

One morally worrying environmental challenge is deforestation. Deforestation comes with a diverse variety of issues. First of all, in its simplest form it is plain and simple habitat destruction that destroys entire ecosystems at a time. Many people and organizations in an attempt to advocate against deforestation often talk about the larger animals that lose their homes like deer, bear, birds, etc. When forests are wiped out due to logging projects or other unnatural human agendas species are obviously pushed to new areas that may not be as suitable and ultimately leads to a mass die off of a once thriving part of the ecosystem from the large animals all the way down to the majority of insects. This is often referred to as biodiversity loss where we see a domino effect of species going extinct because of our habitat destruction like deforestation.

Another nuanced aspect of deforestation is that when these animals get displaced it isn't just the animals who lost their home that suffer. They move into other regions of the biome that were not directly affected which causes an increase in competition for food and territory. These factors further impact the amount of damage done to the ecosystem. In a nuanced sort of metaphor it would be like the government cutting the funding for half of the schools in a state, forcing all of the students into overpopulated systems where their education can no longer thrive and individuality would suffer.

When it comes to the specifics that make this such a morally worrying issue is that our species does need the space and it does need resources that the environment and our forests offer. The problems that these companies and organizations create while over harvesting our forests are often overlooked until the damage is done and some biologist starts researching the damages done to the surrounding area. At some point it will be paramount that we find some other way to deal with our overuse of resources and excessive overharvesting or else we will lose all biodiversity.