

Sogeti USA CSR Update

During Employee Appreciation 2008- Sogeti USA took a bold step in support of our environment and the world which we live and work in. Through our CSR commitment, Sogeti USA made a significant contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation in direct support of 2 programs: Rain Forest Rescue and Forest Fire Restoration. 6 months later – here's an update on the progress achieved with each of these initiatives.



The Maya Mountains complex, which spans nearly 1.2 million acres across Belize, is an area that is in need of immediate conservation. This once unspoiled forest is being threatened by such dangers as illegal hunting, slash and burn farming, extraction of forest products, and uncontrolled fires. Arbor Day Foundation support through members such as Sogeti

USA has helped to more than double the acreage that is currently being managed effectively. Much as our important work is making an immediate difference today, ongoing research will continue to identify new ways that we'll make a difference tomorrow. These efforts and the overall strategic plan will maintain biodiversity and protect the fragile areas of the Maya Forest deemed most in need of aid. Together, we have already made a remarkable difference to the quality of life in the Maya Forest by implementing various efforts, including:

- Providing education and support to Mayan community members on sustainable farming and ranching activities
- Planning efficient use of the land
- Creating nature-based tourism projects
- Managing sustainable timber
- Developing conservation finance plans
- Protecting more acres in the region while supporting the wildlife



Hot and dry weather throughout much of the United States and Lingering extreme drought conditions have set the stage for wildfires in many western states. Millions of acres of forestland have burned, forcing residents to evacuate and creating a loss of habitat and food sources for many species of wildlife.

Many forests are still recovering from devastating fires and loss of trees in past years. In many areas, few living trees remain, and reforestation efforts will be necessary to restore many damaged forests to a healthy state. The Forest Service has identified a backlog of more than one million acres* of America's national forests that need to be replanted. And each year, the backlog steadily increases



As you read this, 500 trees sponsored by Sogeti are being planted in response to the forest fires in the western states as part of the Foundation's Reforestation Program. The trees planted will grow to provide habitat and food for wildlife, restore beauty to the landscape, clean rivers and streams, and provide enjoyment for recreational activities like camping, hiking, and fishing.

Please contact [Tom Luers](#) for additional information regarding our Arbor Day foundation initiatives.