

## INDIANA: LITTLE RECOVERY OR REFORESTATION ON FEDERAL LANDS AFTER WINDSTORM



These photos show damage from a windstorm on the Hoosier National Forest in Indiana which affected 128,000 acres of the forest. A single project covering a small portion of the 3,200 acres needing recovery will begin soon, under a categorical exclusion. However, action on the remaining acreage is not expected until next year. An estimated 75% loss in value is anticipated before the project will begin—meaning less funding to cover reforestation and other rehabilitation work. This forest is home to an endangered species, Indiana bat.

In contrast to the federal lands, most of the salvage was completed on private lands in the fall of 2004, 3 to 4 months after the wind event.

