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New Forests on the Edge Reports Released

The U.S. Forest Service has recently released two new reports. The first report, *A Sensitivity Analysis of "Forests on the Edge: Housing Development on America's Private Forests"*, examined the sensitivity of the results of the first *Forests on the Edge* report to four factors. The use of updated data and a revised model had the most significant impact on the results.

The purpose of the second report, *Forestland Conversion, Ecosystem Services, and Economic Issues for Policy: A Review*, was to understand the ecological effects of forest land conversion and the economic issues that result from designing policies to conserve forest ecosystems.

A third report, *Private Forests, Public Benefits: Increased Housing Density and other Pressures on Private Forest Contributions*, will be released in early 2010. It will show where private forest contributions (to clean water, timber, interior forest, and habitat for at-risk species) are most likely to change in the United States due to residential development and other factors.

To view these and other *Forests on the Edge* reports, visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/openspace/fote/index.html>