



Environmental Factors Presentation Form Animal Browse

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Instructions

Read about how this negative environmental factor can affect the health of trees.

Some animals actually harm trees. For example, deer like to eat young trees, and they damage larger trees when they rub their antlers on them. An overabundance of deer in the Potomac River watershed has caused a loss of understory trees. Small rodents, such as voles, eat tree roots, sometimes killing young trees. Deer and vole browse are big problems for regenerating forests and understory growth. Every year, thousands of dollars are spent placing protective tree shelters around small **saplings** in an attempt to protect the trees from these animals.

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Based on your group's research, write down five reasons why animal browse can harm trees. Write in complete sentences.

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