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Final Script

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FADE IN:

1. A totally intriguing introductory image or sequence that has a sense of fun and adventure to it. Maybe it could be a steadicam shot of walking through a forest. Or gliding hundreds of feet high through the rainforest canopy. Or maybe something contrived and playful, like a ViewMaster with forest scenes, clicking from one to the next. Maybe it's simply a fantastic rainforest scene with amazing sounds like a cacophony of bird calls and howler monkeys.

MUSIC UP: A custom music track begins here and continues throughout the film to embellish the scenes.

SFX: Loud and dynamic natural forest sounds

NARRATOR: (voiceover)

What is a forest, anyway?

Well, the basic definition is:
A large area of land covered
with trees and underbrush.

But no two forests in the
world are alike.

dissolve to:

A SEQUENCE THAT GIVES AN AMAZING PEEK AT FORESTS, INCLUDING BOTH PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE/HABITAT:

2. Africa footage of a leopard perched high in the crotch of a tree.

What the leopard sees from
his (marula or jackal-berry)-
tree perch in Africa

3. The camera from below follows Nalini, fully rigged, as she climbs up a huge tree into the forest canopy.

...is astoundingly different
from what the scientist sees
clambering up to a rainforest
canopy in South America ...

4. Stock footage of blinding snow, or boreal forest with tiger in the snow.

... Which is nothing like
what the Siberian wood-
cutter sees in the frigid
winter ...

5. Subjective camera of hiking through a Pacific Northwest forest.

... And totally unlike what
you see hiking in a Pacific
Northwest forest.

6. A quick-paced montage of a diversity of very-different looking forest scenes, including people and animals like elephants, alligators and lions.

Around the world, forests
are more amazing...

... and more distinctly
different ... than you might
ever have imagined.

7. Freeze frame on one exciting, representative forest scene.

a) **TITLE FADES ON** : Appears on the screen in slanted, stylized type like a Superman or Indiana Jones movie.

"A WORLD FOREST ADVENTURE"

Come along, on a
World Forest Adventure.

MUSIC AND SFX UP AND UNDER

dissolve to:

A SEQUENCE THAT CREATES A SENSE OF HOW FORESTS ARE APPRECIATED BY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. SCENES CHOSEN WILL COMPLEMENT THE BEST QUOTES.

8. Scenes of people using wood in Africa.

Holger Eckhardt:

(German accent)

*"For thousands of years,
humans here ... have depended
on the trees..."*

9. A scene from the forest in China, including with people.

Chinese voice:

(Chinese accent)

*"In the forest ... there are ...
more than 600 Chinese
medicine species ..."*

10. A Pacific Northwest forest scene with Native Americans.

Bobby Bruno:
(tribal inflection)

*"... the water ... the fish and
wildlife are important to the
tribes."*

11. A scene from the tropical rainforest, also including people.

Nalini _____:
(American accent)

*"... farmers and ranchers, gold
prospectors, and rubber
tappers, fisherman, hunters and
indigenous types. They all
make their living out of the
forest."*

dissolve to:

A SEQUENCE THAT GIVES A FEELING OF THE VASTNESS AND DIVERSITY OF FORESTS AROUND THE GLOBE: THE AUDIENCE SHOULD FEEL SURPRISED AND ASTOUNDED. EACH OF THESE SHOULD INCLUDE A LOOK AT VEGETATION, WILDLIFE AND HUMANS IN THE FOREST.

Perhaps:

12. A dramatic aerial, passing over mile after mile of forest.

NARRATOR: (voiceover)

Of all the land on planet
earth ...

One fourth is still covered in
forests.

13. An artful satellite image (Tom Van Sant's collage of satellite images was suggested) to give a vision of the expanses of forests across the continents.

More than nine billion acres!

14. A scene of a blizzard, or stock footage of a boreal forest covered in snow.

While all these forests are
different, there are four
prominent types:

Far north, the Boreal Forests.

SFX: Loud whooosh of gusting wind

B-r-r-r-r.

These are the world's coldest
forests, named for Boreas,
mythical god of the north
wind.

15. An overlay collage of satellite images that show the drape of boreal forests across the far north -- Canada, Alaska, Russia, Norway, Finland and Sweden.

They circle the top of the
world like a snowy-forest
crown.

16. A boreal forest scene that includes a wolf or a bear.

SFX: (Wolf howling)

In Russia alone, the boreal forest is so immense that it contains half of the world's evergreen trees.

If you walked across it ten miles a day, it would take you (two years) to hike from end to end.

17. Stock footage. A tropical forest scene, that might include luxuriant foliage, a rushing waterfall, trees and plants a multitude of shades of green, thick with palm fronds and lianas and studded with bromeliad blooms -- it would be great to find a shot that included people, too.

SFX: Great jungle cacophony of sound

South America is home to spectacular Tropical Rainforests.

18. Stock footage. A spectacularly gorgeous plant or animal from the tropical forest.

Hidden among the lush foliage you might come across jaguars,

brilliantly-plumed parrots,
or rare phantom orchids.

19. Maybe a long pan up a tree in a tropical rainforest.

Here a single tree might be
home to a hundred birds
and mammals ...

20. A close shot of a bizarre-looking rainforest insect.

... and a thousand species of
invertebrates.

21. Looking up and up into a stately grove of tall (not old growth) trees.

In Temperate Forests,
evergreens grow to majestic
heights ...

22. A closeup of water dripping off a pine needle.

Needles comb moisture
from the air ...

23. A gorgeous stream flowing around boulders in small waterfalls.

... to eventually cascade into
waterfalls and streams.

24. Maybe a stock footage scene of a bear eating berries, or a close shot of a shrub covered with berries, or a pan across mushrooms on the forest floor.

A bounty of berries,
mushrooms, roots and
seeds.

25. The temperate forest in China in autumn, with trees ablaze in brilliant colors.

Broad-leafed trees burst into
showy autumn
extravaganzas.

26. The subtropical forest of Texas.

Subtropical Forests can be
lush, with swamps and
mangroves ...
... and trees covered in
Spanish moss.

27. The savannah in South Africa.

Or dry, like those in South
Africa that might not even
look like a forest to you.

Where trees are fewer, and
spread out.

28. A lion on the prowl.

... Home to lions, rhinos and
elephants -- Not forests
where you'd go out and take
a hike.

SFX: A lion's roar

dissolve to:

29. Woman in Africa carrying a bundle of wood on her head.

30. People working in a veneer mill in China.

31. People in South America harvesting Brazil nuts.

SFX: Native music, maybe drumming

All around the world,
forests are connected with
people.

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