protective forest

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Forest that reduces natural hazards and safeguards people, infrastructure, and resources by stabilizing soil and snow, slowing water and wind, and diminishing the energy of moving debris. It intercepts and redistributes snow, anchors the snowpack, limits rockfall release and speed, traps sediment, and lowers erosion. Management focuses on keeping structure and species mixes that sustain these protective functions where exposure is high.