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 44.3% of the total water supply.

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 24 times.

POPULATION SERVED

All forests serve 113 million people.

State and Private forests serve 57 million people.

Federal forests serve 56 million people.

THE CHALLENGE

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

THE THREAT

Up to 23 million acres of our forests are forecasted to be converted to other uses by 2060.

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.

TO SUM THINGS UP...

Healthy forests = clean water = cost savings.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP AND BMPs

Foresters work with landowners to develop forest stewardship plans and implement best management practices that protect soil and water resources.

“Our investments in healthy forests today lead to higher quality drinking water in our communities tomorrow.”

David LaFrance, CEO of American Water Works Association

Learn more by watching our video! https://bit.ly/3f6jTkO

DRINKING WATER DEPENDS ON HEALTHY FORESTS

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