

Attack on the Rainforest! Activities

Activity One: Investigating the Causes

Inspector, we have reports of 4 illegal sites in the rainforest. You need to visit the sites, investigate the clues and see if you can figure out **why** they are chopping down trees. Remember the five most common reasons for deforestation are below:

Most Common Reasons for chopping down rainforest trees:

- To make wood logs
- To make paper
- To build gold mines
- To build farms
- To build farms for cows



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Site One: The River Site



You arrive at the "river site". You look around. Chopped trees are everywhere. You noticed that the logs are organised in neat piles. They are tied together and look like they are ready to be put on the back of a truck. All the trees have been carefully cut and kept for some reason.

They are cutting trees here because:

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Site Two: The Clearing Site



You arrive at the "clearing site". You can't see any trees at all here. The ground looks burned and dry. You can see all of the greenery has been removed. You can also see a lot of animal footprints all around the place. There are some fences around the outside of the area.

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Site Three: The Hill Site



You arrive at the "hill site". The area has been completely cleared of trees. There are also lots of holes and small hills of dirt everywhere. There are tire tracks leading in all directions. It looks like some sort of roads are leading away from this area. There are some rusty tools and machines around the area.

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Site Four: The Valley Site



You arrive at the "valley site". The trees in the area has been cleared. You noticed that there are a lot of small new plants that have been planted all over the place. You look closer and realise they are all the same type of plant. You can see some small tracks and roads that surround the area.

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