

Gifford Pinchot, private and public forester

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Cut off live limbs remaining on the stump. Pinchot declined an opportunity to enter the family business and instead journeyed to France to pursue his passion — forestry.

Gifford Pinchot: The Father of Forestry (U.S. National Park Service)

Trees growing on public land are public property. Cell service may be spotty or unavailable.

Biltmore Estate: The Birth of US Forestry

But, it turns out that these private estates were also an important component of early American forestry. Breaking New Ground, a defense of Pinchot's views on forestry and his side of the Ballinger controversy, was published posthumously in 1947.

State and Private Forestry

If the name is Gifford Pinchot, it means a life dedicated to conservation and a storied legacy to live up to. In 1900, he founded the Yale School of Forestry and the Society of American Foresters. In 1910, when he left the service, there were 150 national forests totaling 172 million acres.

Gifford Pinchot's 11 Maxims

At this time, Pinchot became extremely interested in politics. He ran for the US Senate from Pennsylvania three times, without success. In 1898 he accepted an appointment as head of the U.

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This transfer allowed him to practice forestry on millions of federal acres and put an end to decades of forest devastation. Despite state and federal laws meant to stem timber poaching, though, the U. He worked to promote efficiency in resource use and to cut back on waste in the forests, utilizing the whole of felled trees.

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