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I visited WWF's Forest hub page to learn why forests are so central to the 30x30 goal:

Forests are central to the 30x30 goal, which is the global commitment (Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) to conserve at least 30% of the planet's land and water by 2030. This target is critical because forests serve as the planet's life support system, making their protection non-negotiable for achieving the goal.

First, they are the world's most vital terrestrial biodiversity reservoirs, housing an estimated 80% of all terrestrial species. Conserving forest ecosystems, especially large, intact areas, is therefore the most direct pathway to halting and reversing biodiversity loss. Second, forests are essential for climate stability. They act as massive carbon sinks, pulling greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. Deforestation not only releases stored carbon but also eliminates the capacity to reabsorb it, making forest loss a major driver of the climate crisis. Finally, the WWF highlights that effective forest conservation relies heavily on recognizing the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, whose traditional territories exhibit lower rates of deforestation and are crucial to achieving the 30% target equitably. Securing forests is essentially securing the success of the 30x30 commitment.

My Reflection on Action:

What Action I Took

I chose to **write to my elected representative (Member of Parliament/Congress) urging the enactment and enforcement of forest-friendly policies** in line with national climate and biodiversity commitments.

Why I Chose It

I selected this action because it leverages a powerful mechanism for change: policy and legislation. While on-the-ground efforts like joining a local group are vital, government action has the greatest potential for large-scale, systemic impact. Writing to a legislator targets the roots of the problem, such as unsustainable agricultural expansion and illegal logging, which often require structural reforms and robust legal frameworks to address. This action pushes for accountability, translating global commitments like 30x30 into binding national law, and

advocating for the necessary political will and funding to secure protected areas for the long term.

Connection to Protecting Forests for the Future

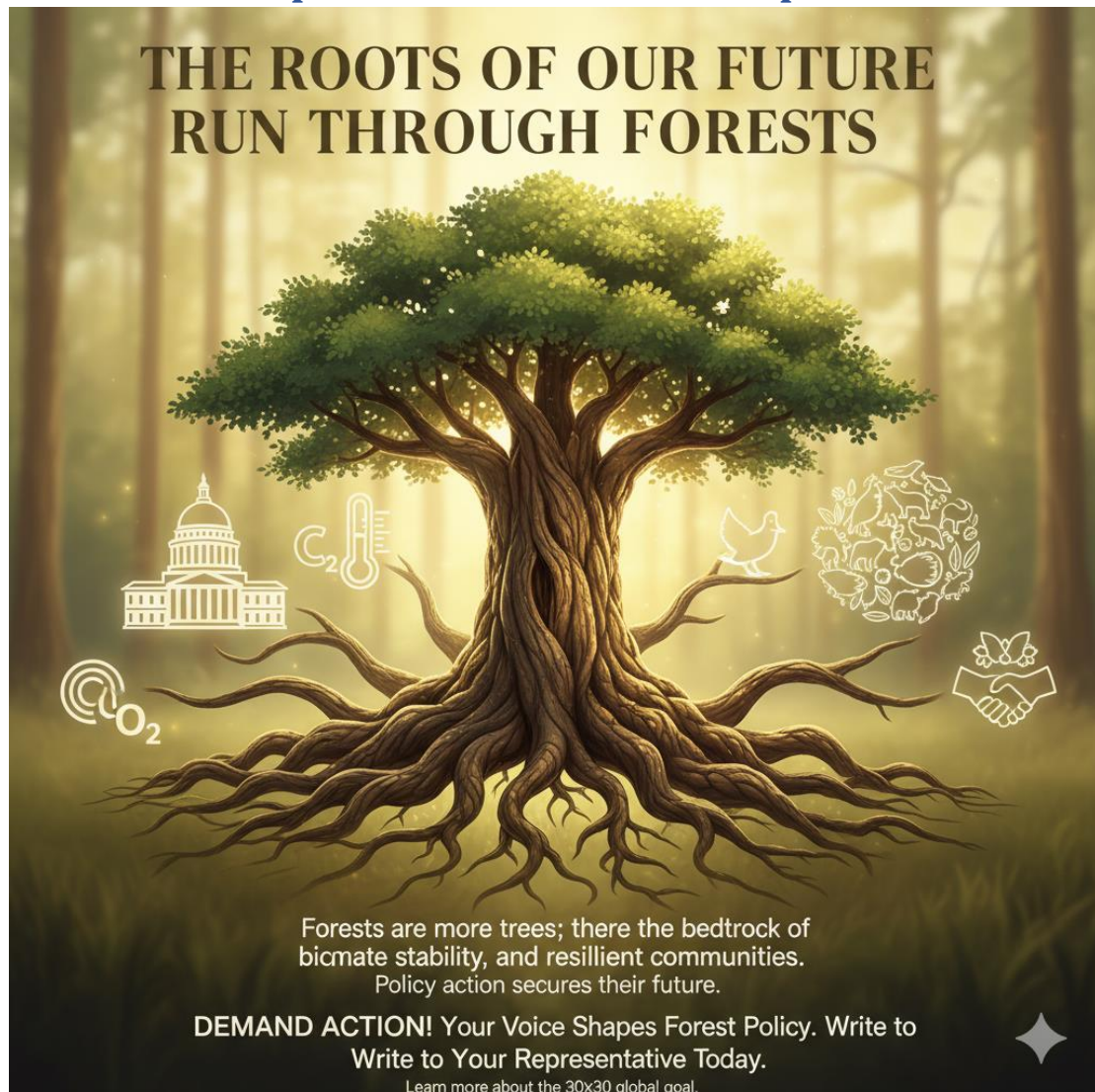
This advocacy directly contributes to future forest protection by demanding the creation of effective and equitable governance systems—a key principle of the 30x30 goal. Policy action ensures:

Systemic Protection: Establishing and properly funding an ecologically representative network of Protected Areas and OECMs, moving beyond 'paper parks' to ensure real, managed conservation on the ground.

Climate Mitigation: Promoting legislation that bans logging of primary forests and encourages the restoration of degraded lands, which enhances the forest sector's capacity to sequester carbon and fight climate change.

Equity and Rights: Urging the formal recognition and protection of Indigenous and community land rights, which is proven to be one of the most effective and equitable conservation strategies for safeguarding forests for generations to come. By engaging in political dialogue, I am helping to ensure that forest conservation remains a priority in future political agendas.

I created a visual piece as a call to action to protect our forests:



Here is the link of my Instagram post:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DPtLUP0if2u/?igsh=MWd0Ym1vYm51OTJ0Yg==>

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