**SOUTHERN FORESTS** 

# Clean water grows on these trees.

Okay, not technically, but forests do provide the cleanest water of any land use to keep drinking water safe and reliable.

#### TOTAL SOUTHERN WATER SUPPLY

**State & Private** forests provide

water supply.

of the total

That's equal to 97.8 trillion gallons.

HOW MUCH LIQUID IS THAT? That's enough water to fill a stack of five gallon buckets that would extend all the way

to the sun & back

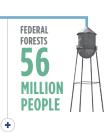
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# THE CHALLENGE Population is expected to increase more than 30% over the next 40 years compared to 2012 levels.

2012

2052

267 MILLION ACRES.

THE THREAT

**UP TO 23 MILLION ACRES** 

of our forests are forecasted to be converted to other uses by

## **HEALTHY FORESTS ARE** CRITICAL TO DRINKING WATER

Healthy, managed forests provide the cleanest water of any land use, and help keep drinking water safe, reliable, and affordable.

**UP...** 









### **FOREST STEWARDSHIP AND BMPs**

Foresters work with landowners to develop forest stewardship plans and implement Best Management Practices that protect soil and water resources.



David LaFrance, CEO of American Water Works Association Learn more by watching our video! https://bit.ly/3f6jTk0

### **DRINKING WATER DEPENDS** ON HEALTHY FORESTS

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