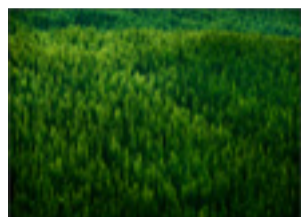




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### Taking a Census of the World's Forests



Can satellite imagery provide improved measurements of global forests? A new RFF Report asserts that space-based observations will give us the best—and most timely—data on forest inventory. [Read the full feature.](#)

### The Case for Higher Fuel Taxes

Increasing taxes on gasoline and diesel to more than \$1 per gallon would produce multiple benefits, according to a new paper by Ian Parry. [Read the full feature here.](#)

### Climate Change in the Developing World



At this Hans Landsberg Memorial Lecture, Rosina Bierbaum asserts that developing countries can't afford to ignore climate change, and developed nations must aid poorer nations with financing and technology. The three essentials: Act now, act together, and act differently. [Video and audio available here.](#)

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[Sharing the Load: A Multi-Country Survey of the Willingness to Pay for Slowing Climate Change](#)

[Distributional Impacts of Carbon Pricing Policies in the Electricity Sector](#)

## Media Highlights

### Loan Program May Stir Nuclear Industry

December 24, 2009, *New York Times*

A boost by the Department of Energy could help revive U.S. nuclear power capabilities, according to a *New York Times* article noting that nuclear energy could help reign in carbon emissions under a cap-and-trade system. RFF President Phil Sharp notes that bipartisan support opens a "potential path for actually getting real action and real legislation." [Read the full story.](#)

### U.S., China Step Forward in Climate Debate

December 23, 2009, *National Public Radio*

China and the United States emerged from the Copenhagen summit as the key drivers of a new international policy on climate change in a post-Kyoto strategy. RFF Senior Fellow Ray Kopp, observing that "the Kyoto track under the U.N. is done for, nothing is going down that path," suggested that a two-track policy may surface – one for countries that are part of the Kyoto Protocol, and another led by the United States and, increasingly, China. [Read the full story.](#)

## Save the Date

February 3, 2010

[Managing the Risk of Extreme Weather Events in a Changing Climate](#)

## Weekly Policy Commentary

[Improving Clean Water Act Enforcement](#) by Jay P. Shimshack and Michael B. Ward



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[The Environmental Gender Gap](#) by Aysha Ghadiali

[Hopenhagen?](#) by Thomas Sterner

## Publications



[Forest Carbon Index: The Geography of Forests in Climate Solutions](#)

## Researcher Spotlight



Roger Sedjo reflects on his extensive forestry research, with particular attention to how forests can help mitigate climate change. [Watch the video.](#)

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