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Here is forest sector text for the DRAFT fact sheet. Call me if you have questions or comments.

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Meeting the Challenge in the Forest Sector

The American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA), in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture, is committed to actions to meet the President's greenhouse gas intensity reduction goal. AF&PA members expect to reduce their greenhouse gas intensity by 12 percent by 2012 relative to 2000. Specific actions include the enrollment of 114 million acres in the Sustainable Forestry Initiative program, the largest sustainable forestry program in the world. AF&PA members also have a strong commitment to recycling and expect fiber recovery rates of at least 50 percent, avoiding methane emissions in landfills and increasing forest carbon storage. The industry will continue to lead all manufacturing sectors in on-site electricity generation, deriving over half of its energy needs from renewable energy and biofuels and in many cases supplying supplemental electricity to the surrounding power grid.