	01/13/2009 15:49:00	Keeping people off your property is an issue but what're gonna do.
100	01/13/2009 18:19:00	We need well defined laws and enforcers.
101	01/13/2009 19:18:00	This issue needs a better system for the private landowner.
102	01/13/2009 23:25:00	Include unrestricted ATV & 4-wheel riding as problems
103	01/14/2009 14:50:00	Unless that's more of a problem than I perceive.
104	01/14/2009 17:41:00	better enforcement stiffer laws
105	01/14/2009 18:43:00	Add drug traffic and manufacture to the list
106	01/14/2009 22:43:00	ATV damage is a huge problem.
107	01/14/2009 23:06:00	Mostly tied to gross underfunding. There just isn't anyone to do enforcement and education anymore. (Example, one enforcement officer covering several counties.)
108	01/15/2009 06:58:00	We care too much about hunting on private property when there are more important problems
109	01/15/2009 16:08:00	Tougher laws on trespassing in Forrest and logging
110	01/15/2009 20:27:00	Criminal Activity has increased in these areas over the past 10 years, or maybe we have just become more knowledgeable regarding the happenings within the forest for criminals.
111	01/15/2009 21:32:00	I would sure be extremely irritated if I experienced timber theft, or poaching.
112	01/16/2009 14:42:00	I would think arson should be included with this list.

113	01/16/2009 17:28:00	littering & polluting has been a problem in KY. Many areas are only cleaned by Offroad clubs. We should support these clubs and their efforts to maintain the forests. To hire patrols would be very expensive and / or ineffective. Lets use our natural resources which include our OHV users!
114	01/17/2009 20:18:00	I understand that in Eastern KY, the judges do not symphatize with the landowners in cases of theft and trespass. I know some of the landowners who have stated such. Poaching is also a huge problem, which robs law abiding hunters of many opportunities to take trophies.
115	01/17/2009 22:21:00	tember theft is an issue but i dont see where poaching is that widespread or that much of a problem.
116	01/18/2009 01:32:00	About 15 years ago someone stole many large and very old trees on adjoining property in Larue Co. We caught them doing that, but it was an arduous task for the property owner to get compensated for the loss. Of course the area was devastated, as if a tornado had struck the area. Many trees in the surrounding area were destroyed due to the logging operation. It was indeed a disaster! There should have been jail time for the thieves.
117	01/18/2009 03:03:00	Also unlawful ATV use in non-designed areas should be included in this list.
118	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Kentucky Division of Forestry should be legislatively empowered to provide law enforcement and investigation, particularly to combat forest arson.

119	01/19/2009 05:11:00	Increased reporting and coverage, maybe even an extension of the existing Departments which address these issues and protects the forests and individual landowners, would help the struggling economy by increasing the job market. Plus increased support of Legislation and NGOs and Non-profit Environmental Protection Groups to protect forested areas, and individual claims of criminal activity, would help to prevent the frequency of these types of occurrences.
120	01/19/2009 14:29:00	ATV trespass and associated erosion is a major problem.
121	01/20/2009 00:46:00	Perhaps not illegal, but borderline. Real Estate companies are buying farms, having them logged for their own profit, and then cutting the farms into tracts and selling them. This is happening in Washington County.
122	01/20/2009 15:48:00	You can't get any help. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS!!!!
123	01/20/2009 15:53:00	If there are no consequences, such criminal activity will only worsen; unfortunately, for many, the only "wrong" is if they get caught. We need to catch more of the abusers, large and small.
124	01/20/2009 16:53:00	I think this is a issue all over the world.
125	01/20/2009 18:09:00	too soft...must be improved by felony prosecution, fines and jail time.
126	01/21/2009 18:52:00	Only the strictest of laws and full enforcement will deter timber theft.
		Becoming more of an issue

129	01/24/2009 22:17:00	While these activities should be deterred and prevented, unless these stories are largely absent from the news, they don't seem to be a primary concern.
130	02/01/2009 11:28:00	nail them to the wall
131	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Education is critical, since with greater awareness Kentuckians will be less likely to carry out these unlawful activities or at least be less willing to allow others to carry them out. These criminals get away with because the community allows it (public pressure on local officials to carry out existing laws would increase enforcement of existing laws).
132	02/01/2009 16:34:00	Citizens must be made aware of these dangers and encouraged to keep on watch in order to better encourage and facilitate control by authorities. In addition to these higher-profile wrongdoings, there are many other matters of improper activities in forests that should be made widely known to be wrong, from defacing rock formations (nobody wants to see "Bobby loves Debbie Jo" carved on a sandstone arch) to burning trash.
133	02/03/2009 16:40:00	there is no cooperation amongst the rural inhabitants-
134	02/03/2009 20:58:00	STRONGER PUNISHMENT AGAINST VIOLATORS
135	02/04/2009 03:19:00	What is the current status of the proposal that was sent to former Governor Fletcher to reinstate the LawEnforcement Arm of the KY Division of Forestry?
136	02/11/2009 04:33:00	Shouldn't the above activities be within the rights and responsibilities of individual land owners?

137	02/15/2009 14:22:00	As more timberland becomes managed timberland and as more understand the value of our forests, this will increase in importance to the landowner and the State and the average citizen.
138	02/17/2009 15:45:00	I think the laws should be more strickly enforced for poaching.
139	02/18/2009 19:50:00	Timber theft is much too common, poaching is a large problem as well, yet this is not only a Kentucky problem but a national problem. There isnt enough law enforcment for Kentucky's Forests, and not enough legislation to give the "victim" justice, "not enough teeth in the law".
140	03/09/2009 01:55:00	we have a very well known poacher in our county (boone) I know he needs to go to jail
141	03/11/2009 12:26:00	Having some experience in this area, I can attest that there is no penalty for timber theft when left to local court systems.
142	03/11/2009 12:44:00	Strictly enforcing existing laws and backup for judges in these cases would be good
143	03/14/2009 18:18:00	these activities should be stoped just like any other crime

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

**Public Awareness- There exists a challenge to significantly raise the general awareness of Kentucky's forest on the landscape and their present and potential economical and ecological impact. An informed citizen can expect and facilitate an enlightened personal and public policy on forestry issues. It is not common for the general public, landowners, government officials and community leaders to be aware that professional help for managing their forests exist.**

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Very Important	56.4%	866
Important	37.4%	575
Not very Important	3.8%	58
Do not Know	2.4%	37
Comment		136
<i>answered question</i>		1536
<i>skipped question</i>		348

Number	Response Date	Comment
1	01/06/2009 15:23:00	this is the most important issue/problem
2	01/06/2009 20:14:00	again, i don't know exactly what is mean't by "managing"
3	01/06/2009 21:27:00	EDUCATION IS THE KEY
4	01/06/2009 22:03:00	Unless this is in their own back yard most general public and government officials are unconcerned.
5	01/06/2009 22:22:00	It is unfortunate that forestry, agriculture and environmental protection issues are not taught in public schools from K-12.
6	01/06/2009 23:40:00	if all of those are unaware of what div of forestry offers then you are not doing your job. forestry div in one of the largest timbered states is defunct and not active enough. the sportsmen of the commonwealth should be outrage with the lack of happenings within div of forestry.
7	01/06/2009 23:52:00	Most are aware but are concerned about Government intrusion.

8	01/07/2009 00:36:00	The public does not trust the US Forest Service because they are pathological liars
9	01/07/2009 01:04:00	It would benefit to make the forest rangers not only more accessible, but to increase their visibility. Education should begin in our schools at an early age.
10	01/07/2009 01:28:00	Make examples of timber men who steal timber and pay no attention to boundaries.
11	01/07/2009 13:05:00	See comments on 6. and 7.
12	01/07/2009 15:16:00	The public has very weak knowledge of how to manage forest systems in Kentucky. They often do cuts themselves or rely on harvester who does not care about the long term health of the forest. Also, the public has almost no knowledge of the extent of invasive species issues and how they affect them. Many landowners have lost all of their forest to invasives and really don't even know it or understand it. We need a more aggressive public awareness of these issues.
13	01/07/2009 15:45:00	The more people know about the resources around them, the more inclined they will be to protect them.
14	01/07/2009 16:07:00	More education and awareness inevitably leads to more protections. The cost of NOT protecting KY's resources is prohibitive to sustainability.
15	01/07/2009 16:48:00	Professionals need to do better job communicating
16	01/07/2009 17:38:00	Students in the Public School system need to be educated on this resource and all of Kentucky's natural resources.
17	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Incent people to own and manage forestland and they will come looking for help.

18	01/07/2009 17:41:00	Don't know what can be done, but it's important
19	01/07/2009 17:57:00	Anyone listed at the PVA as having more than 10 acres should be sent information pertaining to forest management resources in the state.
20	01/07/2009 17:59:00	very true, and it must be put out there in thier face so they will look at it. not just on the folks visiting the areas. it needs to be seen by all commonwealth citizens
21	01/07/2009 18:07:00	without public awareness, we are not going to get anything meaningful accomplished
22	01/07/2009 18:15:00	I do not believe the average Kentucky citizen knows about the threat of disease and loss of forest land
23	01/07/2009 18:16:00	make the stewardship plans less form letter and more comprehensive so people will not enjoy reading but can learn from a simpler style
24	01/07/2009 18:25:00	It is up to us to protect our environment.
25	01/07/2009 18:31:00	Not enough people esp. from urban areas are aware of the importance of forests to our state's and planets health and the impact they have on it.
26	01/07/2009 18:41:00	Need to get the word out better. Without this non of the others will happen.
27	01/07/2009 18:47:00	Potentially deveop a mailing list to private land owners about Forest Facts. Maybe through Dept of Agriculture info.
28	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Public awareness is important.
29	01/07/2009 19:07:00	Start with the kids.

30	01/07/2009 19:15:00	<p>Until I began working in my current job I had NO idea of the programs and assistance available to KY citizens -- and as tax payers in many cases at NO CHARGE! It was an eyeopener! And, if there is information out there it is often incorrect! For example, about once ever two years I receive calls about the rumor that the state has released rattlesnakes on the state forest to help rodent control &amp; to balance the enviroment. Needless to say, these callers are usually frantic about the thought of the release of rattlesnakes. Awareness and enlightenment is an issue of tremendous importance and it GREATLY needed. How can we save Kentucky forests when the only forests people think need saving are in California?</p>
31	01/07/2009 19:23:00	<p>converting more people can be a long and expensive process</p>
32	01/07/2009 19:31:00	<p>Educate the young and get them outside.</p>

33	01/07/2009 20:00:00	Bla, bla, bla--somebody is really trying to save their Public Awareness job. Again, sounds like our forests are being billed as a business. Stop treating our forest resources like they can be 'managed' to be a beneficial usable tool which will generate funding. All people grasp the concept of needing to preserve our forests so our environment doesn't collapse. When you take the financial gain away form 'managing' our forests you stop the competition for that gain and you stop the distruction of the forests. You create one universal purpose for preserving and saving our forests, so our environment doesn't collapse around us killing us in the process.
34	01/07/2009 20:10:00	A continuous, massive, multi-media campaign is needed to educate the public about services that the Kentucky Division of Forestry offers.
35	01/07/2009 21:05:00	Establish trained "layperson" volunteers to assist professionals to provide educational programs to our citizens
36	01/07/2009 21:32:00	public education is essential
37	01/07/2009 23:07:00	Public service announcements should be employed extensively
38	01/07/2009 23:22:00	This is getting harder to accomplish in this era of video game couch potatoes!
39	01/07/2009 23:24:00	"raise the general awareness of Kentucky's forest on the landscape" I'm not really sure what's being said here. I believe it's very important that an enlightened discussion take place regarding the benefits of preserving and protecting Kentucky's forestland.

40	01/08/2009 02:13:00	There is not question; there are only statements. I'm not sure I'm answering the way I want to. Publicize forests and get people to use them.
41	01/08/2009 03:40:00	Media outlets will provide free or cheaper rated spots for this HOT TOPIC. Use it more. Also advertise this issue on license plates, interstated highway signs, etc. All are cheap...use it.
42	01/08/2009 15:01:00	The Natural Resource Department needs to be more in the public eye either through more newspaper articles or on public radio so that the general public is made more aware of the services that we provide.
43	01/08/2009 15:06:00	Isn't there some money for a 15 second forestry commercial? "Unbridled Spirit" tourist commercials are on all the time.
44	01/08/2009 16:49:00	the environmental crisis is fundamentally a moral/social problem, not a scientific one
45	01/08/2009 16:58:00	If not already, county FSA offices and UK ag extension offices should have literature posted/available to address this communications need.
46	01/08/2009 17:04:00	management is euphemism for exploit do not manage leave in natural state
47	01/08/2009 17:36:00	We need to put the natural resources in the publics eye more by either newspaper articles or radio .
48	01/08/2009 17:47:00	many landowners are too lazy to get help, and to follow the simplest recommendations
49	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Could be helped through the use of spacialy and temporaly focused public service advertisements, perhaps on road-side billboard that could be locally sponcered.

50	01/08/2009 18:19:00	I think most private and gov. folks know that DOF services are available.
51	01/08/2009 18:28:00	This is the single most important issue. Otherwise only a small percentage of the forest owning public seek assistance.
52	01/08/2009 18:49:00	Most everyone watches T.V. so do an ad maybe...?
53	01/08/2009 18:59:00	Our county extension agents are woefully ignorant concerning woodlands. Their stock answer is to hand out the number of the local KDF office. Extension agents need to be educated and forced to at least show some type of an interest in forest management and assistance to the public. The lack of knowledge and/or interest in Kentucky's woodlands by extension agents is a disgrace and disservice to the citizens of the commonwealth.
54	01/08/2009 20:09:00	This goes hand in hand with management of private forestland (issue 1). People will be more willing to protect that which they love and understand.
55	01/08/2009 20:14:00	We do not even address the simple importance of teaching our children how very important it is not to litter. Bring back the Indian with the tear commercial & the fellings that evoked in being responsible for our home planet.
56	01/08/2009 21:35:00	educating people on this has to happen, or our future generations will have nothing
57	01/08/2009 21:36:00	we love our trees & grass--not concrete
58	01/08/2009 21:45:00	Your job should be educational and not management.

59	01/09/2009 00:40:00	Environmental education is underfunded here.
60	01/09/2009 00:50:00	As the public becomes aware of the issues, more emphasis on forestry and related issues will evolve due to public pressure.
61	01/09/2009 03:20:00	This is key to building support for all other actions described here.
62	01/09/2009 04:18:00	we need to educate ourselves to what does exist to help maintain healthy forest.
63	01/09/2009 13:54:00	I'm infinitely more interested in the ecological side than in the economic side.
64	01/09/2009 14:11:00	unfortunately most environmental education is performed by preservationist rather than conservationist. the result is a public out of touch with the natural world and the benefits and need for timber harvest and management. heartwood, kentuckians for the commonwealth, sierra club and peta to name a few are spoiling the minds of people who utilize forest products every day but have no clue how necessary timber harvesting and management impacts their lives every day.
65	01/09/2009 14:15:00	Public awareness may take care of some of the other issues such as unlawful activities.
66	01/09/2009 14:54:00	Assuming the "professional" has forest knowledge not just a degree in forestry.
67	01/09/2009 14:59:00	This is important, but Govt. and Education must go ahead of public opinion in acting first, then use the enhanced economy to fund the public education.

68	01/09/2009 15:02:00	It starts with the individual. Also government can make a difference (starting with Governor) if it chooses for this to be an important choice or a trend!
69	01/09/2009 16:30:00	PR, advertise
70	01/09/2009 16:51:00	The wording on this question (and others) is trying to control the results of this "survey." Very clear what the survey wants as a result.
71	01/09/2009 17:22:00	Involve the First Lady. These things are a passion of hers and people will respond well to her.
72	01/09/2009 18:58:00	Being seen is the best way to be heard.
73	01/09/2009 19:10:00	More Public Serviced announcements on forest management
74	01/10/2009 04:04:00	More education in the schools with forest rangers; don't see a lot of this. The off-season is perfect for this to occur in the schools. How many programs do the rangers do?
75	01/10/2009 05:04:00	I was a master gardener in WV before I moved back to the homeplace and I'm thoughtly frustrated by the lack of interest in this state to care for our lands and her wellbeing
76	01/10/2009 18:26:00	At the very least, if people know about the issues, then they will have the option of pursuing corrective actions to their forests/lack-of forests.
77	01/10/2009 18:40:00	help not dictate
78	01/10/2009 20:45:00	landowners could benefit from proper sale area layout (proper location of skid trails, log landings and stream buffers and crossings.

79	01/10/2009 21:01:00	This issue is the key. I am sure many people think that either the forest will always be there and does not need protection or (2) change in the form of forest destruction is an inevitable consequence of economic progress when it is not.
80	01/10/2009 23:08:00	What are you asking? that public awareness is important? that community leaders be aware?
81	01/11/2009 02:29:00	People care but not as much as the people who live in these weedlands daily. How do you make it important to them ?
82	01/11/2009 05:02:00	Significantly raising the public's awareness of the effect of Ky's forest on our landscape and the scope of our forest's economic impact and it's impact upon our state's ecosystem is a challenge.
83	01/11/2009 18:29:00	educate the public and different interest groups about multi-use and perhaps restrict certain areas to some groups but not eliminating usage
84	01/12/2009 13:34:00	Maybe we need better advertisement about stewardship plans and forestry consulting services. In addition, how about advertisements about good forest management for the general public. They need to know that its OK to harvest trees.
85	01/12/2009 15:28:00	I think the vast majority of ppl who will follow the states advice already know about our services.
86	01/12/2009 17:38:00	I guess we need to publicize the professional forestry help more!

87	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Ecological impact should be paramount! Legislate private concerns' development & management of private lands sustainably for maximum ecological preservation. Educate public on non-tangible benefits of protecting our public lands.
88	01/13/2009 05:16:00	Siminar's
89	01/13/2009 12:26:00	thoes who do not know "help" exist are thoes who do not want Help.
90	01/13/2009 15:02:00	I think average citizens are aware of how important forests are. I think local and state leaders are unaware.
91	01/13/2009 15:09:00	But NOT amongst responsible four-wheeling organizations such as K & I Four Wheelers in Louisville KY.
92	01/13/2009 15:49:00	Most people who have a forest or want to log or manage their woods don't know where to turn for answers so they turn to a logger. This is generally a bad idea. Somehow the services KDF offers need to be made aware to the public. And KDF employees need to be more informed about the logging industry and logging in general.
93	01/13/2009 19:18:00	In eastern KY, public awareness is very important. Education is the key to this progress.

94	01/14/2009 14:50:00	How do you plan to do this? The wording of the questions in your survey is pretty daunting and I can only imagine what a campaign to raise awareness would be like if it was couched in such erudite language! This is too important for the public awareness campaign to be written by someone(s) who's out to impress his boss with all the big words he/she can use. It will be lost past the first sentence or sound byte on the average citizen.
95	01/14/2009 15:36:00	Definitely. See #8 above.
96	01/14/2009 17:41:00	the public's ignorance is a big part of the problem, that with its greed
97	01/14/2009 23:06:00	But there is no financial incentive to seek professional help if you don't plan to cut.
98	01/15/2009 06:46:00	This is very important, but I do think Ky has a relatively high level of public awareness with regard to many of these issues. Just watch KET sometime!
99	01/15/2009 06:58:00	not enough public awareness
100	01/15/2009 13:58:00	Even when you find informed people; generally, the policy makers in state government are so irrational and petty getting them to recognize a good idea is next to impossible; so this is pretty much a moot point.
101	01/15/2009 21:32:00	Public awareness is critical .
102	01/15/2009 22:21:00	I think it starts when the kids are young. Biology class would be a great place to raise awareness. Adults unless they are aware don't see the issues.
103	01/16/2009 17:28:00	If the general public are not users of the forest, then they should have less importance & impact on the forest. Let's educate the users primarily.
		ie utilities are the biggest

105	01/17/2009 20:18:00	We need to have much more outreach.
106	01/17/2009 22:21:00	thats very true but an informed citizen may not see the same issues as you do?
107	01/17/2009 22:45:00	I'm not sure if "management" means logging, preservation, or something in between.
108	01/18/2009 03:03:00	Public awareness of pending Forest Service actions on a local basis is almost nonexistent.
109	01/19/2009 00:08:00	Not only do folks need to be aware of professional help, they also need to be aware of the vitally important role forests play in storing and sequestering carbon, providing wildlife habitat, clean water, and an enjoyable place to recreate.
110	01/19/2009 14:29:00	again I will recommend the use of our educational system to help make citizens of KY aware of their land based heritage through field trips, science related curriculum that stresses our natural resource base and how important it is to manage for our future. KDF could begin to work with city councils, regional planning boards to incorporate land planning ideas that integrate development and conservation.
111	01/20/2009 15:07:00	lack of awareness is no excuse.
112	01/20/2009 15:48:00	Most people don't know what to do. You get the run around from one agency to the next!
113	01/20/2009 15:53:00	I suppose that I, like anyone who finds his way to this survey, am a member of the choir you're preaching to.
114	01/20/2009 16:18:00	people need to know what the average person can do
115	01/20/2009 16:53:00	Education is needed.

116	01/20/2009 18:09:00	the public is generally unaware of the economical and ecological impact of Ky forest. Increased Professional help is greatly needed to bridge this gap.
117	01/21/2009 18:52:00	It all starts with education.
118	01/21/2009 22:08:00	Since economic value gets attention, the Division needs to consult experts, literature, websites regarding the economic values of the goods and services provided by forests. Totals would be in the billions of \$ and would surprise people. Division would need to also be the agency to make sure that the public is aware through aggressive campaign.
119	01/24/2009 19:12:00	Public needs to understand real benefits of forests, mostly their ability to clean our water and our air, and to preserve plant and animal species that may be useful in developing medicines.
120	01/24/2009 22:17:00	The description of this issue above is self-explanatory. Well done. More awareness would probably also facilitate increased funding and participation.
121	01/27/2009 16:36:00	A major challenge that will not change until other social and economic needs are met.
122	01/30/2009 16:24:00	The public needs to know that assistance is available from state gov. and private consulting

123	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Well, maybe public awareness is even more critical than funding, since an aware public will demand and understand the need for greater funding. Also, the state government (and the KDF in particular) cannot accomplish many of these vital programs without the help and support of Kentuckians at-large.
124	02/01/2009 16:34:00	I am an informed citizen, and I wholeheartedly agree that others should be, as well. I believe that above all, public awareness is the key to approaching and solving our other problems. It is tragic that we live in a state with such beautiful land, and yet most of our citizens are not cognizant of it and its needs for stewardship. This matter must be taken very seriously. Starting as soon as our children enter school (and preferably before), they should be immersed in environmental science, and be taken out on nature-oriented field trips frequently. Our older population should be surrounded with information in all possible media in order to make these issues common knowledge.
125	02/02/2009 22:24:00	the statement is confusing but overall public awarness of the importance of forests needs much improvement
126	02/03/2009 16:40:00	they need to understand that it affects them- not just government intervention
127	02/03/2009 20:58:00	THERE IS GREAT ROOM FOR IMPROVMENT ON INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

128	02/04/2009 03:19:00	God put us on this Earth to be the Stewards of this planet! We have to stop the destruction and get people to realize how important this is to our very survival !
129	02/11/2009 04:33:00	Is it very important that there exists a challenge or that professional help is available...
130	02/15/2009 14:22:00	Probably the most important issue if we are to have an educated and aware populace caring for our trees. We first must educate people on the importance and value of a healthy forest and healthy trees in other locations, beginning with our youngest citizens. Its sad that we have so much forested (and potential forest-) land and that our citizens know so little about this resource.
131	02/16/2009 19:38:00	This is very poorly worded!!!
132	02/17/2009 15:45:00	If people were more aware more would be done
133	02/18/2009 19:50:00	One assisted landowner, can tell 2, 2 can tell 4, and in a perfect world the entire state would request assistance in managing their forests. More landowners need help than request it.
134	02/21/2009 21:27:00	Some get professional advice, but don't have the money to do some of the forest management or habitat improvement suggestions.
135	03/11/2009 12:44:00	This has not been the KDOF's strong point. Working together with other agencies, non-profits etc. would help.
		Nothing can be done unless

## Kentucky Forestland Issues

Of the 10 issues please rank what you believe are the top 5 with 1 being most important.

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Forest Management	251	186	190	179	154	2.79	960
Forest Health	237	300	283	199	134	2.73	1153
Wildfire	87	118	114	141	119	3.15	579
Forest Loss and Fragmentation	283	195	153	161	131	2.63	923
Forest Economy	75	72	113	116	111	3.24	487
Water Quality & Quantity	225	286	253	192	125	2.73	1081
Urban Interface Trees and Forests	43	49	61	91	106	3.48	350
Funding	111	126	138	172	193	3.28	740
Unlawful Activities	73	78	85	116	160	3.41	512
Public Awareness	132	95	117	128	260	3.39	732
<i>answered question</i>							<b>1536</b>
<i>skipped question</i>							<b>348</b>

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Please list any other issues you believe are important but were not addressed in the survey.	
Answer Options	Response Count
	297
<i>answered question</i>	297
<i>skipped question</i>	1587

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	01/06/2009 15:00:00	UK Robinson Forest offers tours and instruction for the citizens, perhaps other forest's could do that.
2	01/06/2009 18:24:00	I would like to see more public access to state areas for recreation such as hiking, hunting and wildlife observing. More than once I have found no parking or entrances blocked by local residents who are under the impression the property is theirs and tell visitors that they are not welcome.
3	01/06/2009 18:34:00	Allowing COntrolled Hunting on Forest lands would benefit all the citizens of Ky. I would like to see the State take possession of Otter Creek and manage the property for the purposes of general recreation and hunting
4	01/06/2009 21:14:00	Preserving old growth or old second growth. Tax incentives to forest owner/managers.
5	01/06/2009 21:30:00	Public awareness of invasive plants into urban

6	01/06/2009 21:37:00	<p>I appreciate the great Forestlands of our state. However, this survey is completely one sided. I believe that the role of government is an important issue that was not addressed in this survey. Property rights are being increasingly challenged by burgeoning and invasive regulations. Government agents should be careful in promoting "well intended" policies that exceed Constitutional muster. An example Survey Issue: Recent environmental policy has become exponentially restrictive for private land owners. Since governmental land use planning and management often run contrary to Constitutional right to property, Forestland policy should be subordinate</p>
7	01/06/2009 22:03:00	<p>The activity of four wheeling with trucks and motor bikes in forest areas have stripped the topsoil and it can't recover for many years. These activities need to be stopped or at least more regulated.</p>
8	01/06/2009 22:08:00	<p>I really think that the companies mining the area and destroying the land should be held responsible and if mining in this way is going to continue the companies should be required to plant trees, not just in writing on a piece of paper but it should be enforced so the forests they destroy can regrow. I see past mine sites every day and some have not been in use for years but still no trees grow on them because none were planted. I think that replanting our forests should be a very big part of reclamation and recovery. Forests are the most important part of these mountains and without</p>
9	01/06/2009 22:16:00	<p>It is important to specify forest replinishment from related activities such as mining, highway construction, and urban development. An alternative might be designation of offsetting reclamation plans for adjacent areas.</p>

10	01/06/2009 22:22:00	I had a chance to visit the Hoh Rainforest in Washington State and was appalled by the ugliness of this area. Every vista was marred by logging roads and clearcuts. I left wishing I hadn't visited as a tourist at all because it was sooo ugly. Surely we can accomodate logging without eliminating the aesthetic part of tourism. It shouldn't have to be a choice between a healthy economy from timber or tourism. They should both be able to coexist in a healthy, well managed forest environment. I don't support giving away publically owned timber by having public funds used to build logging roads.
11	01/06/2009 22:32:00	Some issues are interwoven. The spread of invasive weeds, like multiflora rose, inhibits the use of small forests. Meanwhile the forests are shrinking, and the public doesn't appreciate the forest because people don't go into the woods because of the
12	01/06/2009 23:25:00	Improve funding for conservation easements on forest land to be protected. What is status of Forest Legacy progra?
13	01/06/2009 23:40:00	this is about the worst survey questions I have ever read!!!
14	01/06/2009 23:42:00	I am a small game hunter and we need more clear cuts and controled burns to help this recreation as hunters are going to other states to hunt, this is a shame as we are losing revenue to other states
15	01/07/2009 00:36:00	ATV vandalism You didnt ask about logging in the DBNF. It needs to stop

16	01/07/2009 01:28:00	The mountain top and strip mining methods of removing coal is the most destructive activities ever initiated by man. When you remove entire areas, including mountain tops, you remove uncountable contemporary forests and future forests. The suppression of new energy methods (not sources of fossil fuels) over the last century has almost dictated the end of our planet as we know it. Only a new ice age, preceded by global meltdown, will destroy enough of man's activities to allow the
17	01/07/2009 04:28:00	<p>stop mountaintop removal coal mining and other disfiguring forms of resource extraction</p> <p>Protect Robinson Forest from fragmentation, mining, logging and other extractive uses</p> <p>protect public forests for ecosystem services, climate moderation, watershed protection, wildlife habitat and other non extractive uses</p> <p>better management practices and education will provide timber and other benefits from private land</p>
18	01/07/2009 13:06:00	Forest management - as being essential to long term agriculture/farm viability
19	01/07/2009 13:54:00	Proper use of prescribed fire for forest management where and when applicable.

20	01/07/2009 15:16:00	<p>There is not near enough effort being put forth to reforest Kentucky, address invasive species issues with the general public, and manage KY forest for biodiversity (from a tree and wildlife perspective). Kentucky needs much stronger trespass laws, stronger fines and jail time for people who steal timber, trespass and violate the Clean Water Act with poor timber harvest practices. Laws pertaining to the Master Logging Program need to be enforced and have more teeth. Perhaps its time for a total reorganization of the forest resource agencies in Kentucky to address these issues. Kentucky's forest management needs a new direction that will not be reactionary, but proactive and aggressive toward increasing forests in Kentucky, better managing them once established. We are under utilizing forest resources throughout Kentucky. Promoting with more private landowners to plant more trees and diverse mixes in general, and educate them about the affects of invasives,</p>
21	01/07/2009 15:57:00	<p>Illegal dumping and logging are critical issues in SE KY as is uneducated deforestation and knowledge or concern for environmental impact. Supporting the regional economic base to preclude such activities will be required in order to change local</p>
22	01/07/2009 16:07:00	<p>The Commonwealth of KY is blessed with large forest areas. As a native of MD, a more populated state than KY, I can assure you that you don't know what you've got until it's gone. Public Education through schools, news articles, town hall meetins, etc., should be the highest priority for forest and watershed issues in the Commonwealth. Once the public understands and reconnects to their resources, constituent demand will ensure funding for the forest programs in this survey.</p>

23	01/07/2009 16:43:00	Common practice of cutting all the timber off of land when the property changes hands. Funding (tax breaks) should be available to lower the frequency of this practice.
24	01/07/2009 16:53:00	I think that all forest activities need to be correlated with wildlife management as well.
25	01/07/2009 17:39:00	There needs to be great concern when managing forests in regards to sensitive plant and animal species. Clearcutting should never be used in management as it leads to much erosion and loss of habitat. Selective cutting/thinning is best and benefits the undergrowth of younger trees.
26	01/07/2009 17:40:00	Some KDF foresters are giving landowners bad silvicultural advice and wasting tax dollars on wrong cost-share practices. They will continue to do so until you care enough to fix the problem but perhaps you don't care?
27	01/07/2009 17:42:00	The impact of ATV's in our forests needs to be addressed under one of the above issues.
28	01/07/2009 17:45:00	Many youth have no idea of teh joy of hunting and fishing and just generally enjoying the wonderful outdoor activites Kentucky provides. A campaign to help inform children in schools about this is
29	01/07/2009 17:45:00	The "team" approach - how to bring to bring together local, county, regional, state govt. entities to work together, not in competition w/one another, power struggles, etc.
30	01/07/2009 17:51:00	OPEN UP OTTER CREEK PARK BACK UP!!!!!!
31	01/07/2009 17:52:00	Re- Introduction of native trees and plants.

32	01/07/2009 17:54:00	Live in Louisville and was raised in eastern Kentucky and i see urban/suburban forest patches developed into unnecessary residential areas regularly. It pains me to see that planing and development agencies do not promote forested areas and make an attempt regulate in some manner clear cut and mulch operations for new subdivisions. supporting non-intrusion zones and requiring them would provide much needed green space. I miss the trees and forests of my eastern Kentucky roots. If only there were jobs there, i'd
33	01/07/2009 17:54:00	Consideration must also be given to management of forest for the benefit of resident wildlife and to provide necessary habitat for newtropical migrants
34	01/07/2009 17:56:00	I think there are enough laws in effect now to protect our woodlands. I'm not for restricting our property rights any further.
35	01/07/2009 18:00:00	This suvey makes no sense to me. There are no instructions. You make claims, then have rankings for their importance. Are you asking if we agree with the claims? Are you asking how important they are to me, a forest owner? Or how important it is to the greater good? Or how important it is that the Forestry Department help me with these issues? Or is this just a push survey to educate us?
36	01/07/2009 18:02:00	To many people are selling there timber during the bad econmy making the hillside look ugly. Try to give more education, or make people take another step before selling there timber of the imporatance of their area around them..
37	01/07/2009 18:07:00	good forest management helps with flood control,natural habitat and all around ky beauty
38	01/07/2009 18:11:00	lack of protection around streams, no enforceable regulations despite numerous violations, implementation of bmps, conversion of forestland to other uses

39	01/07/2009 18:15:00	I promote the creation and expansion of "land trusts" to insure the preservation of forest land for the future. The issue of wildlife preservation as the habitat of our state's wildlife is going away with the loss of forest lands. Kentucky needs more laws for the protection of our private forests and needs to make grant money available to help pay the costs of expenses of setting up land trusts, such as the "Woods and Waters Land Trust" of Franklin, Owen,
40	01/07/2009 18:18:00	Do to the fragile topsoil in KY snow mobiles and four wheelers should only be allowed in allocated areas with other forests being restricted.
41	01/07/2009 18:23:00	Urban Forestry
42	01/07/2009 18:27:00	Replanting of trees when they're cut.
43	01/07/2009 18:31:00	Updating statewide land cover in conjunction with socio-economic data on a regular basis is essential. Forestry should look at partnering with other state agencies and the folks at UK-Agriculture to develop a more robust landscape monitoring program for
44	01/07/2009 18:41:00	All of these are very important issues but if the general public doesn't know what is happening then not much will change. Get the word out, offer incentives to individuals, businesses and communities and get them more involved in every aspect possible. Make stronger laws with tough punishments and do whatever it takes to raise the funds to help the people to save the forests which
45	01/07/2009 18:44:00	Extremely poorly worded survey. Questions/statements are too complex and even contain misused words or typos, such as #5s use of the wrong word "affect", when it should have been "effect." Clean it up, guys. Make these questions understandable by regular people, not just people
		Stop logging the Daniel Boone National Forest,

47	01/07/2009 18:48:00	Reforestation of former farm land that is not in use. Increasing diversity of trees to maintain a healthy forest. Environmental education in schools by the department of forestry in cooperation with the state department of fish and wildlife.
48	01/07/2009 18:49:00	I think when they go and cut some of the forest out, the area they have cut should be left looking better than the way the forest are being left. It looks like a storm or bomb has gone off.
49	01/07/2009 18:52:00	Forest management should focus on what is best for the forest and it's inhabitants (plants, animals, air, water) and not on what is best for humans (recreation, hunting/fishing, wood industry).
50	01/07/2009 18:56:00	Access to forested areas for recreation
51	01/07/2009 19:03:00	It's become evident that as a small state agency in a disconnected department/cabinet, the KDF has become more of an environmental, regulatory enforcement agency than one primarily focused on the science of silviculture. Thus, the KDF has become less of a factor in determining the future of the commonwealth's forest resources. KY's forest resources may be better served under a new management entity such as the Department of Forestry at the University of KY, or possibly under another state agency such as the Department of Agriculture, or better yet...under a new Natural Resources Cabinet combining existing agencies such as Forestry, Fish & Wildlife, Nature Preserves,
52	01/07/2009 19:03:00	I live in Ky, but please accept surveys from out-of-staters who are Ky. natives and care about our state and may return here.
53	01/07/2009 19:03:00	Meth labs in wooded areas stricter laws to those who use either public or privately owned land to make meth or use as their personal dump.

54	01/07/2009 19:05:00	Those that hold large tracts of land should be educated by the state on how to ensure that their tracts stay in tact, through land donation, deed
55	01/07/2009 19:07:00	This survey is absolutely ridiculous. Although, I think a proper survey could serve a purpose, keep
56	01/07/2009 19:07:00	ATV activity in our forests has gotten out of control. AtV cause severe erosion and bring many problems into the forest. ATVs should be discouraged in our forests, and not encouraged. There should be a law that prevent them from driving in streambeds and other sensitive areas.
57	01/07/2009 19:15:00	No matter what the issues there is the need for qualified personnel to be available to assist. This need ranges from the office staff to the field staff. And, too often the focus is on "Frankfort" staff however, it is in the field that the rubber actually meets the road. An idea can be great in one's mind and/or on paper but often it doesn't work when put into practice. It is the field people that have the one-on-one, face-to-face, everyday dealings with landowners. Communication is vital especially from landowners and field personal who deal daily with landowners. Again, all field staff -- from the office support staff to the boss have knowledge vital to citizens. Increase public awareness and appreciate the employees who relay
58	01/07/2009 19:29:00	Clear cutting forest with very long term reforestation and no management
59	01/07/2009 19:42:00	PLEASE SAVE WHAT FORREST WE HAVE. WHAT ABOUT THE WILD LIFE?
60	01/07/2009 19:44:00	Kentucky seems to be overrun with cedars. i'd like to see more Oak, Ash, and Sycamore
		Replant loss foliage.

62	01/07/2009 20:20:00	Urban Forestry is very important to communities especially when development density is increased. As lots get smaller people need the urban forest for visual connection to open space.
63	01/07/2009 20:26:00	I think the certification/licensing of loggers and the regulation of buyers is needed. There also needs to be public education on what raw timber prices are in the markets. Many landowners are at a severe disadvantage in when it comes to marketing their timber.
64	01/07/2009 20:46:00	This page is vague. Exactly what is the point of the statements. Are you asking me my opinion from your statement or what?
65	01/07/2009 20:49:00	Providing safe, easy access to public forests for the general public will facilitate increased use and appreciation for these natural resources. Forests that are inaccessible to most people and that remain just a green blob on the map have less share-of-mind than do those that are available for public
66	01/07/2009 20:50:00	I think that it is very important to let a lot of our forests grow -- and not touch them. Once they are gone -- they're gone.
67	01/07/2009 21:09:00	Wildlife
68	01/07/2009 21:11:00	Maintaining and adding wilderness areas and mature growth areas.
69	01/07/2009 21:13:00	THE SOUTHERLY ADVANCE OF EAB AND THE POTENTIAL DECIMATION OF OUR ASH TREE POPULATION!
70	01/07/2009 21:29:00	I appreciate your effort, but this is a poorly planned survey - it is ambiguous and does not request specific input from the participant. Exactly what can you learn from this survey?
71	01/07/2009 21:32:00	more horse and bike trails and less off-road vehicle usage

72	01/07/2009 21:37:00	Thanks for the survey. It's hard to choose top 10 when all choices are important. IMHO, the current trends in forest land use, dividing of large tracts into small ones, sprawl, surface mining, improper logging, are unsustainable.
73	01/07/2009 22:23:00	Allow the public land for atv use with a fee to generate revenue
74	01/07/2009 22:59:00	Native tree and plant restoration
75	01/07/2009 23:24:00	Many of the questions in this survey reflect that traditional forestry is utilitarian environmentalism -- resource management of the environment for human purposes, and particularly for economic gain. I believe Leopold had it right when he said, "a thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." Forestry should begin to put more emphasis on sustainability of the earth, rather than continue to be driven by maximizing the economic return on nature's woodlands. Thanks for the opportunity to
76	01/07/2009 23:50:00	The importance of forests to our planet should be everyone's concerns. Urbanization, over-building, urban sprawl, loss of wildlife, loss of land should be important to everyone. Funds have to be priority to support our forestry department.
77	01/07/2009 23:54:00	Continue to allow horseback recreation in our
78	01/08/2009 00:18:00	Air Pollution is key to many catagories above, to strengthen and enforce laws on air quality are key!
79	01/08/2009 00:19:00	The nation of Haiti is now one of the poorest in the world due largely to deforestation and the lack of government intervention in preserving public land areas, resulting in soil erosion and poor water quality. The final result is lack of sustainable agriculture, a scarcity of any natural resources, and deplorable living conditions for the citizens. We should take that nation's example as our warning.

80	01/08/2009 01:04:00	<p>Urban tree canopy in all Ky cities          Better regulation of permits, street trees,          commercial lot trees...such as ...removing stakes          before trees are harmed.</p> <p>recognition and protection of Heritage trees          (over)100 years)</p>
81	01/08/2009 01:15:00	<p>I feel because forrests are renewable resources          and overtime will regenerate themselves as they          have for millions of years, we should be able to use          them as we want weather through development,          logging, mining, or any other activity that will help          the economy in Kentucky. A pristine forrest is a          hoax, show me a forrest in KY or anywhere else          that hasn't ever been affected by logging, fire, or</p>
82	01/08/2009 01:51:00	<p>I believe some of the questions in this survey need          to be re written. Some of them are difficult to          understand what is being stated and required me          to read them in some cases two or three times to          understand what was being stated.</p>
83	01/08/2009 02:13:00	<p>DO NOT ALLOW ATV USE ON KY's PUBLIC LANDS!</p>
84	01/08/2009 03:40:00	<p>Wildlife cooridors need to be created and</p>
85	01/08/2009 04:14:00	<p>If you are completing a survey that requires an          answer you really need to ask a question. These          are all statements. In breif I think the most          important issue is the proper management of our          forest which will need to start with education and</p>

86	01/08/2009 12:18:00	Professional Forester with a (BS) should be the highest paid individuals within the Division of Forestry and should be treated and paid a higher level as their position should deserve. Supervisory positions, director-assistant director, program managers, nursery manager positions should all be required to be degreed Foresters and have practical field experience. None of the issues listed in this survey can be adequately solved or dealt with if the division is led by non-foresters
87	01/08/2009 13:12:00	I applaud the effort to get public opinion through this survey! It is important for government to reach out to the people it serves, and this is a wonderful attempt to do that. The survey itself needs to be re-written so that the average person can understand it, with standard English grammar and word-usage taken into account. It is embarrassing for the Forest Service and the Commonwealth of Kentucky when a poorly-written and badly-edited public document is issued, and the results of the survey will possibly be less accurate. There should be instructions at the beginning of Part 2: Forest Issues, and each statement should be written in such a way that it is obvious what the survey writers want to find out from the survey taker. For example, the first statement does not really ask a question. It is more a statement of fact, and should really be a "true" or "I agree" / "false" or "I disagree"
88	01/08/2009 13:13:00	Loss of habitat for animals.
89	01/08/2009 13:40:00	Would like to see more horse trails opened up. Horses and their riders have minimal impact on forests, as we have the policy of what we carry in, we carry out. Except of course, the manure which gradually dissipates.

90	01/08/2009 14:06:00	Understaffed KDF field offices, landowners are having to wait a significant time period to meet with a service forester because very few of the field office vacancies are being filled.
91	01/08/2009 14:12:00	Our forests have played a historical and prehistorical role in Kentucky. They are a part of Kentucky heritage. Many plant and animal species have been lost or are near extinction. Many herb and medicinal plants are disappearing. This heritage should be protected and preserved not only as a link to the past, but as a hope for the future as the benefits of healthy forests continue to
92	01/08/2009 14:35:00	Saving our old growth forests from mountaintop removal mining is essential to our health, our economy, and our fight against global warming
93	01/08/2009 14:39:00	Although this may be implied in the survey, forests in Eastern Kentucky are devastated by mountaintop removal mining.
94	01/08/2009 14:50:00	This survey does not make sense to the average citizen.
95	01/08/2009 15:36:00	Too many topics overlap for purposes of a simple survey. i.e., forest loss = water quality issues so ranking one and not the other is odd. All answers require a look at the whole system and its interactions, but in general Kentucky has given too little attention and funding to its forest resources, and its state agency required to help inventory and manage the resource. Most of the land is private and most of the forest land is private so we need more extensive private lands assistance. Long term sustainable funding with yield long term sustainable forest resource values. We will not be able to take the trees for granted and not pay the
96	01/08/2009 15:44:00	Kentucky is a "horse state". Please plan more areas for horseback riding. I want my grandchildren to have places to ride.

97	01/08/2009 16:37:00	<p>Forests are a resource that must be managed for enviromental balance and overall good health to continue to provide habitat for wildlife. When the forrests were wild, fire was a key to healthy forrests. Wildfire as a reult of natural occurances such as a lighting strikes wolud burn themselves out providing rejuvenation in its aftermath. Obviousley in a modern world fire must be controlled due to public safety and the protection of property. In the absence of fire the forest must be managed by clear cutting and contolled burns. Kentucky could learn valuable lessons from states</p>
98	01/08/2009 16:46:00	<p>Removing forest to increase crop land has been a practice encouraged by agri lending and government for over 30 years now. i live in Christian County, KY and the total deforestation for ag purposes has so changed the landscape here that I now feel like we live in Kansas not the KY i</p>
99	01/08/2009 16:47:00	<p>Illegal Open Dumping</p>
100	01/08/2009 16:49:00	<p>the definition of mountain-top removal is pathetic. it needs to stop. contamination of water is rampent without proper enforcement. space is a huge issue. given space, nature can thrive without human intervention. need finantial incentives/penalties for companies to be greener</p>
101	01/08/2009 16:49:00	<p>It is very hard to list these, as they are all so related. This is a general view of how I rate them though. I think the major problem is loss of habitat and resources. I would also LOVE to see Kentucky have a species list with some meaning to it instead of a KDFWR and KSNPC list that means nothing. There should be laws and regulations in effect that help to protect those organisms in danger.</p>
102	01/08/2009 16:55:00	<p>ATVs running rampant in some forests. (I suppose that could be included in illegal activities.)</p>
103	01/08/2009 17:01:00	<p>Loss of habitat for deer, wild turkey and other</p>

104	01/08/2009 17:03:00	wildlife, carbon sequestration, air quality
105	01/08/2009 17:04:00	I 75 north around the 140 mile marker..why do they need to cut down all those old growth hardwoods in the median?
106	01/08/2009 17:04:00	DO NOT MANAGE THE FORESTS LET THEM IN NATURAL STATE WITH LO-IMPACT ACCESS ONLY NO MACHINES. NOT ATVS NO ATVS!! NO REAL OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST WANTS THE STUPID YAHOO BUBBA ATV CROWD IN FORESTS WITH THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NO ADVENTURE TOURISM
107	01/08/2009 17:09:00	In an effort to heighten the awareness for forestry and strengthen its position within the state government organization it may be timely to consider elevating it from Division status to something higher - perhaps by way of establishing
108	01/08/2009 17:26:00	Need your support in the MACED programs.
109	01/08/2009 17:29:00	utility right of ways are carving up the landscape. is their needs for providing services set in stone or can they be a little more friendly to the landscape?
110	01/08/2009 17:31:00	More emphasis need to be paid to low-impact outdoor recreational opportunities (rock climbing, hiking, backpacking, kayaking, fishing and hunting)within Kentucky's forests. Such as promoting long distance hiking and biking trails. Emphasising these activites throughout the Daniel Boone as opposed to trails shared by ATV and
111	01/08/2009 17:32:00	It is very important to educate students at a young age at how important our forests are and how to treat animals with respect and kindness and not throw rocks or try to trap them.
112	01/08/2009 17:36:00	I believe that the Division of Forestry should be led by a qualified Forester(one that that holds a Degree in Forestry or in another branch of the science field) and knows what the Division of Forestry needs are and why we need them.

113	01/08/2009 17:47:00	<p>Ten Ways to Use Trees From the Conservation Trees and Shrubs Pocket ID Guide by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1990.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cut Soil Erosion. Rows of trees are a wind break, and healthy forests prevent soil erosion on hillsides.</li> <li>2. Improve Air and Water Quality. A forest floor of leaves and decaying wood acts as a giant sponge by absorbing, filtering, and holding water; one acre of large trees provides fresh, clean oxygen for seven people and will clean the air polluted by eight cars driven for 12 hours.</li> <li>3. Increase Income. Properly managed trees can provide excellent sources of income, such as the sale of trees or wood products.</li> <li>4. Save Energy. Studies show windbreaks can reduce winter fuel consumption by 10 to 30 percent. Trees also save energy by shading- one large tree has the cooling effect of several small electric air conditioners.</li> <li>5. Protect Livestock. Trees reduce the wind speed and can significantly reduce animal stress. Livestock not only need less feed, but their weight</li> </ol>
114	01/08/2009 17:52:00	Trails, parking lots, and toilet facilities in state parks and national forests to encourage use and prevent degradation.
115	01/08/2009 18:05:00	Strengthen laws to keep 4 wheelers off of private property
116	01/08/2009 18:19:00	Continue to emphasize the reforestation initiative on reclaimed strip mines - A true KY success story

117	01/08/2009 18:22:00	The impact mining has on the loss of forest land and habitat for wildlife especially strip mining and mountain top removal.
118	01/08/2009 18:24:00	The opportunity to utilize Kentucky's renewable natural resources in sustainable economic initiatives has not been fully appreciated or utilized. There are oppotunities in sustainable "green" construction, alternative energy using biomass (check out Georgia on this), water management, etc. In addition, there is an opportunity for accessing the capital markets as timber and water are being recognized as "new" asset classes.
119	01/08/2009 18:28:00	Are forest land owners interested in forest
120	01/08/2009 18:40:00	No "public awareness" but public education
121	01/08/2009 18:49:00	That was a hard question
122	01/08/2009 19:44:00	Protection of wildlife habitat. You should also ask that ALL the topics be ranked 1-10 rather than just the top 5.
123	01/08/2009 19:45:00	Taxation and markets for forest bio fuel products.
124	01/08/2009 19:50:00	public awareness to include environmental education that promotes stewardship
125	01/08/2009 19:53:00	The state's lack of mandatory requirement to replant trees in hardwood forests cut down in
126	01/08/2009 19:59:00	BAN clear cutting. Logging entities should be required to restore the landscape where logging roads have been carved into the hillsides, causing erosion. Ban commercial sales of lumber on State and National Forests.
127	01/08/2009 20:18:00	Wildlife should also be preserved.
128	01/08/2009 20:19:00	GLOBAL BALANCE OF CO2:O2
		I seriously think the above ranking is impossible because each on is intertwined with the other. We need all, a complete program, one stand on and
		Forestry needs an increased budget

132	01/08/2009 20:42:00	Prohibit Federal sale of the Red River Gorge as a way for the Fed Government to pay back debts. This was an issue a couple of years ago. I am not sure if it still is but the Gorge is an important part of Ky's natural resources and should be preserved for future generations.
133	01/08/2009 20:58:00	Preservation of wildlife animals.
134	01/08/2009 21:02:00	Forests clean the water and air and help prevent global warming.
135	01/08/2009 21:04:00	The lack of markets for low-quality wood.
136	01/08/2009 21:20:00	Timber waste and destruction in construction. IE:burn it rather than utilize it. KDH the worst!
137	01/08/2009 21:35:00	Our commonwealth CANNOT continue to cut funding in this area or parks any deeper, or we might as well close our natural resource facilities down. As we continue to encroach on our woodlands, we Must remember preservation, and be committed to doing so. Tax alcohol sales in ALL parts of the commonwealth and lets get into reality, and the present tense, instead of living in the 1920s. We are so behind in many areas, compared to other successful state entities, yet we do nothing to improve any of it, instead we CUT from these areas to be even more ineffective. I
138	01/08/2009 21:36:00	keep Ky.the finest-more

139	01/08/2009 21:45:00	I think this survey is leading and self serving for the division of forestry. The lay person filling this out would not realize the implications of the division of forestry taking control of private lands. I feel this is not their place in our free country. The division should provide assistant and education not control of private lands. A farmer wouldn't want a state agency making the decisions but they would ask for advice. The state should promote carbon sequestration, but not manage it. They should provide educational services and fire fighting services only when needed. This is a very bias survey. I will write my state represntatives and tell
140	01/08/2009 21:45:00	I believe if you have the funding available other things will fall into place, such as public awareness, forest loss, etc. I love being in the forest with the trails available to us to enjoy hiking, and horseback riding. We do need to make people more aware of he impact the forest has on all of our lives.
141	01/08/2009 22:30:00	ATV trails would help the economy if they are managed for environmental problems.
142	01/09/2009 00:40:00	Good luck...please use the information carefully and pertinately.
143	01/09/2009 00:45:00	A healthy cadre of consultant foresters, both ACF and non-ACF should be cultivated by the state. Foresters should be licensed by the state of Kentucky, as they are in other states, instead of relying on individual groups, such as SAF or ACF (of which I am both a member) to decide on the viability and professionalism of an individual or
144	01/09/2009 00:50:00	There is a need for a strong voice for forestry and its potential impact on the State. Combining the forest industry with landowners, agencies, universities, and the public can lead to one voice speaking loudly to emphasize the issues and opportunities of our forest resources.

145	01/09/2009 02:10:00	Taxation of forestland
146	01/09/2009 02:31:00	i think the atv trails let the people see the forest and enjoy it. my small part is when i ride my utv i pick up trash. i hate the trash, but I love the
147	01/09/2009 03:20:00	We need to protect forests from destructive uses such as ATVs. Sustainable forestry practices should be demonstrated and promoted.
148	01/09/2009 03:33:00	Reforestation of surface mines in the eastern and western Kentucky coal fields is another issue that I believe is very important and is not adequately addressed in the survey. The Kentucky Division of Forestry should be playing a much larger role in preventing the creation of more barren grass wastelands where forests and woodlands existed prior to mining. The University of Kentucky has led the way in reforestation research on surface mines and has developed a straightforward 5-step methodology called the Forestry Reclamation Approach that should be strongly advocated by the Division of Forestry. Tree planting projects on the older mine sites should be encouraged by the Division of Forestry with the mitigation of soil compaction by ripping and treatment of the aggressive competition by non-native grasses and legumes so that high-value tree seedlings can be planted to restore the forests and minimize forest
149	01/09/2009 03:58:00	Grants & education for proper forest management for small farm owners, to many times they are so desperate they sell timber stand to clear cut loggers, who do not follow master loggers policy.
150	01/09/2009 11:41:00	Forestry management, both State and Federal, needs to get back to timber production. State parks can manage for public use! The true use and need for large tracts of timber has always been for growing trees, industry use, and to manage a resource for building type products.

151	01/09/2009 12:50:00	Number 11 is confusingly written, and most of the survey questions seem to be agency positions with which the respondent is simply being asked to agree with. I'm not sure that is a valid data gathering approach, although I respect what your
152	01/09/2009 13:41:00	On top of these issues, the public has to know the efforts being made are as much for them as it is the trees themselves. Not only the long term effects but the right now. All the family outings hiking, swimming, and fishing. Get our kids out from infront of the TV and learn to appriate the
153	01/09/2009 14:38:00	I utilize the national forest primarily for recreation (hunting, fishing, hiking. Access to deeper areas of foot travel would be beneficial. The opening of more established forest roads with deep wood parking areas would certainly extend more of the forested areas to pedestrian use. In the past there were cooperative efforts to provide agricultural areas for wildlife use. These appear to have degenerated into farrow fields of fescue. Any
154	01/09/2009 14:50:00	obviously funding and public awareness are and intertwined with the issues, because funding is essential and public awareness can help to loosen public funds. i didn't include those because i don't see them as issues as much as essentials. for future referrence, i am very pleased to be able to take part in the survey, but i found it rather difficult to understand how the question was worded given the types of answers provided.
155	01/09/2009 14:54:00	Managing of forest resources should start with state owned land before trying to manage the prvite sector. Example; Managing Loblolly Pine at Pennyrile state forest when loblolly is not a native

156	01/09/2009 14:59:00	Put those issues as priorities, and the rest will fall in place. You can't prioritize something without funding and enforcing protection.
157	01/09/2009 15:02:00	Public education regarding Kentucky's resources and the proper maintenance would be a very good start. Quality and quantity are also very important in all aspects of our environment, air, water, waste, etc... Economy is an important aspect due to government, but if our forests and streams disappear or are destroyed due to lack of
158	01/09/2009 15:59:00	Prescribed fires done just because funding is available. "Adventure Tourism" as a cover for private exploitation of public resources. Species diversity within the forest ecosystem--flora and fauna Education and promotion of non-extractive, non-
159	01/09/2009 16:13:00	When we ship lumber out of state we export jobs. We MUST promote secondary industry and keep the jobs at home. This is why we built Quicksand.
160	01/09/2009 16:17:00	Management for multiple species concerns such as Indiana Bat and woodpeckers.
161	01/09/2009 16:22:00	Public Awareness should also be at the top of the list, but Water Quality is still the most important.
162	01/09/2009 16:30:00	You are in the wrong cabinet, get with fish and wildlife dept, we don't need duplication of service in government and you all do many of the same things and have the same missions in many respects, also funding would be better under PR/DG funding, federal aid, you wouldn't have to rely on state funds only. Put your Forestry offices
163	01/09/2009 16:47:00	None

164	01/09/2009 17:13:00	Wildlife loss due to forest destruction and wildlife management. The loss of a species is just as important. The loss of one effects the entire
165	01/09/2009 17:16:00	The best way to involue the public is to give them more and freer acess to the forest. To help and protect the forest.
166	01/09/2009 18:19:00	Air pollution issues that affect forest health.
167	01/09/2009 18:58:00	greater emphasis should be placed on managing Kentucky's forest for both wildlife and timber production. I also feel that prescribed fire should be used more as a means to manage Kentucky's
168	01/09/2009 19:10:00	Stronger enforcement on unlawful use or damages to our forests in Kentucky
169	01/09/2009 19:20:00	This survey was quite problematic. Contentious perspectives were give as statements of fact, where the choices should have been "agree/disagree," not whether or not you think the issue is important. Other issues were presented in such a way as to make it unclear whether or not you were endorsing a perspective or whether you think it's important. An example would be the issue of forest economy. Many people are against the state's adventure tourism plans. If you respond that it's "very important" because you disagree with the initiative, will the reviewers of the survey read this as responding that it's very important that have adventure tourism. It is hard to see you the department of forestry will be able to get good

		This survey is not very clear. I own approximately 50 acres between two tracts. Plus I am involved in the oversight of approximately 200 acres at my place of employment. Peronally the asthetics and recreational opportunities are the most important things for me with my woods. My small acreage brings in 3 out of state visitors 2 or 3 times each year for hunting. At work, we use the surrounding land as a buffer between our plant and the community. We also host an educational day for area students where trees and forestry are the focal point.
170	01/09/2009 19:40:00	Kentucky is known for its natural beauty and our
171	01/09/2009 19:51:00	Recreational use of forest land - hunting, hiking, camping, geocaching
172	01/09/2009 19:52:00	prescribed fire needs to be used
173	01/09/2009 21:12:00	I do not think public forests should be open to motorized or horse back recreation. They should be open only for hiking, and only on a limited basis if that is necessary to maintain them.
174	01/09/2009 21:53:00	Somehow, I feel that zoning laws come into play in the protection of our forests and open spaces. I know they do on a local level but I don't know about state or federal levels. We need more protection of our natural resources and lands through legislation and its enforcement.
175	01/09/2009 22:03:00	The role of prescribed fire to restore healthy forested watersheds, help manage habitat, and manage forest types.
176	01/09/2009 22:48:00	I believe all of the above are extremely important...very difficult to rank.
		HWA funding with the legislature; I recall a

179	01/10/2009 04:19:00	it is very disturbing to see that thousands of acres of forestland in Kentucky have been eradicated and over a thousand miles of streams have been choked due to practices such as mountain top removal. The natural air and water filtration provided by the trees are forever eliminated, producing a long-term threat to human health.
180	01/10/2009 05:03:00	I believe a huge issue is still the broadform deeds in Eastern KY. Also, it has always seemed that the big coal companies have always been able to do as they please with little regard to wellness and safety of those living nearby. When there are mining accidents, there are small fines but the environmental impact can take decades to recover. I don't at all understand the "sludge pond" theory.
181	01/10/2009 05:04:00	is there not some way to involve the local garden clubs, conservancies, 4-H clubs, scouts, birders, hunter safety groups to mobilize an information/raise awareness thru programs in the schools. it seems to be working with the energy conservation/global warming. Kids take/learn the info at school, take it home and the parents get it but you have to make a strong point about how it
182	01/10/2009 14:41:00	I think that training and use of individuals emprisoned to remove invasive species would be beneficial to the prisoners and the Commonwealth.
183	01/10/2009 14:56:00	We need to have laws increased and made stricter on loggers. Only allow a certain amount of trees to be cut or require new trees to be planted. Reclaiming is vital. Stop unnecessary roads/interstates from being made where roads
184	01/10/2009 18:24:00	I think that looking at Kentucky's forests as they relate to climate change is very important. We need to be doing what we can to stop loss of forests, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

185	01/10/2009 18:26:00	Kentucky offers programs to assist landowners with planting forests for free or at reduced cost, but these landowners must have 25 acres. This program could be improved by including landowners who own at least 5 acres, since the majority of landowners in Kentucky do not own at least 25 acres. Think of how much cleared land could be reclaimed and returned to native forest
186	01/10/2009 18:40:00	If a tree is logged in Kentucky it should be a law that it is replaced with a hardwood. or the same type of tree that was logged. If current forest policies continue Kentucky's future forest are in
187	01/10/2009 21:37:00	jobs created by forestry development.
188	01/10/2009 21:45:00	needed are more state parks which not only supply and protect our water supplies, but provide recreation and conservation.
189	01/10/2009 23:08:00	This is a very poorly worded survey that can be interpreted in many ways. Likewise the answers can be interpreted to suit.
190	01/11/2009 01:49:00	Good management of forest and to allow ATV, Jeeps, and off road vehical use on designated trails. with help from clubs to help mantain the trail
		The ten catagories cover the gambit of challenges facing the KDF in their efforts to put Ky's forest on center stage. However for the most part the wording is vague, confusing, and lacks basic continuity of thought. Very unprofessional. I love the KDF and in all my years of service to her I have never seen anything of this low caliber. I entered in #5's & #10's comment sections what I believe to
		In N. 11, Good Forest Management would include

193	01/11/2009 18:29:00	I would like to see all user groups be able to coexist and share the resources, be it hikers, bikers, horses or off road activities. this goes for state and federal forests as we are all tax payers
194	01/11/2009 19:58:00	Stop destruction of mountain forests for coal
195	01/12/2009 03:14:00	Climate change/ fossil fuel combustion/ coal mining are the REAL issue to address for the future of the native forests.
196	01/12/2009 03:30:00	Many forest areas in Kentucky were previously utilized for trails for horseback riding and hiking. Quite a few of these have now been shut down from horseback riding, such as Bernheim Forest. Horseback riding didn't damage that environment, but added to it an element where the public could enjoy the forestry. The state should concentrate on utilizing forests in Kentucky to bring enjoyment, and thereby grow appreciation, for forests here.
197	01/12/2009 11:27:00	Property Taxes are too high, relief for woodland management.
198	01/12/2009 12:47:00	Logging regs needs improved. Too much sedimentation in streams from logging activities.
199	01/12/2009 12:56:00	Mountaintop removal from surface coal mining not only affects streams but removes alot of forested land as well. Restoration of these reclaimed mine lands has not been very successful in establishing new forests as trees grow poorly on mine spoils. Less mines mean more available forest and more
200	01/12/2009 13:32:00	Forests are not seen to have a direct value to society but in the long run will be the demise of society. As time moves on more and more people will know less and less about the value of a forest - let a lone

201	01/12/2009 13:34:00	Kentucky loggers lack state of the art skills in ares such as directional felling, use of alternative harvest systems such as cable logging. If there were more logger associations within the state, some of this information/education would be easier
202	01/12/2009 13:37:00	Was the intent of the people when the Daniel Boone National Forest was purchased to PRESERVE it? I think not.
203	01/12/2009 13:40:00	Roadbuilding and housebuilding both have a higher claim on my loyalty than the environment.
204	01/12/2009 14:12:00	wildlife
205	01/12/2009 14:27:00	pollution
206	01/12/2009 14:43:00	ATV use on forests in the Commonwealth, particularly in ephemeral creeks and small streams. ATV mis-use causes water quality damage, erosion, and poses a significant threat to our forest
207	01/12/2009 15:02:00	Although I do not own the property I am
208	01/12/2009 15:58:00	More public lands needed to preserve forests
209	01/12/2009 16:21:00	basic information is needed in simple terms for those of us that do not understand what dangers there are to the forests.
210	01/12/2009 17:29:00	n/a
211	01/12/2009 17:38:00	Make sure the Forestry Commission has a great relationship with University disease & tree specialists, and with local certified arborists. Teamwork and networkin among professionals is fundamental to a healthy productive forest future.
212	01/12/2009 18:39:00	Archaeological preservation. Non-tangible ecosystem benefits to be factored in with forest preservation benefits. This questionnaire could be skewed towards commercial interests over citizens'
		dealing with the interface of forest management

215	01/13/2009 05:16:00	Habitat for the animals. If we keep cutting, where do they go? Enough is enough!!
216	01/13/2009 14:27:00	The public is not aware of the activities or management of the the public should have the sayso
217	01/13/2009 15:02:00	Funding is number 1. Why try to manage a burned forest? So I feel wildfire takes precedence here. The KDF's recent reduction in field personnel is very unfortunate. This reduction has been a key ingredient in most of these issues. Without field personnel fires are larger and more frequent and management programs implementation are almost non-existent. Now last but probably most important is the ever present ARSON. KDF really needs to try to personally, as a stand alone agency,
218	01/13/2009 15:09:00	I applaud maintaining the Kentucky forests, but often closing access to public lands is the knee-jerk reaction. There are many responsible four-wheeling organizations that are comprised of thousands of responsible citizens. These people want nothing more than to enjoy the public lands while enjoying their recreational activity. Protect the land, but not at the expense of wheeling as a
219	01/13/2009 16:12:00	I support ohv use in Ky
220	01/13/2009 16:56:00	OHV areas are a big importance and a big part of a lot of people's lives.
221	01/13/2009 18:46:00	good luck and god bless you keep up the good work and I would like to add OUR LIFE DEPENDS ON THE NATURAL AREA FOR WATER AIR AND FOOD AND IF IT IS GONE WE WILL BE GONE
		co-existence with deer, coyote, coons, etc, in urban woodlands/forrest (pockets of woods 10-50acres) set among sub-divisions is becoming very common,

223	01/14/2009 01:11:00	sprawl, coal mining, preservation of Robinson
224	01/14/2009 03:10:00	Mountain Top Removal as a source of deforestation KY needs to be moved away from a cola based economy to save our greatest resources - the forests and streams. Without these KY will become a wasteland and all the wealth be in the pockets of Coal Moguls and out of the state of KY. The poverty of the eastern KY counties is directly linked to the loss of forests, land, wildlife, etc. from this destructive form of mining. Not to mention the loss of carbon capture. This must be stopped. All Kenbtuckians need to be made aware of the connection between the electricity they use and deforestation of our state along with all the associated losses. Educate the people on the real
225	01/14/2009 14:50:00	Simplify the survey unless it's only going to people who have either degrees in biology or at least a couple of graduate degrees so they can understand the language. I am a newspaper columnist with a real interest in the environment but were I called upon to share your survey with my readers I would have to re-write it. Of course if it's just for professionals, then it's a fine survey.
226	01/14/2009 15:49:00	I feel it is important after forest's are thinned out that they are left looking better. Tree tops, stumps, debris etc. removed, not left looking like a war
		I just want to reiterate how destructive I think it is to allow ATV's in the forest. I've seen firsthand how simple trails turn into acres of gutted out mudholes. The noise, pollution, and damage
		Alien invasives

230	01/14/2009 20:59:00	Survey needs to let you rate the top 5 as all being important not on a scale.
231	01/14/2009 23:06:00	<p>There is a real issue coming to the forefront in KY, which the general public is starting to react to in our area, and that is clearcutting. A new cycle of logging is starting up, and hundreds of acres in our county have been logged over the last couple years, with everything being taken down to ground level, and chipping of the small stuff. Folks are starting to comment to me, why are loggers "allowed" to do this? When I tell them that there is no regulation of logging in KY other than the master logger requirement, and no penalty other than the bad actor list (as long as they stay out of trouble with the Division of Water, and don't kill off any endangered species,) folks are amazed that loggers don't even have to file any kind of notice saying where they are working. The public needs to be better educated about this so they don't assume protections that don't exist.</p> <p>Also, you don't list flooding as a forest issue, although the West Virginia FATT definitively linked</p>
		Appalachia has been raped, bombed, blasted and bulldozed right into Third World America. Greed is
		Replanting forests after coal mining

235	01/15/2009 13:58:00	Policy makers and legislators being qualified to actually make detailed and accurate policy regarding this topic. You might have one or two at best in positions to make a decent decisions/policy; and chances are they have some bonehead who has no business making decisions overtop them to over rule anything decent that comes along.
236	01/15/2009 16:08:00	Logging activities in KY are running rampant with no oversight, this creates damage to property and water quality. Logging in Eastern KY creates much greater water quality problems than coal mining. Look at streams with mining and logging and compare the difference in sediment load and build
237	01/15/2009 17:36:00	Have none at this time.
238	01/15/2009 20:27:00	Much of the Public is not concerned with these issues due to social barriers to education regarding Forest Information and Management.
239	01/15/2009 21:32:00	My husband and I have seen such devastation by loggers here in western Ky, We are saddened and incensed by what we have seen on Rte 276 in TRigg County. It is logging at its worst. This issue needs to be addressed rigorously .
240	01/16/2009 00:28:00	Any tree cut down should be replaced by two seeding. In Germany this is law where over half their country is in forest.
241	01/16/2009 00:38:00	allowing use of public lands through activities such as horseback riding bike and hiking trails gives more people a stake in the health of the forest . There other activities beside hunting and fishing.
		ALLOWING LOGGERS TO WIPE OUT A FOREST
		Please address recreational vehicles destroying

244	01/16/2009 14:20:00	This is a pretty general survey, a little confusing. I would have liked to see you separate out the extraction economy (timbering, oil and gas, coal) from the tourism economy. They are mostly exclusive from each other. The renewable energy economy - I assume you're mostly talking about wind turbines for Kentucky - is also pretty much in
245	01/16/2009 17:28:00	I would like to see less restrictions on the publics use of forest land. I would like to see more efforts to support outdoor recreation and adventure tourism. We have unique assests we should be
246	01/16/2009 20:03:00	Habitat
247	01/17/2009 00:44:00	Local governments need to more mindful of how they allow urban sprawl and change zoning regs
248	01/17/2009 18:23:00	- stop utilities from "Clear Cutting" right-a-ways - more native plant landscaping - got to eliminate invasive plants like bush honeysuckle, etc.
249	01/17/2009 22:21:00	lack of understanding between gov. agencies and said land owners and williness to communicate one on one with said issues stated in this survey.
250	01/17/2009 23:48:00	Private Property Rights. See the Supreme Court's Kehoe decision.
251	01/18/2009 01:32:00	All the issues above are very important. It is almost impossible to rate these issues because they must be taken as a whole. However, we were never interested in the harvesting of trees, but in the protection of forestland.
		By the Forest Service own studies it has been
		Loggers more closely regulated, Greater fines for

254	01/19/2009 00:35:00	This is not a fair survey, it leads you to certain answers, and I am not willing to give you the answers that clearly you want.
255	01/19/2009 03:46:00	Reforestation after logging operations in state forests is highly neglected. More recreational activities offered inside of state forests would raise awareness of their existence and importance.
256	01/19/2009 05:11:00	The increased use of ATVs within many portions of Ky forests especially sensitive areas and areas of old growth stands does not need to be presented unbiasedly as good for the future economy of KY. The damage resulting from such unwise decision making is irreversible. People need to be encouraged to have "adventures" that are much less consumptive and environmentally detrimental.
257	01/20/2009 00:46:00	Real Estate companies logging land that they buy and then sell after they have been logged.
258	01/20/2009 01:33:00	laws to stop strip mining to protect are forest and water eastern ky needs your help time is running out for future
259	01/20/2009 15:48:00	Stricter laws and enforcement of criminal offenses such as: timber theft, poaching, arson and the loss of water quality, soil erosion and other environmental hazards due to or related to these offenses!!!! More funding for public awareness campaigns and enforcement of new laws and workers to enforce the laws needs to be
		emphasis on increasing secondary industry for

262	01/21/2009 22:08:00	Biodiversity associated with Ky forests: documenting and protecting; Logging practices and BMP enforcement (explicit attention given to practices); Market information readily available to forest landowners
263	01/22/2009 00:23:00	Funding for urban forestry programs.
264	01/24/2009 05:33:00	Economic stimulus to landowners (tax breaks for forest management); higher degree of training for forest technicians for KY Conservation Act. KDF taking a pro-active role in American Tree Farm certifications. KDF becoming a leader in the role of certification for KY landowners.
265	01/24/2009 17:52:00	more funding and incentives for private forest land management(tax breaks,etc)
266	01/24/2009 22:17:00	I think this list includes very big and very important issues that overlap in significant ways. Any issues that aren't specifically covered in the survey would most likely be addressed in any serious attention to the issues that are presented here.
267	01/26/2009 06:03:00	StateTree nurseries are very important in providing tree seedlings at a reasonable price to the public.
268	01/26/2009 16:37:00	Control of exotic plants and insects. Erosion
269	01/26/2009 18:06:00	N/A
270	01/28/2009 12:01:00	I tried to enter number 4 more than once, but it does not allow it.
271	02/01/2009 11:28:00	more horse trails and less atv activities. 99% of horse riders know how to do the ghost trail and respect what is given to us to enjoy the world that

272	02/01/2009 15:52:00	Inter-agency cooperation and coordination is essential for tackling these environmental issues. Departments that regulate coal, forests, water, and wildlife obviously have overlapping areas of interest, but local law enforcement and the state attorney general's office are also critical for enforcing existing rules. Also, the legislative branch should be aware of the environmental effects of proposed legislation so government groups are not working to cross purposes. Particularly in our difficult economic times, it is essential that our state tackles these problems as efficiently as possible. I would recommend a state task force that reconciles conflicting rules/practices
273	02/01/2009 16:34:00	I'm sure there are, but I think I've typed enough for today, don't you?
274	02/03/2009 01:58:00	It should be part of school curriculum for landowners and citizens to preserve forests. This fits into public awareness, which I think is terribly insufficient. People do not realize the rate of forest loss currently happening and the dire consequences of it. Please make public awareness, teaching about how to have fun in our forests responsibly, and prevention of forest fragmentation a priority. I believe that every landowner that buys land from now on should be required to maintain a certain non-fragmented percentage of their land forested.
275	02/03/2009 16:40:00	I feel most rural people don't care

276	02/03/2009 20:58:00	As one of KY's most valuable resources, I feel we are being shortchanged with public relations. Forestry needs more PR to make people aware of what we have to offer as far as education, management, water quality and the economic value of managing our woodlands correctly. People need to know the value of correctly managing their private woodlands and the effects of proper management in relation to our suffering
277	02/10/2009 12:38:00	Expanding state and/or national forest for use by future generations. Stopping strip mining!!!!
278	02/11/2009 04:33:00	The ability to communicate briefly, directly, and concisely. Please edit this survey.
279	02/11/2009 23:52:00	We must promote logging in Ky.
280	02/13/2009 13:35:00	I believe better environmental laws and heavy fines should exist to prevent people from dumping junk cars and other hazardous wastes in nature. I am originally from out-of-state, and I am sorry to say that Kentucky has a terrible litter problem. It is difficult to enjoy the woods with someone else's
		I beleive there should be increased forest management but do not feel more and more land use abilities should be taken away from the public. The forests are a precious resource but a resource that should be available for all types of recreational activities. More than ever in this day and age our
		Activities which connect a person's heart with

283	02/16/2009 15:12:00	There is a direct connectedness between Forest habitat loss and Mountaintop removal that is often overlooked. These two issues, it seems, are rarely looked at together as a singular problem. The destruction of our land is a heinous act, an abomination, and we who would defend it should bind together with all our respective causes and resources to bring about the change we all seek.
284	02/16/2009 19:38:00	State Dept. of Forestry should encourage the planting of native trees that have the greatest chance of survival and potential for generating income for the private land owner. Pine trees have demonstrated an unusual tendency to fall over during ice storms as compared to deciduous trees.
285	02/18/2009 19:50:00	There are a lot of people out there who remove old, healthy gorgeous trees because, "they are messy, or may fall on a building" A very sad commentary of our society
		Climate Change is an issue that is becoming very popular. The Chief of the US Forest Service has made it a top concern and groups such as the Center for Biological Diversity planning a number of lawsuits to get climate change regulated by existing state and federal laws. A State-level assessment of climate change would help
		More public Forest land is needed throughout KY!

289	02/21/2009 21:27:00	I ranked wildfire high, but the bigger issue is that fire has a role to play in our ecosystem. Fire is especially important when trying to convert fescue to healthier, native grasses. Landowners need to be taught how to burn these grasses or they should be able to pay state firefighters to help them re-establish or maintain native grass ecosystems.
290	02/28/2009 19:00:00	Help to replant trees on private land. What kind of tree ,how many per acre.
291	03/03/2009 03:25:00	some need to burn.
292	03/05/2009 21:52:00	In this area in particular, there's not a strong presence by KDF or consulting foresters. Funding is tight, of course, but stronger marketing of the Forest Stewardship Program across Southeastern Kentucky would be great.
293	03/11/2009 18:30:00	Carbon Credits for landowners
		As part of the public awareness activity I think there is a significant opportunity to enhance public awareness regarding forestry issues. One of these is through the program the forestry dept has regarding their efforts to document the biggest trees of different species. The information gleaned from this effort could be used on a local and state
		Visibility of Forestry Service is too low. I