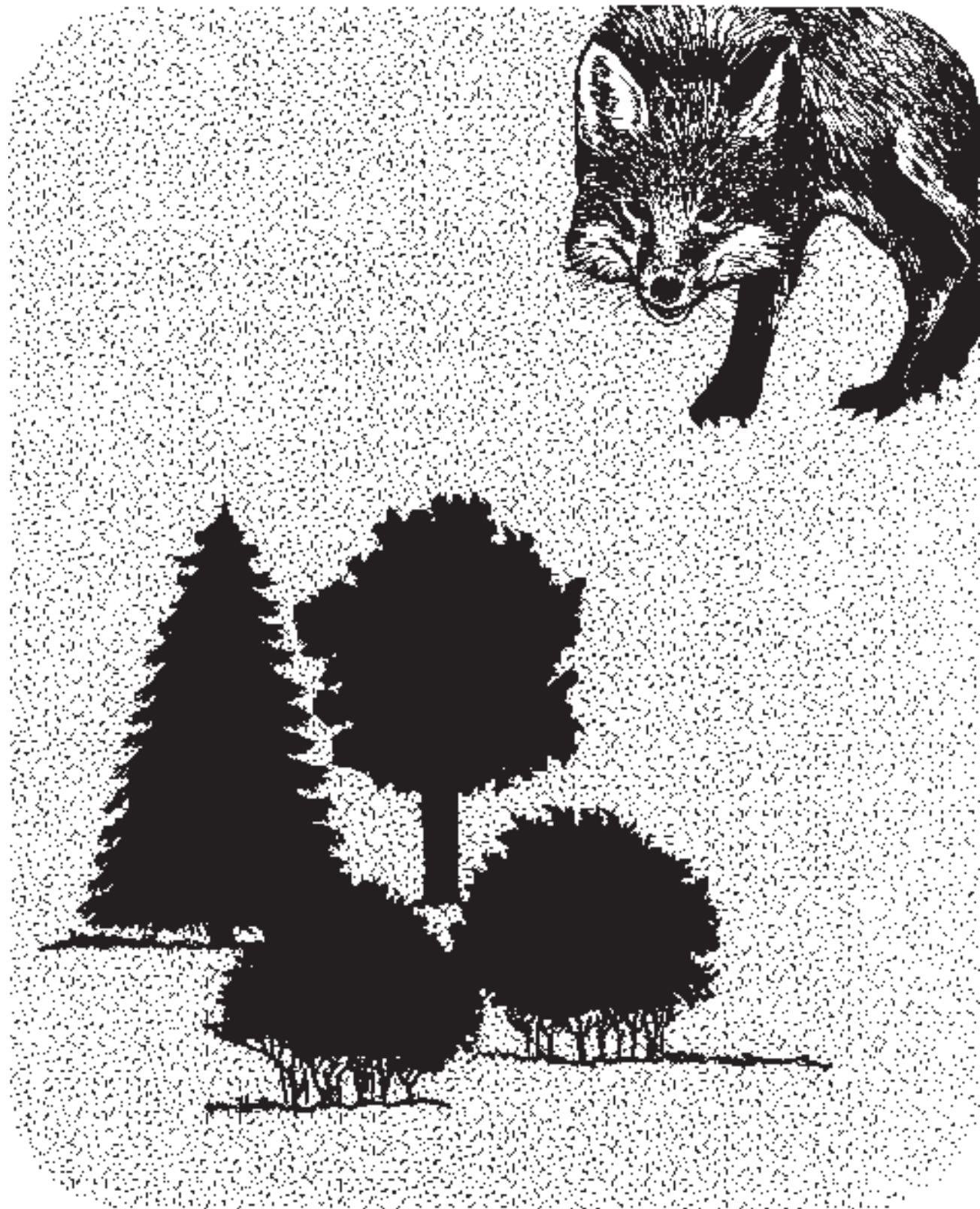


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*“The forest is as beautiful as it is useful. The old fairy tales which spoke of it as a terrible place are wrong. No one can really know the forest without feeling the gentle influence of one of the kindest and strongest parts of nature. From every point of view it is one of the most helpful friends of man. Perhaps no other natural agent has done so much for the human race and has been so recklessly used and so little understood.”*

Gifford Pinchot, Forest Service Chief 1905-1910

We seek solitude in the forest and value the quiet beauty of the creatures of the woods. Forests are America’s playgrounds where we hike, camp, fish, hunt, snowmobile, raft, and build vacation homes.

We depend on the bounty of the forest for lumber to build our homes and paper for our schools and offices—thousands of useful products are made from the forest to support communities.

The forest is the source of our Nation’s clean water and air. The decisions society makes about its forests effect everything downstream.

*“The basic point of our sustainable forest management strategy is this: not only do economic stability and environmental protection go hand in hand, economic prosperity can not occur without healthy, diverse, and productive watersheds and ecosystems.”*

Mike Dombeck , Forest Service Chief 1998

The following activities are included to introduce students to the benefits of Wisconsin’s forests:

**“Recreational Use Survey”**

**“Handmade Paper”**

**“Would Wood Be Needed for My Job?”**

**“Water, Water Everywhere”**

**“Trees and the Water Cycle”**

**“Leafscapes”**

**“Barrens and Butterflies”**

**“Design an Urban Schoolyard Forest”**

