



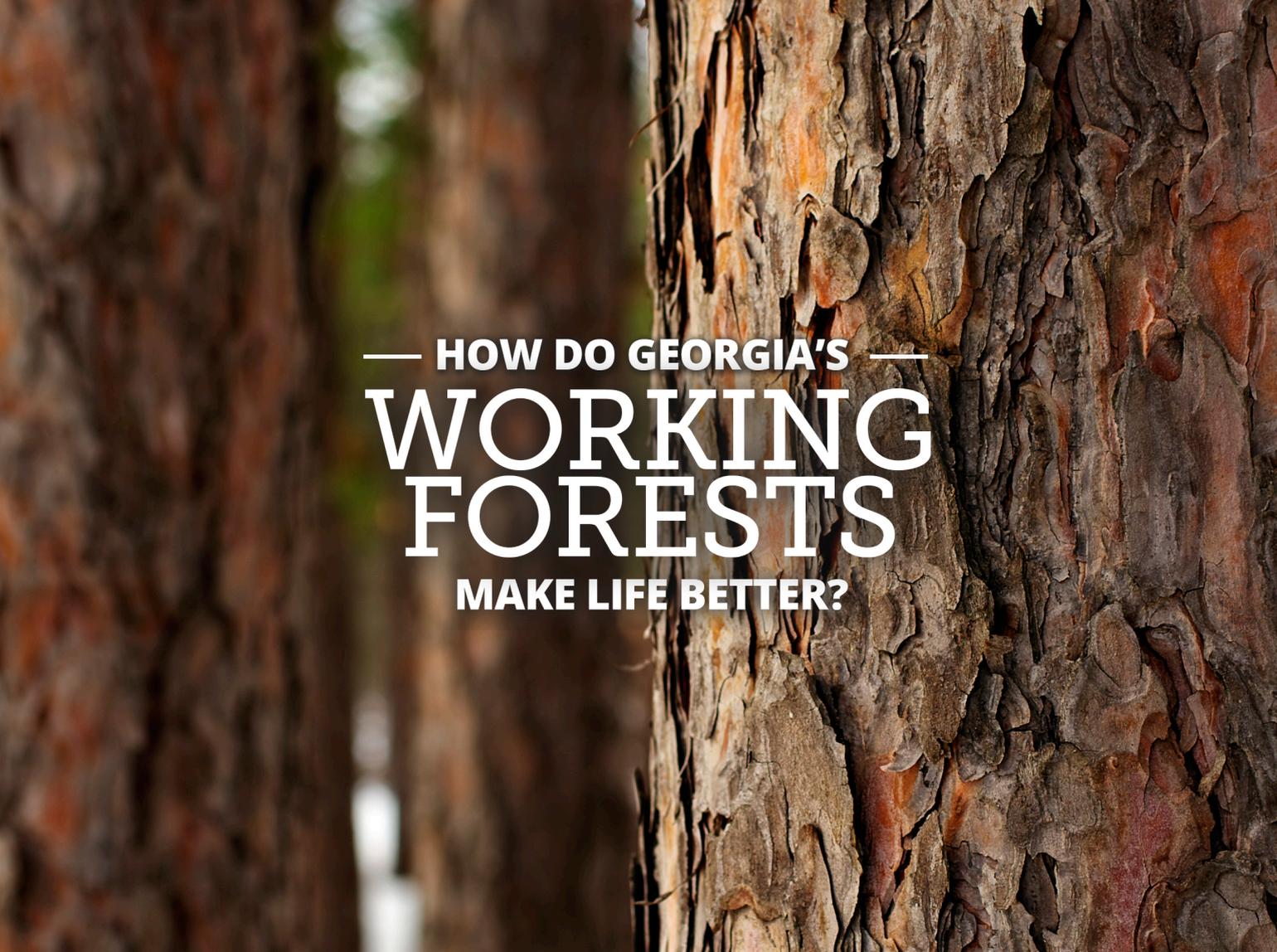
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A vertical, close-up photograph of tree bark, showing its rough, textured surface with various shades of brown and orange. The bark is the background for the text on the right side of the image.

— HOW DO GEORGIA'S —
**WORKING
FORESTS**
MAKE LIFE BETTER?

WORKING FORESTS MAKE GEORGIA BETTER.



of Georgia's 24.8 million
acres of forestland are
privately owned.

Ninety-two percent of Georgia's forests, which cover two-thirds of the land area of the state, are privately owned. The majority of that land is owned by tens of thousands of private, non-industrial landowners.

For more than a century, these forests have turned Georgia's most plentiful, renewable, natural resource – trees – into jobs and tax dollars, cleaning Georgia's air and water in the process. These forests are known as working forests.

Today, Georgia's forest industry annually provides \$28.9 billion to the state's economy.

Thousands of Georgians are employed at trucking companies, railroads, the port and wholesalers and retailers whose roles are vital for moving Georgia's wood and fiber to market. This substantial economic contribution is possible because forest owners recognize that responsible management today yields sustainable economic benefits over the long term.





Plant A Forest
Grow Our World

USE YOUR
CREATIVITY
TO COLOR THIS
WORKING FOREST!

WORKING FORESTS MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER.



Today, trees are used in thousands of common items that play a vital part in improving your health and your everyday life. Some of these products include:

// Cough Syrup
// Eyeglass Frames
// Football Helmets

// Lipstick
// Lumber & Plywood
// Newspapers

// Parmesan Cheese
// Shampoo
// Smartphone Screens

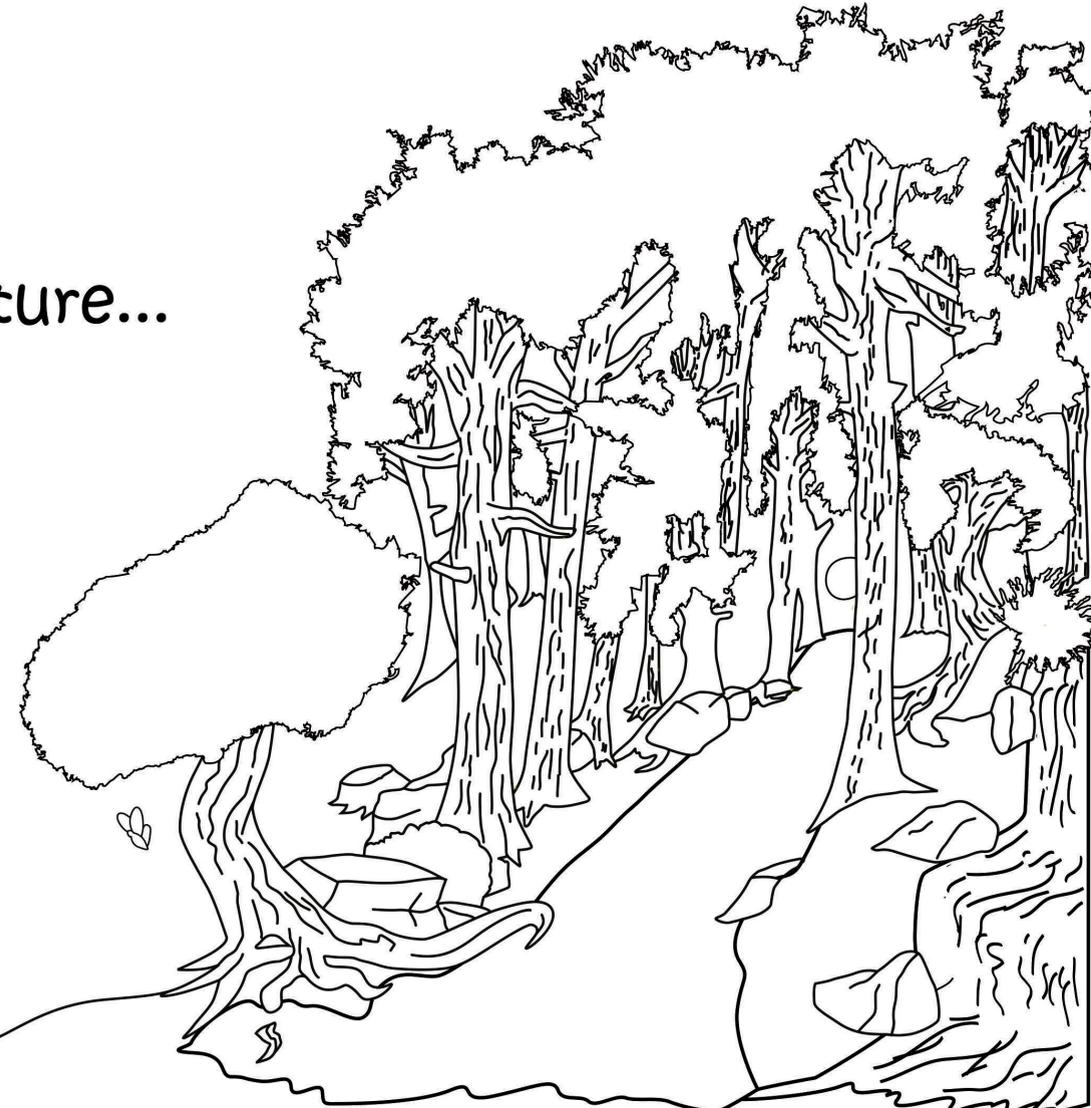
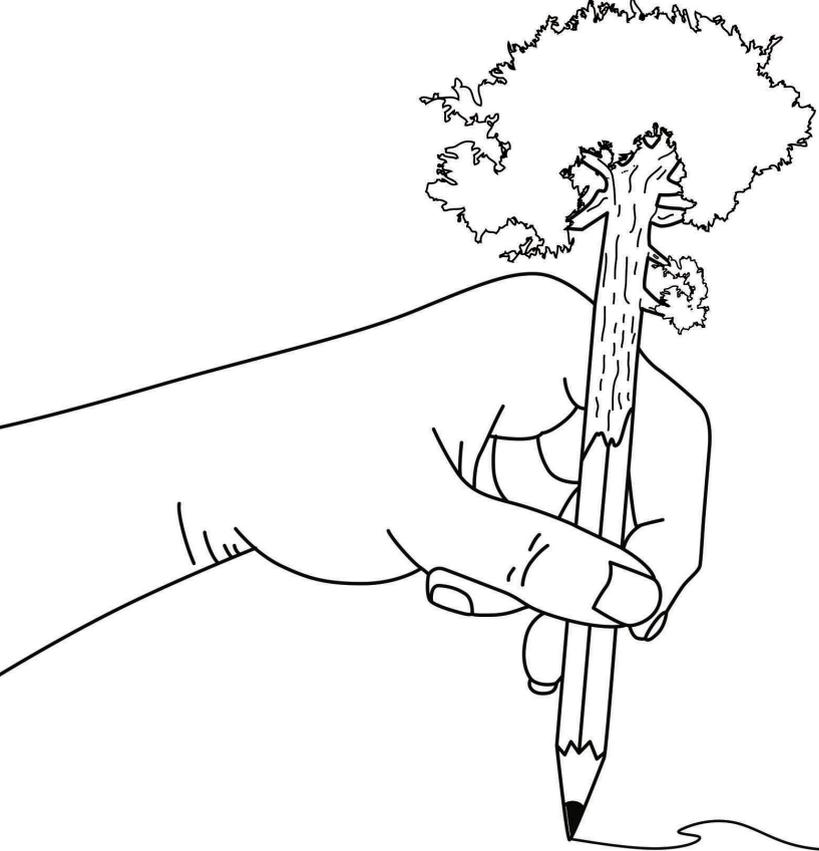
Georgia's working forests provide vast recreational opportunities for Georgians and visitors to the state.

Forests are important to hunters, anglers, birdwatchers, hikers, nature photographers, horseback riders, campers and others. Without the state's abundance of working forests, Georgia would not be one of the leading sportsman's destinations in the country.



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WORKING FORESTS MAKE GEORGIA'S ECOSYSTEM BETTER.



Beyond timber, consumer products and recreation, working forests provide direct benefits to everyone in the form of ecosystem services such as: clean air, water quantity and quality, soil formation and stability, pollination, habitat refuge, a beautiful landscape and cultural values.

A University of Georgia study completed in January 2011 conservatively estimates the value of the ecosystem services of Georgia's 22 million acres of privately owned forestland at more than \$37.6 billion per year.

Many of the state's thousands of streams, canals and ditches begin or flow through forestlands providing a vital infiltration system for the 134 water supply reservoirs that provide many Georgians with a clean source of water.

The dedication of forest landowners to the sustainable management of their timberland provides you with clean water to use everyday.

