Deforestation

Causes

• Economic globalization
  • Relying on other countries for produced goods
• Agricultural expansion
  • As the population grows, so does the demand for food
• Fires
  • All biological diversity destroyed
• Logging
  • Wood used for heating, cooking, construction, etc.
• Infrastructural expansion
  • More roads, warehouses, neighborhoods, schools, etc. created

Effects

• Increase in greenhouse gas emissions
  • Cutting/burning of trees causes them to emit carbon into the air
• Altered water cycle
  • Trees help regulate water distributed to the land/atmosphere
• Soil erosion
  • Trees are an anchor for soil
• Increased risk to endangered species
  • Altering habitats = species either adapting or dying
• Uprooting of indigenous peoples
  • Families coerced into moving off their land

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