

# Forest Creation by Yazaki Group

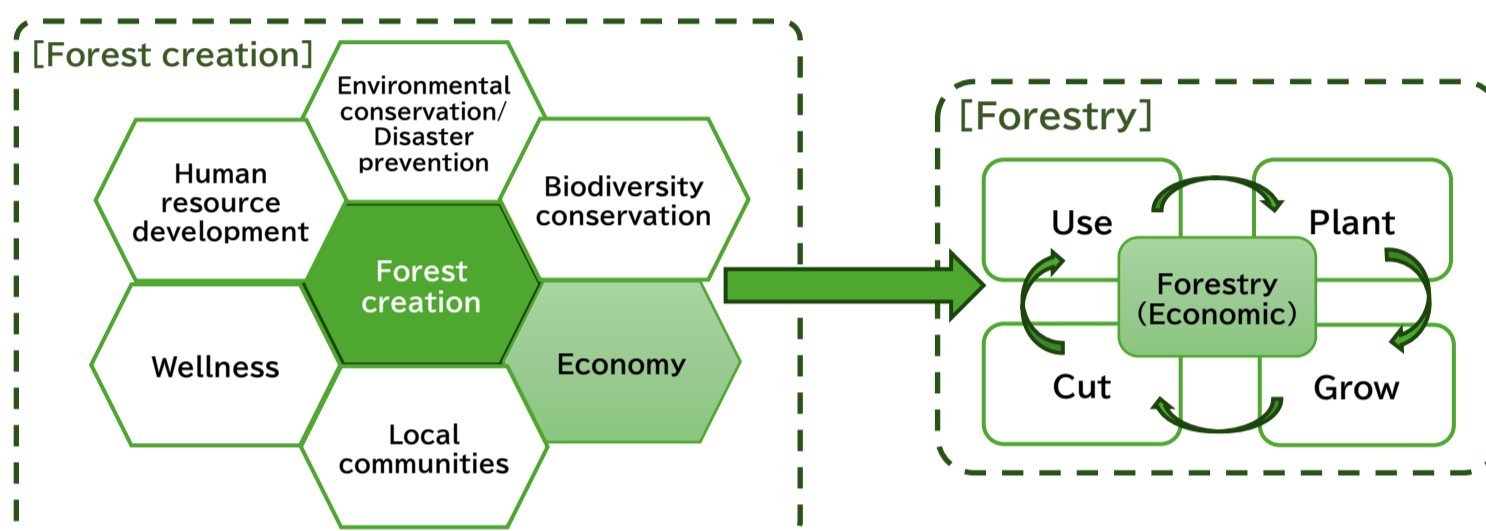
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Activities started in 2006  
Business started in 2023

~ Achievement of coexistence between people and nature and a recycling-oriented society ~  
Build a business model that coexists with local communities and nature to contribute to forest conservation through sustainable corporate management

## Background or Assignment

### 1 Yazaki Group's vision for forest creation



In contrast to conventional forestry, the “Forest creation” by Yazaki Group in Yusuhara Town, Kochi Prefecture goes beyond economic forestry and is based on the following 3 pillars:

- ① Corporate social responsibility, ② A place for fostering corporate character, ③ Coexistence with local communities

### 2 Connection between the Yazaki Group and Yusuhara Town

#### Overview of Yusuhara Town

Yusuhara Town has strategies for truly living with forests and “Reforestation” that will leave an important global environment for future children based on basic philosophy of “Learning from ancient wisdom, living with nature and realizing a recycling society”.

#### A small mountain town, rich in nature surrounded by Shikoku karst

- Area: 23,645ha (91% covered by forests )
- Population: 2,994
- Households: 1,648
- Altitude: 1,455m (As of the end of Feb, 2026)



1991	Yusuhara Plant established by Shikoku Parts Co., Ltd.
1997	Increase in overseas manufacturing → Sharp decrease in production and increase in closure of domestic production bases
2006	Woody Biomass Community Circulation Model Project launched
2008	A wood pellet factory of Yusuhara Pellet Corporation, operation started
2018	Forest management system started Forest regeneration project started
2023	Forest creation business launched by Shikoku Parts Co., Ltd.

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### 3 Regional issues in Yusuvara Town

With 91% of the town covered by forests, the forestry sector faced the following issues

**Aging population**  
▶ About half of forestry workers are over 60 years old

**Labor shortage**  
▶ Population hollowing due to out-migration to urban areas

### 4 Purpose of the effort

Yazaki Group is engaged in the forest creation business to help resolve stakeholders issues and to contribute to both sustainable forest management and our business continuity

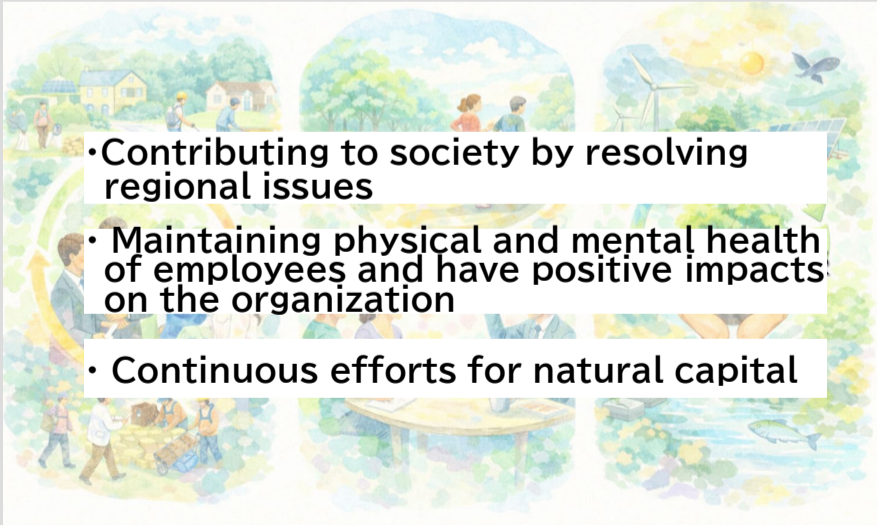
Purpose	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Improving the safety and reducing workload in forestation operations to break away from 3Ds, dirty, dangerous, and demanding forestry</li><li>2) Creating new value and new businesses beyond automotive business and forestry</li><li>3) Achieving circular economy</li></ol>
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### 5 Forest multiple values and positive impact on companies

#### Multiple values of forests



#### Positive impacts of forests on companies



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## Solutions to Challenges

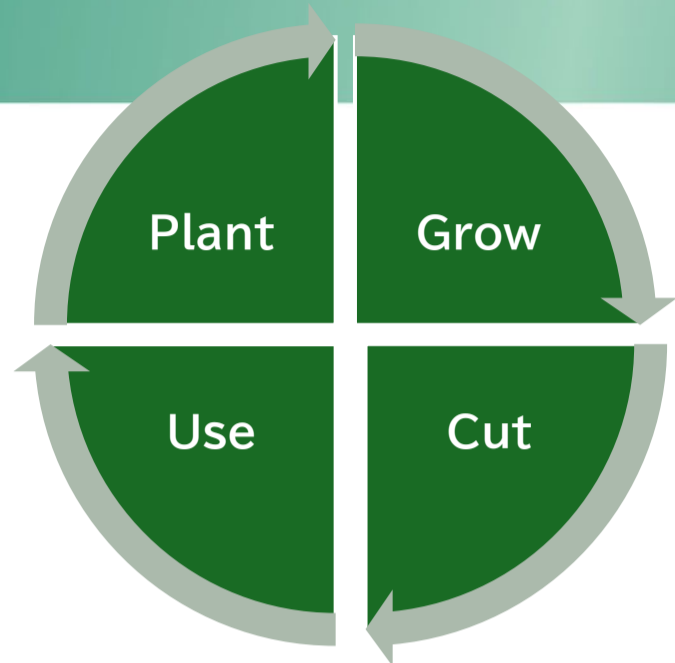
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Approaches to resolving issues based on forestry business

1 Improving operation safety, efficiency, and labor-saving

2 Reducing material costs/  
Creating added value

3 Improving wood value



Forest cycle

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Examples of activities

### Creating additional value in forestation work



Review forestation processes (improving work efficiency and productivity)

### Creating new wood value and demand



Utilization in auto parts

### Forestry business



Expand work areas  
Extend to multiple locations

### PR of our activities



Develop specialized vehicles for forestry workers (reducing dirty, dangerous, and demanding work to ensure safety, security, and comfort)

### R&D of protective nets



In-house manufacturing of single-tree protective nets  
Improve work efficiency and reduce costs

### Producing wooden products



Use wooden products as company souvenirs (securing revenue during bad weather)

Connecting the Yazaki Group and local communities to resolve regional issues