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## DOE EERE BETO Funded Study Assessed Impacts Of Thinning Forests

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On February 7, 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) announced the development of spatial models, from a [BETO-funded project](#), to determine how forest management can produce biofuels, restore at-risk salmonids, and reduce the risk of wildfires. Conducted by scientists at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the study assessed the impacts of thinning forests on habitats, which include benefits to the environment and the economy. While PNNL researchers are focused on using a model to relate forest treatments to streamflow and temperature and ORNL researchers are focused on models linking streamflow and temperature, USFS is using a model to evaluate synergies among thinning effects, which includes biofuel feedstock production. For further details on how the study supports the biomass industry, click [here](#).

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