



The Forest Emergency Recovery & Research Act

RECOVERY PROJECTS ENCOURAGE NATIVE PLANT DIVERSITY NOT TREE PLANTATIONS

Tree Plantations:

- Trees are typically monocultures as opposed to a natural forest, where the trees are usually of diverse species and diverse ages.
- Plantations may include introduced trees not native to the area.
- Plantations are also sometimes known as "man-made forests."

Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act Facts:

- This bill clearly states that in response to the catastrophic event, reforestation of damaged federal lands will be conducted, to the extent practicable, with native or beneficial plants to avoid creation of plantation forests. (Section 3)
- Restoration and recovery activities are prohibited in Wilderness, Monuments, National Parks, and other areas excluded by approved federal forest plans. (Section 3)
- The bill clearly states in numerous locations that the underlying land management or forest plan must be followed when conducting recovery activities. (Section 3)
- Habitat snags will remain as well other material to diminish erosion and restore habitat. (Title 1, Sec. 105)