

Forest Health Impacts

Beaver Activity

Beaver colony establishment and dam creation in forests, waterways, drains, etc. cause flooding and drastically alter forest ecosystems. This shifts large portions of forest away from their successional paths and these areas are then characterized by standing deadwood, permanent open water, large volumes of coarse woody debris, and invasive species.



Long term impact of beaver activity, what once was forest floor is now aquatic grasses and deadwood



The old forest floor is now covered in grasses and thicket which prevent perimeter tree species from regenerating the stand naturally



Large open area that retains water year round, deadwood provides lots of material for beavers to work with

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