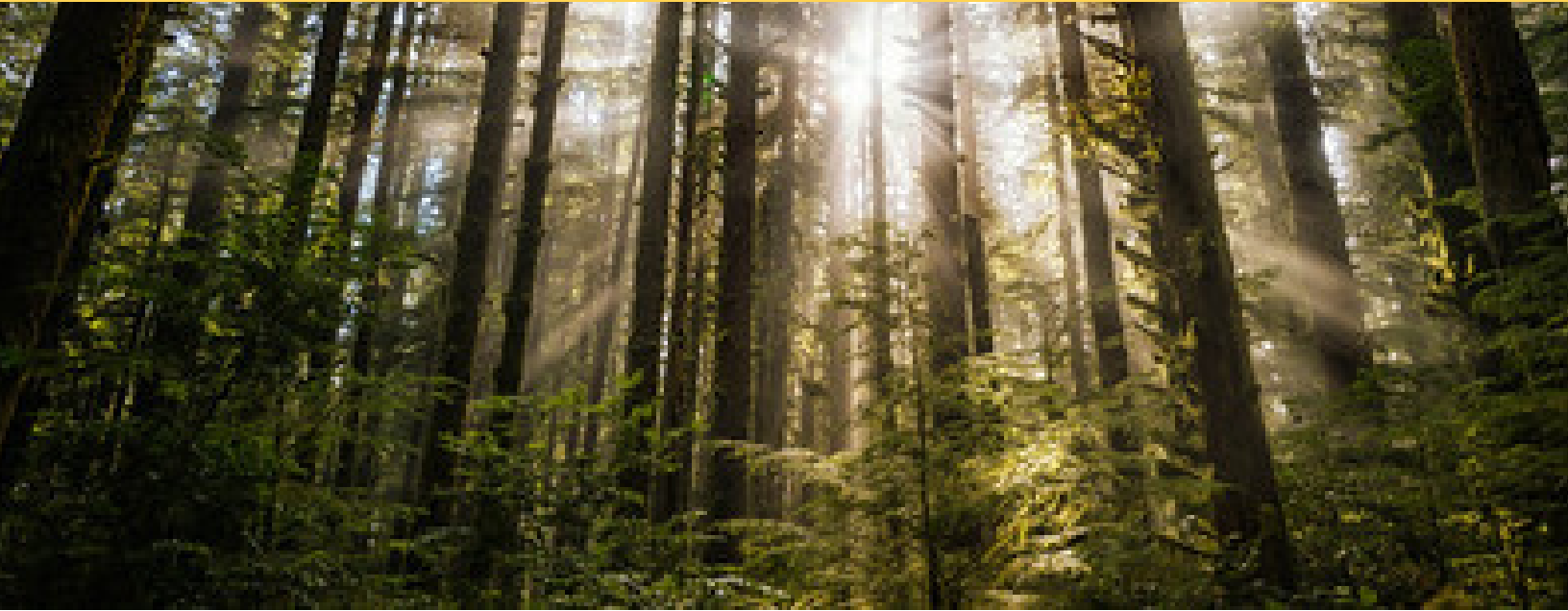


PROTECT 30% OF LANDS AND WATERS BY 2030



- Intact forests are indispensable not only for addressing rapid anthropogenic climate change, but also for confronting the planet's biodiversity crisis, providing critical ecosystem services and supporting the maintenance of human health.
- In 2019, a major report from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services demonstrated that species extinction is accelerating with ecosystems deteriorating at rates unprecedented in human history.
- In the United States, we lose a football field worth of natural area every 30 seconds to human development, severely affecting freshwater, clean air, and wildlife.
- Only 12 percent of U.S. lands are permanently protected in their natural condition.
- At least one-third of American wildlife, more than 12,000 species, are at increased risk of extinction. Worldwide, one million species are at risk of extinction, many within decades.
- On land, biologists have found animal and plant abundance to be an average of 15 percent higher inside protected areas than outside.