

Asserting Tribal Influence on the Landscape

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America's Forests Are In Trouble



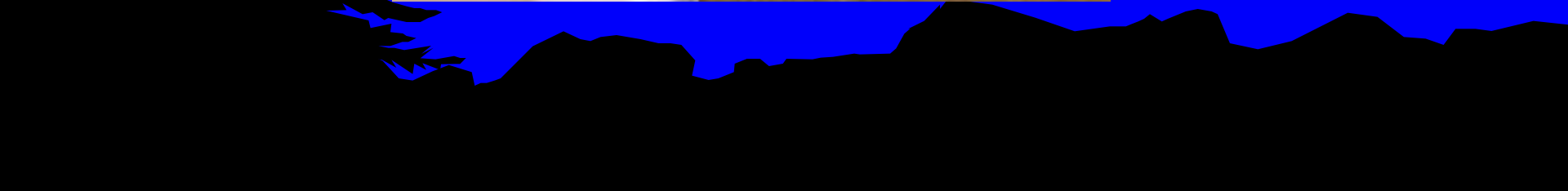
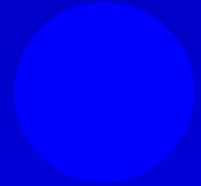
Insects and Disease



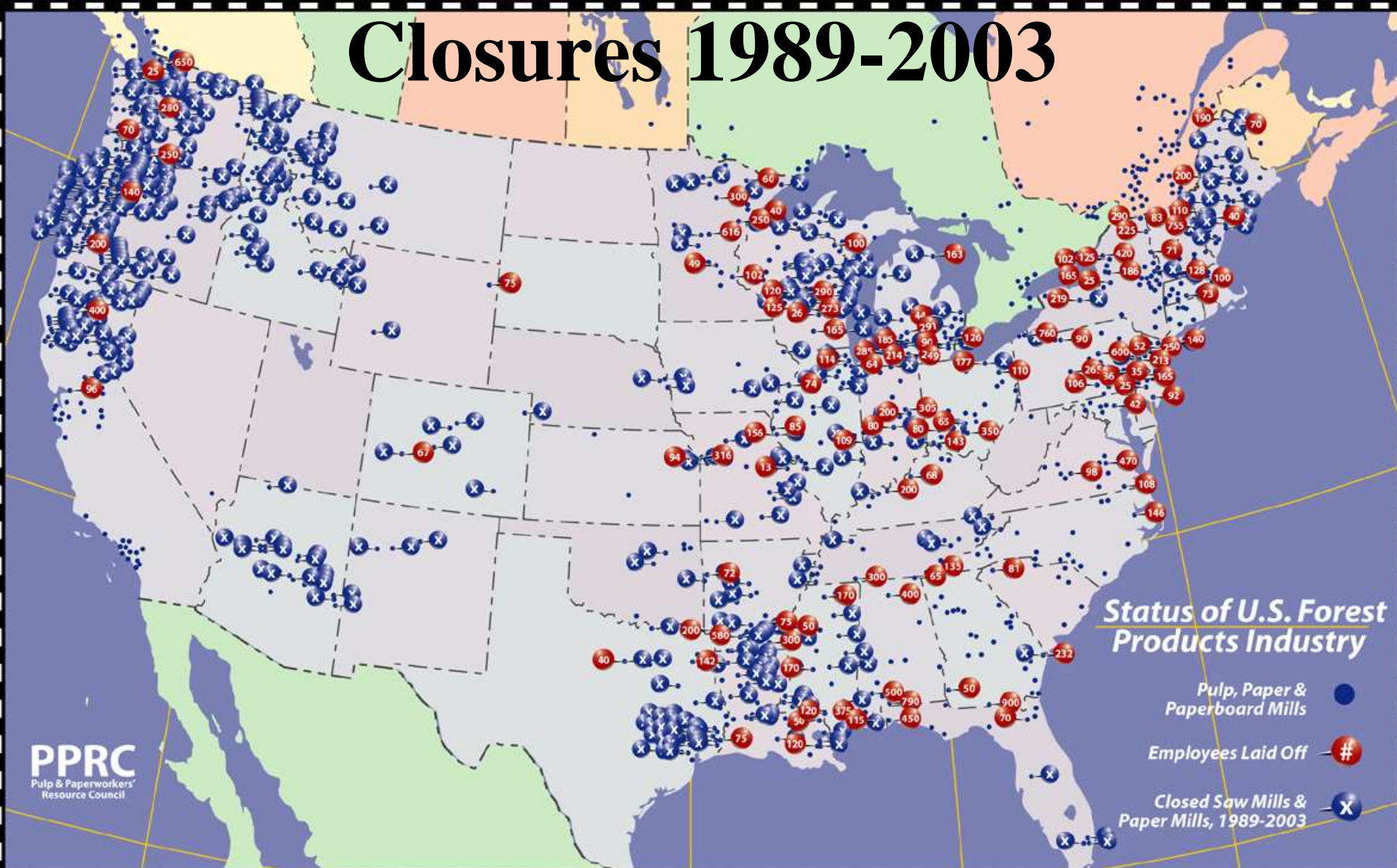
Wildfires Increasing in Size & Intensity



Forest Product Markets



Wood Processing Facility Closures 1989-2003



Job Loss – Forestry Source

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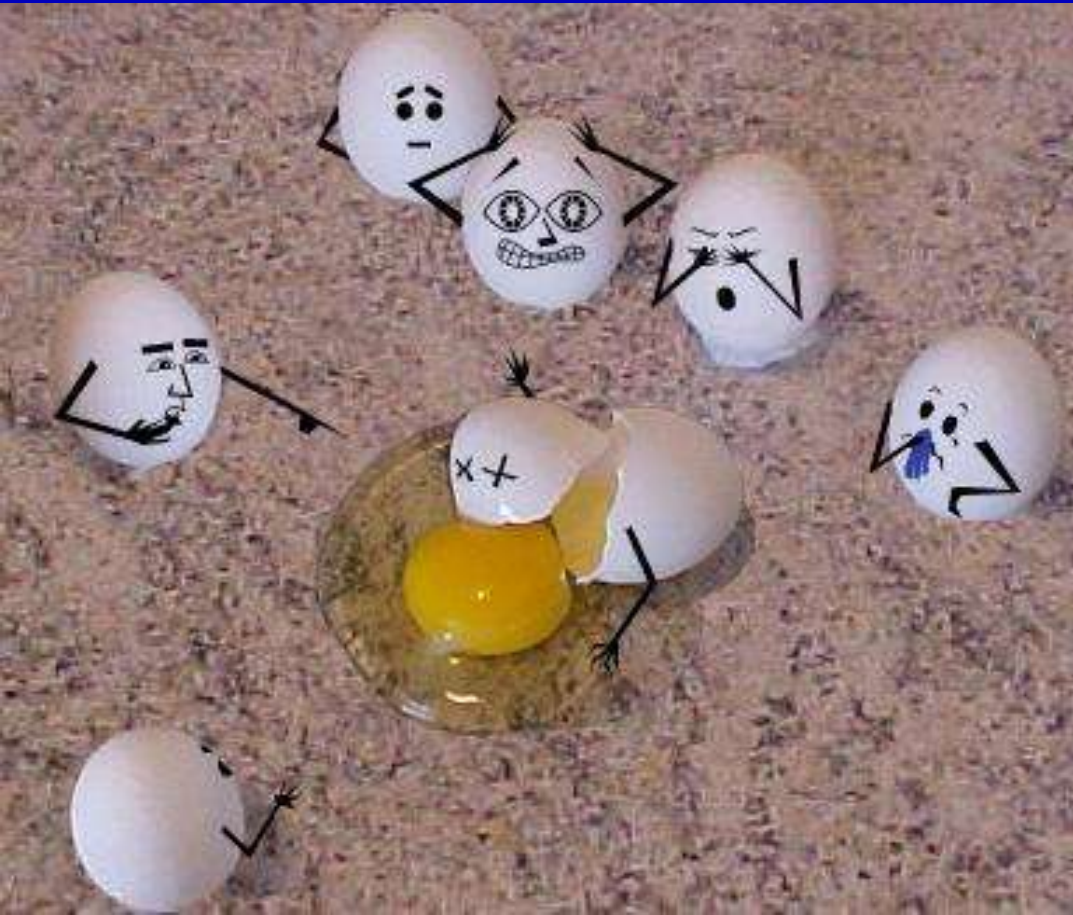
**Absolute full time job losses since 2005 in all wood sectors
(294,000 jobs lost)**



State of Emergency

- Depressed timber-dependent communities
- Forests at risk of loss from wildfire, insects, and disease
- Ecological functions in jeopardy
- Land ownership in flux
- Harvesting, transportation, processing, and management infrastructure rapidly disappearing

Hard To Fix



Call for Action

- **Tribal Community**
 - Intertribal Timber Council
 - National Congress of American Indians
 - Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
- **National Association of State Foresters**
- **Western Governor's Association**
- **Secretary Vilsack's "All Hands, All Lands" vision**

VISION

*without the means to attain it,
will only be a*

DREAM



Tribal Forests

- Respect ≠ Neglect
 - Care ≈ “Manage”
 - Use, not abuse
 - Permanence
- Stewardship Ethic
- Processing Facilities
- Management Capacity

A close-up photograph of a lush green wheat field. The wheat stalks are densely packed and show signs of ripening. A single, vibrant red poppy flower is in full bloom, standing out prominently against the sea of green. The lighting is bright, creating a high-contrast scene.

Tribes and Their Forests Stand Out

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Tribal Sovereignty
+ Treaty Rights
+ Fiduciary Responsibilities and Obligations
+ Co-Tenancy (Public Trust Doctrine)

= Possible Recipe For Change?

At A Crossroads



Which Way To Go?



Bystander



"Hey, it's not
my problem"



Frustrated Witness



Hapless Victim?



Or Leader?



Distinguished Panelists

- **Phil Rigdon**, President ITC
- **Jim Hubbard**, USFS Deputy Chief S&PF
- **Ann Walker**, WGA
- **Chris Maisch**, Alaska State Forester
- **Faline Haven**, Acting Chief Forester, BIA
- **Al Murray**, Forestry Director, FCPotawatami
- **Vinnie Corrao**, NW Management
- **Marc Brinkmeyer**, Idaho Forest Group
- **Jim Petersen**, Evergreen Foundation

A misty forest landscape with sunlight rays filtering through the trees. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a warm, golden light source from the upper left. The trees are dark silhouettes against the lighter mist. The overall mood is serene and ethereal.

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